

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st December, 2004

| | | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | <i>Notes</i> | HK\$ | <i>HK\$</i> |
| Turnover | | 1,656,302,908 | 1,393,628,209 |
| Cost of sales | | (1,328,939,190) | (1,101,255,266) |
| Gross profit | | 327,363,718 | 292,372,943 |
| Other operating income | 5 | 32,853,677 | 27,844,931 |
| Distribution costs | | (100,086,383) | (93,503,444) |
| Administrative expenses | | (198,423,476) | (188,963,397) |
| Other operating expenses | | (1,280,717) | (3,726,141) |
| Allowance for bad and doubtful debts | | (12,502,318) | (5,000,000) |
| Profit from operations | 6 | 47,924,501 | 29,024,892 |
| Finance costs | 7 | (19,967,833) | (17,825,958) |
| Investment (deficit) income | 8 | (606,339) | 835,739 |
| Gain (loss) on partial disposal/disposal of interests in subsidiaries | | 3,561,010 | (2,217,733) |
| Share of results of associates | | 39,370,639 | 28,351,029 |
| Release of negative goodwill of an associate | | – | 13,998,675 |
| Profit before taxation | | 70,281,978 | 52,166,644 |
| Taxation | 10 | 13,507,592 | 13,378,918 |
| Profit before minority interests | | 56,774,386 | 38,787,726 |
| Minority interests | | 14,925,027 | 18,259,441 |
| Net profit for the year | | 41,849,359 | 20,528,285 |
| Proposed dividend | 11 | 7,062,289 | – |
| Earnings per share – basic | 12 | 5.93 cents | 2.91 cents |