

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December 1999

| | Note | 1999 (HK\$ million) | 1998 (HK\$ million) |
|--|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Turnover | 2 | 9,731 | 9,765 |
| Direct costs | | (3,406) | (3,428) |
| Other revenue | 3 | 6,325 | 6,337 |
| Other operating costs | | 355 | 309 |
| Provision for impairment loss in Other Investments | 14 | (403) | (385) |
| Finance costs | | (84) | – |
| | | (648) | (778) |
| Operating profit | 4 | 5,545 | 5,483 |
| Share of profit of associate | | 3 | 7 |
| Profit before taxation | | 5,548 | 5,490 |
| Taxation | 8 | (496) | (494) |
| Profit after taxation | | 5,052 | 4,996 |
| Scheme of Control transfers | 9 | | |
| From /(To): | | | |
| Development Fund | | 251 | (2) |
| Rate Reduction Reserve | | (17) | (27) |
| | | 234 | (29) |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | | 5,286 | 4,967 |
| Dividends | 6 | (3,088) | (2,899) |
| Retained profit for the year | | 2,198 | 2,068 |
| Profit for the year retained by: | | | |
| The Company and its subsidiaries | | 2,198 | 2,068 |
| Associate | | – | – |
| | | 2,198 | 2,068 |
| Earnings per share | 10 | \$2.58 | \$2.46 |

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the net profit for the year.

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these accounts.