|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { HK\$’000 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { HK \$'000 } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES |  |  |
| Profit from operations | 369,780 | 381,698 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |
| Decrease in interest receivable and other accounts | 75,957 | 19,642 |
| Decrease in other accounts and provisions | $(118,855)$ | $(43,274)$ |
| Net losses from disposal of property and equipment | 2,664 | 231 |
| Net gains from disposal of other securities | $(22,192)$ | - |
| Provision for diminution in value of other investments | 7,809 | - |
| (Decrease) increase in provisions against advances and other accounts | $(44,050)$ | 15,038 |
| Decrease in interest in suspense | $(16,217)$ | $(4,009)$ |
| Dividend income on equity securities | $(6,788)$ | $(15,456)$ |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 45,586 | 43,442 |
| Interest income on certificates of deposit held | $(24,586)$ | $(38,220)$ |
| Interest income on investment in securities | $(65,929)$ | $(30,856)$ |
| Operating cash flows before movements in working capital | 203,179 | 328,236 |
| Decrease in placements with banks and other |  |  |
| financial institutions (with original maturity over three months) | 163,425 | 760,657 |
| Increase in bills receivable | $(9,776)$ | $(24,853)$ |
| (Increase) decrease in trade bills | $(14,713)$ | 8,002 |
| Increase in other advances to customers | $(510,241)$ | $(705,412)$ |
| Decrease (increase) in advances to banks and other |  |  |
| financial institutions | 623 | $(28,352)$ |
| Increase in trading securities | $(34,975)$ | $(13,659)$ |
| Increase (decrease) in deposits from customers | 99,338 | $(193,468)$ |
| Exchange adjustments | $(2,567)$ | 112 |
| Cash (used in) generated from operations | $(105,707)$ | 131,263 |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded | - | 10,461 |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax paid | $(20,195)$ | $(1,672)$ |
| Overseas tax paid | $(2,438)$ | (699) |
| NET CASH (USED IN) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | $(128,340)$ | 139,353 |


|  | Note | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { HK\$'000 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { H K \$'000 } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |
| Interest received on certificates of deposit held |  | 26,338 | 35,743 |
| Interest received on investments in securities |  | 57,002 | 28,230 |
| Dividends received on equity securities |  | 6,788 | 15,456 |
| Purchase of held-to-maturity securities |  | $(1,743,536)$ | $(1,280,561)$ |
| Purchase of certificates of deposit held |  | $(356,322)$ | $(900,562)$ |
| Purchase of other securities |  | $(27,567)$ | $(34,180)$ |
| Purchase of property and equipment |  | $(42,925)$ | $(84,763)$ |
| Advances to an associate |  | $(33,825)$ | $(2,727)$ |
| Repayment from (advances to) jointly controlled entities |  | 795 | $(2,875)$ |
| Proceeds from disposal of other securities |  | 43,529 | 49,676 |
| Proceeds from redemption of held-to-maturity securities |  | 196,119 | 218,291 |
| Proceeds from disposal of certificates of deposit held |  | 401,683 | 38,988 |
| Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment |  | 349 | 71 |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  | $(1,471,572)$ | (1,919,213) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITY |  |  |  |
| Ordinary dividend paid |  | $(217,500)$ | $(195,750)$ |
| CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITY |  | $(217,500)$ | $(195,750)$ |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH |  |  |  |
| EQUIVALENTS |  | $(1,817,412)$ | $(1,975,610)$ |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT |  |  |  |
| 1 JANUARY |  | 13,950,034 | 15,925,644 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT |  |  |  |
| 31 DECEMBER | 25 | 12,132,622 | 13,950,034 |

