CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22	3,756,512	1,606,381
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Ordinary dividend paid		(195,750)	(169,650)
Interest paid on certificates of deposit issued		(1,675)	(34,683)
Interest received on investments in securities		57,925	42,035
Dividends received on equity securities		5,875	5,081
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(133,625)	(157,217)
TAXATION			
Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded		_	64,788
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(16,800)	(2,344)
Overseas tax paid		(1,199)	(2,155)
TOTAL TAX (PAID) REFUNDED		(17,999)	60,289
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of held-to-maturity securities		(38,128)	(48,069)
Purchase of certificates of deposit held		(31,057)	(17,917)
Purchase of other securities		(50,965)	(183,954)
Purchase of property and equipment		(25,100)	(43,395)
Advances to an associate		(10,657)	(55,535)
Proceeds from disposal of other securities		27,507	38,253
Proceeds from disposal of held-to-maturity securities		2,000	38,607
Proceeds from disposal of certificates of deposit held		50,000	_
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		5,100	408
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(71,300)	(271,602)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		3,533,588	1,237,851
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JANUARY		12,236,018	10,998,167
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	23	15,769,606	12,236,018