

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The connected transactions between the Group, Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited and its subsidiaries (“Liu Chong Hing Investment Group”) and COSCO Pacific Limited, its subsidiaries, its holding companies and/or its fellow subsidiaries (“COSCO Group”) during the year are as follows:

- A. The Bank handled routine banking transactions for the members of the Liu Chong Hing Investment Group. Services provided by the Bank are cheque clearing, current, savings and deposit accounts, remittances, and other banking facilities.
- B. Members of the Group provided securities and futures brokerage, nominee and data processing services to members of the Liu Chong Hing Investment Group.
- C. Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Liu Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited, provided insurance agency and underwriting services to members of the Group. In addition, Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited through another wholly-owned subsidiary, Liu Chong Hing Property Management and Agency Limited, provided property management, property consultancy and property maintenance services to the Bank.
- D. The Bank leased office premises of the Western Harbour Centre, a property owned by the Liu Chong Hing Investment Group. On the other hand, Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited subleased office premises of the Liu Chong Hing Bank Building from the Bank.
- E. The Bank and its subsidiaries provided banking and related financial services to the COSCO Group including cheque clearing, current and savings accounts and fixed deposits in a number of currencies, foreign exchange, remittances, stockbroking and nominee services. The Bank also provided loan facilities to the COSCO Group on a bilateral basis or through participating in syndicated loans.

Messrs Liu Lit Man, Liu Lit Mo, Liu Lit Chi, Don Tit Shing Liu, Peter Alan Lee Vine, Robin Yau Hing Chan, Timothy George Freshwater, Andrew Liu, Chang Ying Kuang and Dominic Bing Hoi Lam are interested, directly or indirectly, in the respective share capitals of Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited and/or the Bank.

In the opinion of the directors, including the independent non-executive directors, the transactions in question were conducted in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group on normal commercial terms which are fair and reasonable as far as the shareholders of the Bank are concerned.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Other than those interests disclosed above under the heading "CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS", no contracts of significance to which the Bank or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director of the Bank had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

ARRANGEMENT TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Other than the share option scheme disclosed in note 23 to the financial statements, at no time during the year was the Bank or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Bank to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Bank or any other body corporate.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE BANK'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Bank nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Bank's listed securities during the year.

DONATIONS

During the year, the Group made charitable and other donations amounting to approximately HK\$376,000 (2001: HK\$614,000).

DIRECTORS' REPORT

COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUPERVISORY POLICY MANUAL FD-1 “FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY LOCALLY INCORPORATED AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS”

The Bank has fully complied with the Supervisory Policy Manual FD-1 “Financial Disclosure by Locally Incorporated Authorised Institutions” which was issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority in November 2002.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

The Bank has complied throughout the year ended 31 December 2002 with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

AUDITORS

Messrs Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu will retire at the conclusion of the Bank’s forthcoming annual general meeting. Being eligible, they will offer themselves for re-appointment as the Bank’s auditors at that meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Liu Lit Man

Executive Chairman

13 March 2003