

for the year ended 31 December 2002

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	<i>Note</i>	2002	2001
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income		1,248,660	1,979,195
Interest expense		<u>(499,289)</u>	<u>(1,182,514)</u>
Net interest income		749,371	796,681
Other operating income	5	<u>200,846</u>	<u>156,494</u>
Operating income		950,217	953,175
Operating expenses	6	<u>(439,261)</u>	<u>(423,682)</u>
Operating profit before provisions and disposal of long-term assets		510,956	529,493
Charge for bad and doubtful debts		(129,027)	(136,437)
Net losses from disposal of property and equipment		(231)	(843)
Gains less losses from disposal of other securities		–	15,926
Gains less losses from disposal of held-to-maturity securities		<u>–</u>	<u>5,088</u>
Profit from operations		381,698	413,227
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		<u>(9,510)</u>	<u>(18,882)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		372,188	394,345
Taxation	8	<u>(62,694)</u>	<u>(48,458)</u>
Net profit for the year		<u>309,494</u>	<u>345,887</u>
Dividends	9	<u>217,500</u>	<u>195,750</u>
Earnings per share	10	<u>HK\$0.71</u>	<u>HK\$0.80</u>