

# HOPEWELL Holdings Limited Annual Report 2005 合和實業有限公司二零零五年年報

### **Corporate Profile**

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Hopewell Holdings Limited (stock code: 54), listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong since 1972, is one of Hong Kong's premier companies with diverse business interests spreading across Property Investment and Development, Hotels and Hospitality, and Highway Infrastructure. The first two businesses are operated directly under Hopewell Holdings Limited while its 75% owned subsidiary, Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited (stock code: 737), also listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong since 2003, holds its PRC-based transportation infrastructure interests. The Group, with strong expertise in investment, development and engineering of major projects, focuses on Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, and is founded on visionary

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## **Group Business Overview**





Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway A 122.8 km closed system asphalt-paved dual three lane expressway running between Huanggang in Shenzhen and Guangdan in Guangzhou where it connects to the Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road.



∧ Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road A 38 km closed system concrete-paved dual three lane expressway running along the eastern, southern and western fringes of the Guangzhou urban areas and connecting to the Northern Ring Road to form the Guangzhou Ring Road.



▲ Phases I, II & III of the Western Delta Route Phase I is a completed 14.7 km closed system asphalt-paved dual three lane expressway linking Guangzhou to Shunde. Phases II & III, under planning, will run from Shunde to Zhongshan and from Zhongshan to Zhuhai respectively.



#### Hopewell New Town

A composite development in Huadu, Guangzhou with residential, logistic and commercial developments on approximately 797,000 sq.m. near the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport.



▲ Hopewell Centre





∧ Nova Taipa Gardens A multi-phase joint venture development of residential, commercial, social amenities and hotel on Taipa Island in Macau.





shopping mall, named Panda Place.



A proposed Y-shaped 29 km bridge linking Hong Kong's western Lantau Island to the cities of Macau and Zhuhai on mainland China being pursued by the Group.







A 66-storey office / commercial building in Wanchai, which is the Group's flagship building and a Hong Kong landmark.



#### ∧ Hongkong International Trade and **Exhibition Centre**

A modern and unique 14-storey complex in Kowloon Bay, of over 163,000 sq.m., with selfcontained convention and exhibition area, showroom offices, restaurants and other related business facilities.



196-206 Queen's Road East, Wanchai

**<** 214-224 Queen's Road East and 9-19 Sam Pan Street, Wanchai The first site with

area of about 464 sq.m. will be developed into a commerical building. The second site with area of about 1,082 sq.m. will be developed into a residential and commercial building.

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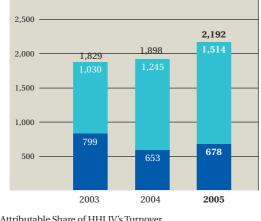
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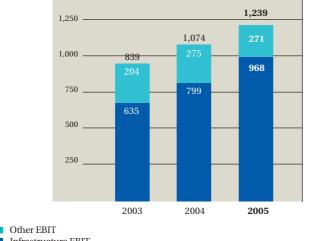
# Financial Highlights

#### Turnover (HK\$m)

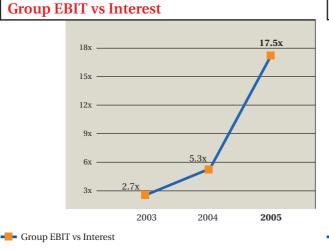


Group's Attributable Share of HHI JV's Turnover Group Turnover

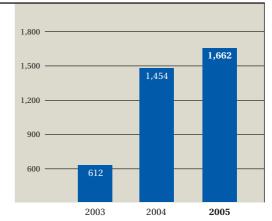
#### Earnings before Interest and Tax (HK\$m)



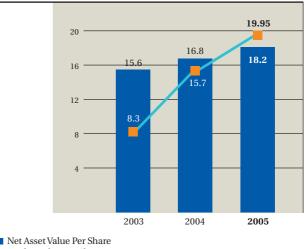
Infrastructure EBIT



#### Profit Attributable to Shareholders (HK\$m)

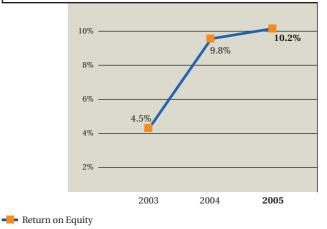


#### Net Asset Value vs Market Value Per Share (HK\$)



Market Value Per Share

#### **Return on Equity**



# 5 Year Financial Summary

Consolidated Results				Year ended	ded 30th June	
(in HK\$ million)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Turnover	1,750	1,132	799	653	678	
Profit from ordinary activities	336	363	833	1,815	2,098	
before taxation						
Taxation	(27)	(18)	(122)	(50)	(99)	
Profit before minority interests	309	345	711	1,765	1,999	
Minority interests	(3)	(10)	(99)	(311)	(337)	
Profit attributable to shareholders	306	335	612	1,454	1,662	

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet** As at 30th June 2001 2003 2004 2005 (in HK\$ million) 2002 Investment properties 6,385 5,986 5,655 5,891 6,477 Property, plant and equipment **539** 1,119 1,119 1,493 552 Properties for or under development 662 833 1,018 908 1,126 Interests in jointly controlled entities 14,120 8,135 8,207 8,174 7,725 Defeasance/pledged deposits 87 1,833 1,681 95 94 Other non-current assets 946 1,181 575 898 54 Current assets 875 4,038 1,241 4,670 3,965 19,980 **Total assets** 24,194 23,125 19,870 21,188 Non-current liabilities (8,045)(4, 436)(3,921) (1,230) (296)Current liabilities (2,205) (4, 914)(2, 171)(2,673) (905) **Total liabilities** (10,250) (9,350) (6,092) (3,903)(1, 201)Minority interests (13)(21)(125)(2, 419)(2,469) Shareholders' equity 13,931 13,754 13,653 14,866 16,310

#### **Per Share Basis**

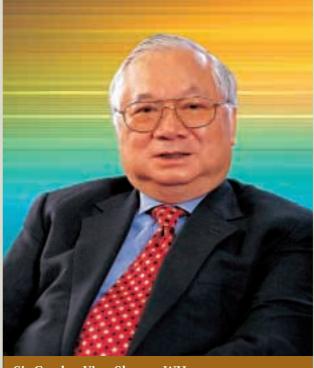
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Basic earnings per share (HK cents)	35	38	70	165	186
Dividend per share (HK cents)	12	43#	25	70#	<b>80</b> <sup>#</sup>
Net asset value per share (HK\$)	15.9	15.7	15.6	16.8	18.2

(# Special dividend HK30 cents included)

#### **Financial Ratios**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Net debt to equity	56%	21%	14%	N/A	N/A
Net debt to total capitalization	35%	14%	11%	N/A	N/A
Return on equity	2.2%	2.4%	4.5%	9.8%	<b>10.2%</b>

## Chairman's Statement



Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU GBS, KCMG, FICE Chairman

I am very pleased to report to shareholders that the Group had another excellent year with net profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1,662 million for the financial year ended 30th June, 2005, an increase of 14% over the HK\$1,454 million reported last year. Basic earnings per share was HK\$1.86, an increase of 13% over HK\$1.65 reported last year.

The Board of Directors has proposed a final dividend of HK38 cents per share which, together with the interim dividend of HK12 cents per share and special interim dividend of HK30 cents per share, will result in total dividends for the year of HK80 cents per share, up 14.3% from last year's HK70 cents. The dividend payment for this year represents a 43% payout of net profits.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 19th October, 2005, both dates inclusive, during which no transfer of shares of the Company will be effected. Subject to approval of the shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held on 19th October, 2005, the final dividend will be paid on or about 20th October, 2005 to shareholders as registered at the close of business on 19th October, 2005. The Group had another excellent year with net profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1,662 million for the financial year ended 30th June, 2005, an increase of 14% over ..... The Group benefited from the favourable business environment in the PRD region, the three core businesses of the Group, namely Infrastructure, Property and Hospitality all recorded good results for the financial year.

#### **Business Review**

The Hong Kong economy has continued to improve over the past year. Boosted by the relaxation of the individual tourists from the PRC, the local tourist and retail related markets boomed, which in turn spread to other sectors of the economy. In the Pearl River Delta ("PRD"), the economy maintained its buoyant growth. The second phase of the Mainland-Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA II), concluded in August 2004, with further liberalisation measures on trade in goods and services, provides additional opportunities for Hong Kong businesses to do business in the PRC.

During the year, the Group benefited from the favourable business environment in the PRD region. The three core businesses of the Group, namely Infrastructure, Property and Hospitality all recorded good results for the financial year. Infrastructure had an excellent year with exceptional growth in traffic and revenue while maintaining the largest profit contribution at HK\$968 million. Property income contribution for the year was almost at the same level as last year at HK\$171 million. The major revamp of the shopping mall at Panda Hotel, named Panda Place, has been completed and now operating. The lease modification of Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre was completed to permit commercial and retail usage. As property rentals have rebounded from the bottom, renewals and new lettings during the year at higher rates will be reflected over time. The Hospitality business continues to benefit from the relaxation of individual tourist visa policy by PRC; its contribution for the year was HK\$59 million, with Panda Hotel achieving a significant improvement in income.

The Group also made good progress on the implementation of a number of planned projects. Construction on five residential towers, named Nova City on Taipa Island in Macau, is at an advanced stage. The towers have been topped off and are scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2006. Six high rise apartment blocks and 57 townhouses with gardens of the initial phase of Hopewell New Town in Huadu district of Guangzhou are being built with four apartment blocks and the townhouses scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Pre-sales of the units of these two projects are being planned for the second half of 2005.

### **Continued Improvement in Financial Strength**

The Group continued to maintain a strong financial position during the year. At the year-end, the Group has net cash of HK\$3.3 billion and the undrawn bank facilities of HK\$5.5 billion. Subsequent to the financial year-end, to further strengthen the Group's financial position, the Group's listed subsidiary, Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited ("HHI"), successfully obtained a fully underwritten commitment for a 5-year unsecured syndicated bank revolving credit and term loan facility of HK\$ 3.6 billion from a group of commercial banks, and which is currently being syndicated.

#### **Prospects**

The Hong Kong economy and that of PRD appear to be on a path of steady growth. Besides the continuing opportunities available from the CEPA initiatives, the Hong Kong business community is anticipating a significant improvement in the tourism and retail sectors after the opening of the Hong Kong Disneyland scheduled in September 2005. On the other hand, it is apparent that the recent increases in interest rates and oil prices are likely to lead to inflation in operating costs and a new challenging business environment. Overall, I remain optimistic about the prospects of further growth and new investment opportunities for the Group.

Our Group will continue to focus on Infrastructure, Property and Hospitality businesses, and pursue our goal of maintaining a leading position in these sectors in the PRD. We have made good progress on property development, including Hopewell New Town in Huadu district of Guangzhou and Nova City in Macau. In the financial year 2005/2006, the Group is looking forward to beginning realize income from these property development projects, developing Phase II of the Western Delta Route as well as continuing the feasibility study of widening the Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway. While negotiation of the terms of co-operation of the Phase III of the Western Delta Route with the PRC partner is close to finalization, the Group will also strive to resolve the remaining issues of Mega Tower project whereas HHI will put in additional efforts to secure a vital role in the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge project when it proceeds.

### **Change of Directors**

The Board welcomes new Executive Director, Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK, who was appointed on 15th August, 2005. Mr. MOK also serves on the board of HHI as Executive Director.

### Acknowledgement

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our shareholders, customers and suppliers as well as our working partners for their continuing support, and to express my sincere appreciation to my fellow directors, the management team and all staff members for their loyalty, diligence, and hard work in contributing to the excellent performance of the Group for the past financial year.

### Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU gbs, KCMG, FICE

Chairman

Hong Kong, 1st September, 2005

### Management Team



#### (from left to right)

- 1. Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU GBS, KCMG, FICE Chairman
- 2. Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO Vice Chairman & Managing Director
- 3. Mr. Josiah Chin Lai KWOK Deputy Managing Director
- 4. Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU Deputy Managing Director
- 5. Mr. Robert Van Jin NIEN Executive Director
- 6. Mr. Albert Kam Yin YEUNG Executive Director
- 7. Mr. Colin Henry WEIR Executive Director
- 8. Mr. David Yau-gay LUI Executive Director
- 9. Mr. Andy Lee Ming CHEUNG *Executive Director*
- **10.** Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior Executive Director
- **11. Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK** *Executive Director*

### **Profile of Directors**

#### **Executive Directors**

#### Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU GBS, KCMG, FICE

Aged 69, he is the Chairman of the Board of the Company. He is also the Chairman of Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited ("HHI"), the listed subsidiary of the Company, a director of various members of the Group and an independent nonexecutive director of i-Cable Communications Limited. He graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in 1958. As one of the founders of the Group, he was the Managing Director from 1972 to December 2001 before he became the Chairman. He was responsible for the Group's infrastructure projects in the PRC and South-East Asia and has been involved in the design and construction of numerous buildings and development projects in Hong Kong and the PRC. He is husband of Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU JP and father of Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU.



He is very active in civic activities, his civic duties include:

#### In Hong Kong

- Member Hong Kong Logistics Development Council
- Chairman City University of Hong Kong Council
- Vice President Hong Kong Real Estate Developers Association
- Member The Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council
- Patron Hong Kong Logistic Association

#### In the PRC

 Deputy Director Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference – Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee
 Director United Nations Association of China

Sir Gordon received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, University of Strathclyde, UK and University of Edinburgh, UK. He is a Fellow of The Institution of Civil Engineers, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong and Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences. He is also a Honorary Fellow of Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. He has been appointed the Honorary Consul of The Republic of Croatia in the Hong Kong SAR. His other awards include:

#### Honorary Citizen

- The City of New Orleans, USA
- The City of Guangzhou, PRC
- The City of Foshan, PRC
- The City of Shenzhen, PRC
- The District of Shunde, PRC
- The District of Nanhai, PRC
- The District of Huadu, PRC
- The Province of Quezon, the Philippines

Awards and Honours	Year of Award
• Gold Bauhinia Star (G.B.S.) by the Hong Kong SAR	2004
• Leader of the Year 2003 (Business/Finance) by Sing Tao Newspaper Group	2004
• Personality of the Year 2003 by the Asian Freight & Supply Chain Awards	2003
Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and	1997
St. George for Services to British Exports by the Queen of England	
Industry All-Star by Independent Energy, USA	1996
International CEO of the Year by George Washington University, USA	1996
Among "the Best Entrepreneurs" by Business Week	1994
Man of the Year by the International Road Federation, USA	1994
• Business Man of the Year by the South China Morning Post and DHL	1991
Asia Corporate Leader by Asia Finance Magazine, HK	1991
Chevailer De L'Ordre De La Corona by the King of Belgium	1985

#### Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO

Aged 72, he has been the Managing Director of the Company since January 2002 and the Vice Chairman of the Company since August 2003. He is the Chairman of the Remuneration Committees of both the Company and HHI, Vice Chairman of HHI and a director of various members of the Group. He was previously the Deputy Managing Director since the Company was listed on the Stock Exchange in 1972. He has been involved in developing all of the Group projects in the PRC, including highway, hotel and power station projects. In addition, he has extensive experience in building and development projects in Hong Kong. He is a Honorary Citizen of the cities of Guangzhou, Foshan and Shenzhen, and the Shunde District in the PRC. He is father of Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior.

#### Mr. Josiah Chin Lai KWOK

Aged 53, he was appointed Deputy Managing Director of the Company in January 2002 and is also a director of various members of the Group. He is a solicitor. Previously, he worked as a consultant to the Group on various important projects such as Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway, Shajiao B and C Power Stations, etc. Afterwards, he worked as Secretary for The Hong Kong Association of Banks, Legal Advisor of The Airport Authority, Hong Kong and Group Legal and Compliance Director of the BNP Paribas Peregrine Group.

#### Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU

Aged 32, an Executive Director of the Company since June 2001 and the Chief Operating Officer since January 2002, he was appointed Deputy Managing Director of the Company in August 2003. He is also the Managing Director of HHI and a director of various members of the Group. Mr. WU joined the Group in 1999 as manager of Executive Committee Office, and was promoted to Group Controller in March 2000. He has been involving in the review of the Group's operational performance, strategic planning and organizational effectiveness and has upgraded the financial and management accounting systems of the Group. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University and a Bachelor degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University. He also acts as the Honorary President of the Association of Property Agents and Realty Developers of Macau, Honorary President of the Association of Huadu in Macau, Chairman of Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club and Vice Chairman of The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies. He is a also member of the Huadu District Committee of The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He is son of Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU and Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU JP.

#### Mr. Robert Van Jin NIEN

Aged 58 and an Executive Director of the Company since 1980, he is responsible for corporate finance, corporate affairs, administration and property management of the Group. He is also a director of various members of the Group. He has been involved in the Group's major fund raising activities on both project and corporate levels. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Graduate Business School.

#### Mr. Albert Kam Yin YEUNG

Aged 54, he was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in November 2002 and is also a director of various members of the Group. Prior to joining the Group, he was a director of WMKY Limited from 1986 to 1998 and acted as a consultant of the Group's development and construction projects. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Hong Kong. He is a Registered Architect, an Authorized Person, and a member of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects and various professional bodies.

#### Mr. Colin Henry WEIR

Aged 59, he joined the Group in 1985 and was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in March 1997. He is also a director of Hopewell (Thailand) Limited and various members of the Group. He became a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1975. He was the Engineering Manager for the design and construction of power station and highway. In 1991, he became the Engineering Manager and subsequently Project Director for the Bangkok Elevated Road and Train System project. He is now responsible for the oversea projects of the Group.

#### Mr. David Yau-gay LUI

Aged 60, he was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in 1997. He is also a director of Hopewell (Thailand) Limited and other certain members of the Group. He was the Founding Director of Pat Davie Ltd., one of the leading interior design and contracting firms in Hong Kong. Since 1990, he has been involved in the Group's Bangkok Elevated Road and Train System project in Thailand.

#### Mr. Andy Lee Ming CHEUNG

Aged 39, he was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in July 2003 and is also a director of various members of the Group. He joined the Group in 1997. He is involved in the Group's financial activities and development and control of the Group's investment projects. He holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from Boston University and a Master of Business Administration degree from McMaster University. He is a Certified Public Accountant of the State of Illinois in the United States. He has considerable experience in the areas of business development, finance and audit.

#### Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior

Aged 36, he was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in August 2003. He joined the Group in 1994 and held various management positions, including Director of Marketing and Sales and Deputy General Manager, at the Group's Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Kowloon Bay. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University in the United States. He is son of Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO.

#### Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK

Aged 47, he was appointed an Executive Director of both the Company and HHI on 15th August, 2005. He has a Bachelor Degree in Economics/Accounting from the University of Reading, United Kingdom. He has over 20 years of experience in banking and finance with extensive knowledge in corporate finance, structured finance, derivatives and other financial products. He was previously the Chief Executive of BOCI Capital Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of China, Beijing and the Group General Manager – Business Development of Sino Land Company Limited.

#### **Non-Executive Directors**

#### Mr. Henry Hin Moh LEE

Aged 77, he has been with the Group since the Company was listed in 1972. He is a Non-Executive Director and a Consultant of the Company. Prior to his retirement from executive duties of the Company in December 2001, he was responsible for real estate development and property rental and sales of the Group. He was actively engaged in the property business in Hong Kong. He is a Honorary Citizen of the city of Foshan and the Shunde district in the PRC.

#### Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU JP

Aged 56 and a Non-Executive Director of the Company, she joined the board in August 1991. She serves on the committees and boards of numerous commercial and social organizations including Asian Cultural Council (Hong Kong), Asia Society and Hong Kong Red Cross. She was appointed a Justice of the Peace effective 1st July, 2002. She is the wife of Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU and mother of Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU.

#### Mr. Carmelo Ka Sze LEE

Aged 45, he was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in March 2001 and was re-designated as a Non-Executive Director on 6th September, 2004. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Hong Kong. He is a practicing solicitor and a partner of Messrs. Woo, Kwan, Lee & Lo, Solicitors & Notaries, which firm rendered professional services to the Group and received normal remuneration for such services.

#### **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

#### Mr. Guy Man Guy WU

Aged 48 and an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, he joined the board in 1987. He is also a member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University, U.S.A. He is also the Managing Director of the Liverton Group and Video Channel Productions Limited.

#### Ms. Linda Lai Chuen LOKE

Aged 67 and an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, she joined the board in August 1991 and is also a member of both the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, she has over 30 years of professional experience in the securities and investment field. She was the emeritus Managing Director of Dean Witter Reynolds (Hong Kong) Limited and Vice President (Private Wealth Management) at Morgan Stanley Inc.

#### Mr. Lee Yick NAM

Aged 58, he was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 6th September, 2004 and is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of HHI. He is the Chairman of the Audit Committees and a member of the Remuneration Committees of both the Company and HHI. He holds a certificate in management studies from Carnegie Mellon University of the United States in 1977. He has over 30 years' experience in the banking, investment and finance industry. He was an Executive Director of Liu Chong Hing Bank from 1990 to 2001. Prior to that, he was a Vice President at Citibank, Mellon Bank and American Express Bank. He was appointed as a member of the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board on 1st July, 2004.

The Group's investment portfolio of rental properties includes Hopewell Centre, Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre ("HITEC"), shopping arcades of Panda Hotel and Allway Gardens, three floors of Hing Wai Centre at Aberdeen and various car parking spaces at Allway Gardens, Wu Chung House and Hing Wai Centre.

Hopewell Centre and HITEC, the Group's two major rental properties, remain the principal contributors to the turnover of the property business. For the year ended 30th June, 2005, turnover of the property business amounted to HK\$290 million, compared with HK\$291 million of the last financial year, representing about 43% of the Group's total turnover. EBIT was slightly lower at HK\$171 million compared with last year's HK\$173 million due to the lease expiry of a major tenant of Hopewell Centre.



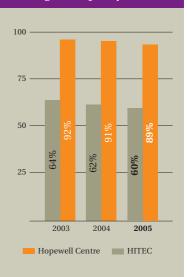


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Hong Kong Rental Property EBIT (HK\$m)

Hopewell Centre HITEC

#### Hopewell Centre and HITEC Average Occupancy (%)



#### Hopewell Centre, Wanchai

The economic recovery with promising business prospects has boosted the office demand for upgrading and expansion, pushing up market office rentals on average. Benefiting from the vibrant inbound tourism and strong local consumption, rentals for retail premises also improved.

Hopewell Centre, our Group's flagship property, remains a Hong Kong landmark. Although the overall average occupancy rate maintained at 89% as compared to 91% of the last financial year, leases concluded during the year have been at significantly better rates. The current committed leases have improved to 98% in occupancy.

The Group has a strong commitment to maintain Hopewell Centre as a modern office building with the highest quality standards. The comprehensive renovation program for upgrading the main lobbies, shopping arcade and building facilities has continued by phases. Major renovation works which include complete facelift and

modernization of all common areas and building facilities have been carried out. During the year, Hopewell Centre, after being fitted with LED lighting on its exterior wall, participated in the Harbour Lighting Scheme organized by the Government, increasing the building's visibility around the harbour. The new look of Hopewell Centre will further enhance the reputation and quality of Hopewell Centre as a local landmark.

Landmark at Queen's Road East

Renovated entrance



Lift lobby new look

#### Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay

The Hongkong International Trade and Exhibition Centre ("HITEC"), a commercial complex located at the hub of Kowloon Bay, one of the major commercial districts in East Kowloon, offers a comprehensive range of showrooms, office spaces and facilities to hold large scale trade shows, conferences and banquets.

The overall performance of HITEC for the year showed improvement. Although competition from new office buildings in the neighbouring areas continued to be severe,



HITEC with EMSD headquarters in background



Lobby of HITEC



Concert at HITEC

the overall average occupancy of HITEC stood steadily at 60%, as compared to about 62% of the last financial year. Turnover from convention and exhibition, as compared to the last financial year, increased about 37%.

Looking to the year ahead, competition is still fierce due to new office supply in nearby Kwun Tong. However, in light of the gradual economic recovery, the Group expects demand for large-scale shows and events, and banquets will continue to be strong. The footbridge connecting the new Electrical and Mechanical Services Department headquarters to HITEC, completed by the Government in May 2005, is expected to bring additional traffic flow and business to HITEC.

The land lease modification to non-industrial was successfully completed in January 2005, allowing areas of the building for office, commercial and retail uses. The Group plans to invest in revamping the centre, and turning 600,000 square feet into an entertainment destination. The proposed revamp project aims to modernize HITEC's persona and facilities, while repositioning part of HITEC as an indoor entertainment destination point is under planning. Renovation works are scheduled to commence shortly.

#### Panda Place, shopping mall of Panda Hotel



Panda Place atrium

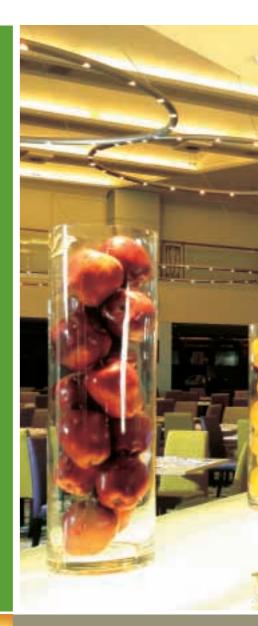


Renovation works for revamping the ground floor and three basement levels of Panda Hotel into a modern and stylish shopping mall, named Panda Place, were undertaken during the year under review. The design of Panda Place is featured around the theme of food and beverages, lifestyle and entertainment, targeting at the middle to upper markets of the affluent local families and hotel guests.

The bulk of the shopping spaces at Panda Place have been pre-leased, with a number of renowned chain stores having committed to lease. The shopping mall has begun operation and as shops open for business, the number of shoppers visiting the mall is encouraging.

Panda Place shopping mall

Turnover of hospitality business for the year under review increased by 20% to HK\$331 million as compared to the last corresponding year and the increase was mainly due to the strong performance of Panda Hotel and other food and beverage businesses. EBIT increased by 48% from HK\$40 million of the last corresponding year to HK\$59 million.





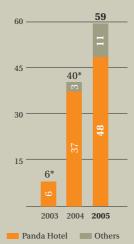




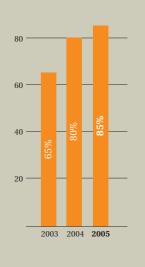
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<sup>1</sup> Upon the expiry of the China Hotel joint venture agreement, contribution from China Hotel for FY 2003 of HK\$13 million and FY 2004 of HK\$36 million were excluded from the chart.

Hospitality EBIT (HK\$m)





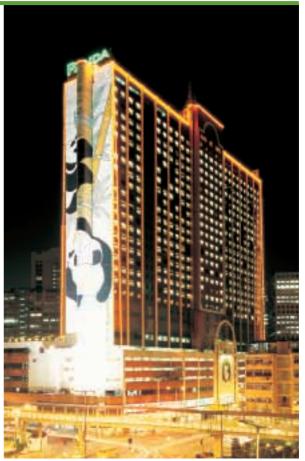


#### Panda Hotel, Tsuen Wan

Benefiting from the revival of the tourist industry and economic growth in Hong Kong, Panda Hotel performed well in the year under review. Total revenue increased 18% to HK\$175 million as compared to the last corresponding year. Average room rate increased by 19%, average room occupancy increased from 80% to 85% while the food and beverages revenue also showed improvement. Tourists from Mainland China and Korea are the key guests of the hotel while guests from other segments such as corporate, longstaying and local residents also contribute to a steady flow of hotel guests after the completion of renovation to certain guest floors, restaurants and function rooms.

Looking ahead, the hotel may face intensive competition from new hotel supply in the adjacent areas. However, because of continued high demand for travel from various regions and long haul markets, especially with the opening of Hong Kong Disneyland in September 2005, demand for hotel accommodation in both corporate and leisure segments is expected to remain strong. According to the recent visitors arrivals forecast by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, visitors from Mainland China will continue to be the leading contributor. The continued robust performance from South and Southeast Asia markets is expected to bring a continued steady growth from our targeted short and long haul markets.

The hotel will further strengthen its marketing schemes involving attractive packages and special promotions for both rooms and food and beverages. Furthermore, our on-going refurbishment and renovation program for our guestrooms and restaurants will sustain our competitiveness in the market. Room refurbishment is continuing until all rooms, restaurants and function rooms are renovated.



Panda Hotel, Tsuen Wan



Suite room at Panda Hotel

#### **Restaurant and Catering Services**



Revolving 66 Restaurant, Hopewell Centre



Ground Floor Plaza, HITEC



Panda Café, Panda Hotel

The Group, apart from the food and beverage outlets at Panda Hotel, operates Revolving 66 Restaurant at Hopewell Centre, Yuet Loy Heen and Grand Buffet Restaurant at HITEC, and Bayern Gourmet Food (the food manufacturer and supplier). Contribution from the restaurant and catering services during the year under review improved due to the growth of tourist arrivals, improved customer sentiments brought by economic rebound and the Group's series of innovative promotions.

In view of the positive macro-environment, a steady growth of the restaurant and catering business is expected.

PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
HONG KONG SAR			
196 – 206 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong Island	Wanchai, Hong Kong Island, opposite to Hopewell Centre	Site area is about 464 sq.m. and will be developed for commercial use.	Hoarding and Foundation works have commenced since early August 2005.
214 – 224 Queen's Road East and 9 –19 Sam Pan Street, Wanchai, Hong Kong Island	Wanchai, Hong Kong Island, opposite to Wu Chung House and to the east of Hopewell Centre	Site area is about 1,082 sq.m. and will be developed for residential and commercial use.	General building plans have been approved. Tendering for hoarding & foundation works is in progress.
Mega Tower Hotel	Wanchai, Hong Kong Island, near Hopewell Centre	A development site of about 11,500 sq.m. under various approval processes for the development of a hotel complex with recreation, shopping, restaurant and other commercial facilities.	Project has been undergoing various processes for the Town Planning Board's approval.
GUANGZHOU CITY	z – GUANGDONG	PROVINCE, PRC	
Hopewell New Town	Huadu District, Guangzhou, near the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport	The Group has a 95% interest in the project with a site of about 797,000 sq.m. for a composite development with residential, logistic and commercial developments. This project will be developed by phases.	Master Layout Plan for the development has been approved. Show flats have been completed. Construction of 57 townhouses and four 14-storey blocks are scheduled for completion by the end of 2005. Sale will be launched in the second half of 2005.
MACAU SAR			
Nova Taipa Gardens	Taipa Island, Macau	The Group has a 50% interest in the joint venture project with Shun Tak and STDM. Original site has an area of 176,000 sq.mThis project will be developed by phases into residential, commercial and hotel properties with social amenities.	Construction of the first 5 residential blocks with 684 apartments and about 800 car parking spaces of a new phase of the project, Nova City, is underway. Pre-sale is scheduled for launching in the second half of 2005.

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EBIT from the property development business for the financial year increased to HK\$60 million, as compared to HK\$4 million of the last corresponding year, mainly due to the gain in disposal of the development right in Phase 4 of Nova Taipa Gardens, Macau.

#### Hopewell New Town, Huadu, Guangzhou

The Group owns a 95% interest in Hopewell New Town, a composite development project in Huadu, Guangzhou. The project, with a site area of approximately 797,000 sq.m., is planned to be developed in several phases comprising residential units, commercial space and a logistics complex.



Model of Hopewell New Town development

The project, strategically located approximately 2 km from the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport opened in August 2004, is expected to capture the robust demand for residential, commercial and logistics developments generated by the new airport. It is also conveniently located near the Guangzhou Huadu Auto City and other commercial and manufacturing facilities.



Entrance of Hopewell New Town



Hopewell New Town, Huadu



Townhouses at Hopewell New Town

Six apartment blocks and 57 townhouses with gardens, part of the initial phase of the development, are being built with four apartment blocks and the townhouses scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. As there is an increasing demand from multi-national companies expanding in the logistics, car, jewellery and leather industries in Huadu, the Group expects to receive good response from the sale of these units, which is planned to be launched in the second half of 2005.



Interior of decorated townhouse with excellent building design



#### Nova Taipa Gardens, Taipa Island, Macau

Nova Taipa Gardens, in which the Group has a 50% interest, is a multi-phase joint venture property development of residential, commercial, social amenities and hotel on Taipa Island in Macau.

With the strong revival of the property market in Macau, the joint venture company has been developing a new phase of the project, Nova City. Construction works for the first sub-phase of Nova City, which covers five residential blocks with development area of approximately 105,000 sq. m., providing 684 apartments and about 800 car parking spaces, is well advanced with target completion in 2006 and pre-sale is expected in the second half of 2005. Four more residential blocks are also scheduled to commence construction in the second half of 2005.



Nova City clubhouse



Luxurious living space



Nova City, Macau



Elegant study room

During the year under review, the joint venture company has disposed of its development right in Phase 4 (with a site area of 5,230 sq.m.) of the project to one of its shareholders at a consideration of HK\$200 million.

The Group believes Macau is a market of phenomenal potential growth and the project is anticipated to yield good profits from development and sale of the project over time.

#### 196-206 Queen's Road East 214-224 Queen's Road East and 9-19 Sam Pan Street



The development site at 196-206 Queen's Road East, with a site area of approximately 464 sq.m. (5,000 square feet), is located opposite to Hopewell Centre and will be developed into a commercial building of approximately 75,000 square feet. Construction works were commenced in August 2005 and completion is expected in 2007.

The development site at 214-224 Queen's Road East and 9-19 Sam Pan Street has a site area of approximately 1,082 sq.m. (11,600 square feet) and is located opposite to Wu Chung House and situated to the east of Hopewell Centre. It will be developed into a residential and commercial tower with gross floor area of approximately 95,000 square feet. Construction is expected to start in the second half year of 2005 while completion is scheduled in 2007.

#### Mega Tower Hotel, Wanchai



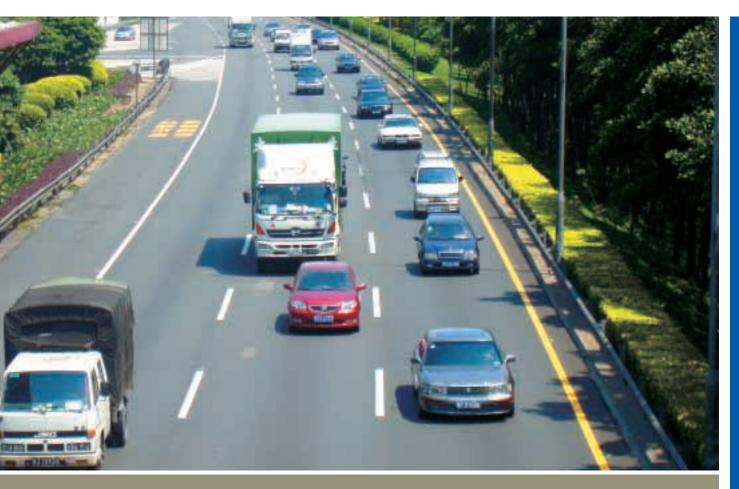
Mega Tower Hotel is the Group's latest hotel development in Hong Kong. The proposed 2,000-room hotel, adjacent and to the west of Hopewell Centre, is planned to incorporate shopping, restaurant, commercial and convention facilities as well as much needed community open space in the vicinity. The Group has lodged a notice of appeal to the Town Planning Board in May 2005 for its rejection of the current planning application. A hearing date is being arranged by the Town Planning Appeal Board. The Group is in the process of reviewing its alternatives in materializing the project. EBIT from infrastructure business for the year under review increased 21% from HK\$799 million of the last corresponding year to HK\$968 million due to the growth in traffic flow and toll revenue of the three toll road projects, viz. Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway ("GS Superhighway"), Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road ("ESW Ring Road") and Phase I of the Western Delta Route ("Phase I West"), invested by the Group's listed subsidiary, Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited ("HHI"). The first full year operation of the Phase I West was profitable, a remarkable performance for an operating toll road.



#### HHI

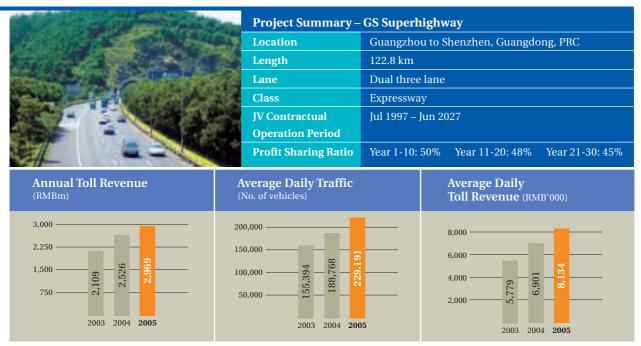
The Group continues to retain approximately 75% shareholding in HHI which focuses on the initiation, promotion, development, investment and operation of toll expressways and bridges. Through co-operative joint venture arrangements, HHI has invested in three expressway projects in the Pearl River Delta region ("PRD"), being the GS Superhighway, the ESW Ring Road and the Phase I West. The total length of these expressways is about 180 km, connecting Shenzhen, Dongguan, Guangzhou and Foshan where are the most thriving and prosperous cities in the southern China region. For the financial year ended 30th June, 2005, the GS Superhighway, the ESW Ring Road and the Phase I West all recorded robust growth in traffic and toll revenue. Compared to the last financial year, the aggregate average daily traffic of the three expressways increased 25%; whereas, the total toll revenue increased 22% to RMB 3.5 billion.

The opening of new airport and seaports, the implementation of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangements and the formation of the Pan-PRD programmes are the key favourable factors to drive the economic growth in the PRD. The growth of the gross domestic product and private car ownership in the PRD have brought into additional traffic flow and driven continuous traffic growth in the



region. HHI strategically holding three major expressways in the PRD core expressway network and well positioned to widen these existing expressways and invest new expressways, has laid a concrete foundation for future investments and development.

In December 2004, HHI's three expressways were connected to the Guangdong Government's engineered provincial expressways unitoll system. Since then, the expressways are able to accept "Yuetong IC-Card" as electronic payment for toll and also facilitate non-stop electronic toll payment. All these have provided drivers with a more convenient and rapid toll payment service, and therefore enhanced the toll collection efficiency. Effective from 1st June, 2005, in response to the PRC country's policy to support freight transportation development and encourage heavy trucks not to be over-loaded on expressways, the Guangdong Government lowered the toll rate multiple of class 5 vehicles on all expressways in Guangdong. Under which the toll rate multiple of class 5 vehicles was down from 5 to 4.5 on the GS Superhighway and the ESW Ring Road, and from 4 to 3.5 on the Phase I West. On the same day, the PRC authorities cut the business tax rate on toll income of all expressways in the PRC from 5% to 3%. After all, HHI does not expect the aforesaid two adjustments will have any material impact on HHI.



#### Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway ("GS Superhighway")

The GS Superhighway is currently the only expressway directly connecting Guangzhou, Dongguan, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. It is a 122.8 km long, closed system, fully lit dual three-lane expressway with 18 interchanges.

Being the main artery in the expressway network of the PRD, it closely connects to the major cities, airports, ports and the expressways including Jihe Expressway, Humen Bridge, Guangzhou Second Ring Road Northern Section and Guangzhou Ring Road. It will further connect to the Nanping Expressway in Shenzhen, Changhu Expressway in Dongguan and Guangzhou Second Ring Road Eastern Section once completed. The traffic flow and toll revenue of the GS Superhighway have exhibited continuous robust growth since it opened to traffic in 1994.

Over the past financial year, its average daily traffic rose 21% to 229,000 vehicles and annual toll revenue increased 18% to RMB 3 billion. When the Changhu Expressway and the Nanping Expressway open to traffic in the coming year, the GS Superhighway will further be fueled with additional traffic.

The joint venture company's main objective is to persistently upgrade the GS Superhighway's service standards and improve its ancillary facilities. During the year, the joint venture company joined hands with the local governments to reconstruct the Changan and Luogang interchanges to further improve their connections with local roads. It also expanded the toll station that connected to the Jihe Expressway to increase throughput capacity. In view of the further economic development of the PRD, HHI together with the joint venture company have been studying the feasibility of widening the GS Superhighway from its current total six lanes to ten lanes.

Benefiting from the continuous economic growth of Guangdong Province, especially the PRD, and the substantial increase in car ownership, HHI believes that the traffic flow and toll revenue of the GS Superhighway will continue stable growth.



#### Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road ("ESW Ring Road")

The ESW Ring Road is a 38 km long, dual three lane closed system expressway with 12 toll stations. It is a major route of the expressway network in the PRD and Guangzhou, with connections to the GS Superhighway, the Guangzhou Northern Ring Road, the Guangfo Expressway, the Nansha Port Expressway, the Phase I West and major feeder roads of Guangzhou, creating a circular transportation artery surrounding the central part of Guangzhou city.

During the review period, the ESW Ring Road continued to record robust growth in traffic and toll revenue. Its average daily traffic flow was 63,000 vehicles and annual toll revenue reached RMB 356 million, representing a 32% and 30% growth respectively.

Subsequent to the operation of the Phase I West in April 2004, the Guangzhou New Airport opened in August 2004 and the Nansha Port Expressway connected to the ESW Ring Road was also operational in December 2004. They all brought in further traffic growth to the ESW Ring Road.

HHI believes that the economic development of Guangzhou will continue to be the spearhead in Guangdong Province. With the opening of the Nansha Port Expressway and the Phase I West, together with the successive completion of some connecting expressways to the ESW Ring Road, the ESW Ring Road will further display its important position in Guangzhou expressway network, expediting its continuous growth.



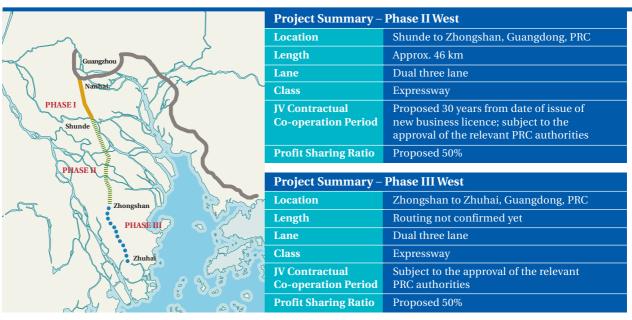
#### Phase I of the Western Delta Route ("Phase I West")

\* Operation started on 30th April, 2004 with 2 months' results only.

The Phase I West is a 14.7 km long dual three lane expressway. It connects ESW Ring Road in the north to both National Highway 105 and Bigui Road of Shunde in the south. Its first full year operation was profitable, a remarkable performance for an operating toll road.

Benefiting from the rapid economic growth of Guangzhou and Foshan, the Phase I West recorded remarkable growth both in traffic flow and toll revenue since it opened to traffic on 30th April, 2004. During the year under review, the average daily traffic increased 59% to 18,000 vehicles and the daily toll revenue rose 64% to RMB 273,000. Its annual toll revenue reached RMB 100 million.

Currently, the Phase I West is the only expressway directly linking Guangzhou and the Shunde district of Foshan. It significantly reduces the traveling time between these two areas from 40 minutes to 10 minutes. HHI believes that this favorable factor will continue to strengthen the role of the Phase I West as the main artery between Guangzhou and Shunde.



#### Phases II and III of the Western Delta Route ("Phase II West and Phase III West")

The Western Delta Route will be constructed in three phases. The Phase I West started operations on 30th April, 2004. In July 2004, HHI conditionally amended the agreements with the PRC partner of Phase I West to include the Phase II West. It is pending the approvals of the relevant authorities. The Phase II West is approximately 46 km long. It connects the Phase I West in Shunde and extends to Zhongshan in the south. Preparation works have actively been underway. Construction of the Phase II West is expected to be carried out at the end of 2005, subject to finalization of necessary approvals. In addition, negotiation of the terms of co-operation of the Phase III West with the PRC partner is close to finalisation. Upon completion of the whole Western Delta Route, it will become a vital expressway directly linking Guangzhou with Nanhai, Shunde, Zhongshan and Zhuhai on the west bank of the PRD. HHI believes that this project will be a strategic route in the western part of the PRD.

#### Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macau Bridge Project



It was reported in the media that the feasibility study of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge project was completed at the end of 2004. Following reviews by the relevant authorities and experts, the recommended alignment and landing sites are San Shek Wan of Lantau Island in the eastern end and Gong Bei / Perola in the western end. The project details and the bidding arrangements are pending governments' announcement. HHI believes that it is well positioned to play an important role in the project once it proceeds.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

## Shunde Roads & Shunde 105 Road

Disposal of the Group's interests in Shunde Roads and Shunde 105 Road projects became effective during the year under review.

For the Shunde Roads project, a portion of the consideration amounting to HK\$583 million was received. A disposal gain of approximately HK\$313 million (mainly representing the recovery of prior years' losses) was recognized in the year under review. The remaining outstanding balance of approximately HK\$240 million, being unsecured, is receivable in three equal annual installments commencing December 2005 and such amount will be recognized as gains as and when received.

The cash consideration of HK\$438 million for the Shunde 105 Road project was received in full during the year under review. A disposal gain of approximately HK\$183 million was accounted for in these final results.

## Tanjung Jati B Power Plant Project ("TJB") in Indonesia

A gain of HK\$449 million for the TJB disposal was recognized in the year under review (2004: HK\$580 million). Up to 30th June, 2005, the TJB disposal has generated a net cash surplus of HK\$1,497 million to the Group.

## South Luzon Tollway

Disposal of the Group's interest in the South Luzon Tollway project in the Philippines at a consideration of HK\$6.9 million was completed in April 2005. A gain of HK\$6.5 million was recognized in the year under review.

## Bangkok Elevated Road and Train System ("BERTS")

The Group continued its efforts during the financial year to seek a resolution for the BERTS project.

#### **OTHERS**

#### **Employees and Remuneration Policies**

There were approximately 1,110 employees in the Group as at 30th June, 2005. The Group continues to provide competitive remuneration packages to employees with reference to prevailing market practices and individual performance in addition to various benefits including medical and personal accident insurance coverage. Share options under the share option scheme as detailed in the Directors' Report and discretionary bonuses may be granted to employees based on individual performance as well as the performance of the Group. Apart from the above, training programs are also conducted on an ongoing basis throughout the Group aiming at improving employee productivity.



Group Annual Dinner



Group basketball competition



Property Management celebrations

#### **Relations with Shareholders and Investors**

The Group continues to foster a good and long-term relationship through open and prompt communication with shareholders and investors. Through general meetings and press and analysts conferences subsequent to each interim and final results announcement, shareholders and investors are provided with forums to raise comments and exchange views with the Directors. The Group also actively participates in numerous road shows, investors' conferences, company visits and conference calls with financial analysts, fund managers and potential investors to communicate and explain its strategies. Our corporate website, www.hopewellholdings.com, which is interlinked with the listed subsidiary HHI's website (www.hopewellhighway.com), also provides shareholders and investors with a wide range of information on the Group including corporate announcements, interim and annual reports, and business activities. We also invite shareholders and investors to give views and suggestions by contacting the investor relations team at ir@hopewellholdings.com.



Results Announcement presentation



Web Page: www.hopewellholdings.com

## **Community Relations**



Hong Kong Arts Festival concert



ACCA award presentation

During the year, the Group continued to support a wide spectrum of community services targeted at providing for the needy in Hong Kong, Mainland China and beyond. The forms of support included: donations to support the development of Mainland China for helping the poor, donations to Hong Kong Hotels Association and Hong Kong Red Cross South Asia Relief Fund for Asia earthquake and tidal waves relief, toys donations to the handicapped children, food donations to the needy, fund raisings for Worldwide Fund for Nature Hong Kong and Crisis Service for Youth, Walks for Millions, elderly caring visit service program, etc. In fostering youth development, the Group arranged career talk, interviewee techniques workshop and on-the-job training programs for the youth. The Group also sponsored a concert of the Norwegian Chamber Orchestra at the Hong Kong Arts Festival, and the sixth ACCA inter-tertiary competition. During the year, the Company also received the "Platinum Approved Accredited Employer" Award from the ACCA.



Walks for Millions

## **Financial Review**

## **GROUP RESULTS**

#### **Overview**

For the year ended 30th June, 2005, the Group's turnover by activities and their respective earnings before interest and tax are reported as follows:-

	,	Turnover		nings before rest and tax
In HK\$ million	2004	2005	2004	2005
Infrastructure project investment	50	52	799	968
Property letting, agency & management	291	290	173	171
Hotel operations, restaurant & catering <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	276	331	40	59
Property development	36	5	4	60
Others (Note 1)	-	-	58	(19)
	653	678	1,074	1,239

	Results		
In HK\$ million	2004	2005	
Earnings before interest & tax (Note 2)	1,074	1,239	
Exceptional items	975	951	
Finance costs (Note 3)	(233)	(92)	
Taxation	(51)	(99)	
Minority interests	(311)	(337)	
Net profit	1,454	1,662	

Notes:

(1) Contribution from China Hotel for the financial year 2004 of HK\$36 million was included under "Others" following the expiry of the joint venture operation on 9th June, 2004.

(2) Earnings before interest & tax is the sum of (i) profit from operations before gain on disposal of power station project and net losses on properties and investment of HK\$97 million (2004: HK\$135 million); and (ii) share of results of jointly controlled entities and associates of HK\$1,142 million (2004: HK\$939 million).

(3) The amount included interest expenses and related finance costs of Notes totaling HK\$19 million (2004: HK\$151 million).

#### Turnover

The Group's turnover for the year ended 30th June, 2005 was HK\$678 million as compared with HK\$653 million of last financial year, resulting mainly from revenue growth of the hospitality business.

The Group's attributable share of toll revenue of the three toll roads under operation, namely Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway, Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road and Phase I of the Western Delta Route amounted to HK\$1,514 million for the year under review, representing a 22% increase over the last corresponding year. However, since equity accounting method is adopted, turnover attributable to the Group from the PRC joint venture companies ("PRC Joint Ventures") of such infrastructure projects has not been accounted for in the Group's turnover.

## **Earnings before Interest and Tax**

The Group's earnings before interest and tax ("EBIT") from recurring operating activities increased by 15% to HK\$1,239 million from HK\$1,074 million of the last corresponding year, mainly attributable to the growth in traffic flow and toll revenue of the toll roads, which, under the equity accounting method, is reflected in the Group's attributable share of results from the PRC Joint Ventures. During the year under review, property development business also reported prominent growth in EBIT.

### **Profit Attributable to Shareholders**

The Group's net profit increased to HK\$1,662 million, representing an increase of 14% as compared with HK\$1,454 million of last corresponding year. The increase mainly comes from, (i) the encouraging results of the road infrastructure projects of HK\$968 million as well as property development business of HK\$60 million; and (ii) lower finance cost of HK\$92 million as compared to HK\$233 million of the last corresponding year resulting from the significantly reduced debt level.

### Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group remains financially sound and solid. As at 30th June, 2005, the Group's net cash, including cash and liquid notes of HHI, increased to HK\$3,329 million (30th June, 2004: HK\$1,763 million). Its total available and undrawn general banking facilities and project loan facilities, together with deposits, cash holdings and liquid notes, amounted to approximately HK\$8,897 million (30th June, 2004: HK\$6,476 million). Interest coverage ratio increased to 17.5 times (year ended 30th June, 2004: 5.3 times). Although the US\$194 million unsecured  $97/_8\%$  fixed-rate Notes were redeemed at their maturity in August 2004 at 100% of their principal amounts, the redemption did not have any impact on the Group's cash position as the settlement was served by a cash reserve already set aside since February 2002.

In August 2005, the Group's listed subsidiary, HHI, successfully obtained a fully underwritten commitment for a 5-year unsecured syndicated bank revolving credit and term loan facility of HK\$ 3.6 billion from a group of commercial banks, which is currently being syndicated. The above facility, together with the Group's deposits, cash holdings and liquid notes as well as the existing banking facilities on hand, totalling HK\$12.5 billion, provides the Group with adequate financial resources to meet its funding requirements for recurring operating activities and investment activities.

### **Treasury Policies**

The Group centralizes its treasury activities at group level for better management of financial risks including interest rate and foreign exchange risks, and for obtaining cost efficient funds. The Group focuses on reducing the overall net interest expenses in managing its interest rate exposure, and will replace banking facilities with new ones should good pricing opportunities arise. As the use of financial instruments is strictly controlled and is solely for managing the Group's interest rate and foreign currency exchange rate exposures in connection with its borrowings, no speculative derivative transactions were made during the year.

All the Group's borrowings are subject to floating interest rates and are substantially denominated in Hong Kong dollars. In order to mitigate the Group's exposure on exchange rate fluctuation, borrowings are also designated in local currencies to match the corresponding payment currencies. As at 30th June, 2005, the maturity profile of the Group's borrowings was as follows:

As at 30th June	2004	4	2005		
	HK\$'million	%	HK\$'million	%	
Within 1 year	234	19%	-	-	
2-5 years	1,000	81%	55	100%	
Total	1,234	100%	55	100%	

The Group's capital structure, which is mainly financed by equity, is shown as below:

As at 30th June	2004	2005
In HK\$ million		
Equity	14,866	16,310
Total net debt	Net Cash	Net Cash
Total capitalization	17,574	16,365
In %		
Total net debt vs total capitalization	N/A	N/A
Total net debt vs equity	N/A	N/A

## **Contingent Liabilities**

Details of the contingent liabilities are set out in note 41 to the financial statements.

## **Charges on Assets**

During the financial year, no mortgage was charged on the Group's properties.

## **Project Commitments**

Details of the project commitments are set out in note 39 to the financial statements.

### Material Acquisition or Disposal

During the year ended 30th June, 2005, there was no material acquisition or disposal of the Company's subsidiaries and associates.

## **Report of the Directors**

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their annual report on the affairs of the Company and the Group together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2005.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and its subsidiaries are active in the field of investment in infrastructure projects, property development and investment, property agency and management, hotel investment and management, restaurant operations and food catering.

#### **Results**

The results of the Group for the year ended 30th June, 2005 are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 59.

#### **Dividends**

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK38 cents (2004: HK30 cents) per share which, together with the interim dividend of HK12 cents (2004: HK10 cents) and the special interim dividend of HK30 cents (2004: HK30 cents) per share paid on 30th March, 2005, represents a total dividend distribution of HK80 cents (2004: HK70 cents) per share, totaling HK\$718 million in respect of the year ended 30th June, 2005 (2004: HK\$622 million).

#### **Major Projects and Events**

Details regarding major projects undertaken by the Group and events that have taken place during the year under review are incorporated under the section "Operations Review" as set out on pages 14 to 37.

#### **Share Capital**

Movements in share capital of the Company during the year are set out in note 32 to the financial statements.

#### **Share Premium and Reserves**

Movements in share premium and reserves during the year are set out in note 33 to the financial statements.

#### **Donations**

Donations made by the Group during the year for charitable and other purposes amounted to HK\$10,386,000 (2004: HK\$ 4,495,000).

### **Fixed Assets**

Movements in investment properties and property, plant and equipment during the year are set out in notes 19 and 20 to the financial statements respectively. Particulars regarding the major properties and property interests of the Group are set out on pages 114 and 115.

## **Major Customers and Suppliers**

The turnover attributable to the Group's five largest customers combined was less than 30% of the Group's turnover for the year. The five largest suppliers of the Group accounted for less than 30% of the Group's total purchases for the year.

## Directors

The Directors of the Company as at the date of this report are set out on pages 8 to 13 of the annual report. Changes during the year and up to the date of this report are as follows:-

Mr. Camelo Ka Sze LEE	(re-designated as Non-Executive Director o				
	6th September, 2004)				
Mr. Lee Yick NAM	(appointed on 6th September, 2004)				
Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK	(appointed on 15th August, 2005)				

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Josiah Chin Lai KWOK, Mr. Guy Man Guy WU, Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU, Ms. Linda Lai Chuen LOKE, Mr. Colin Henry WEIR and Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK will retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting and all of them, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## **Profile of Directors**

Profile of the Directors of the Company as at the date of the report are set out on pages 8 to 13.

#### **Senior Management**

Dr. Tai Tei YU, aged 45, Qualified Accountant, joined the Group in October 2000 as the Group Financial Controller. He is involved in the Group's finance and accounting activities, operation review and information system. He has a Doctor degree in Business Administration from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and a Master degree in Business Administration from Warwick University. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries, the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators respectively; and a member of the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada. Prior to joining the Group, he has worked for renowned multi-national companies and Inland Revenue Department in the areas of business control, finance and accounting, audit and tax.

Various businesses of the Group are respectively under the direct responsibility of the Executive Directors of the Company who are also regarded as members of the Group's senior management.

#### Directors' Interest in Contracts of Significance

No contract of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party or were parties and in which a Director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### Directors' Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 30th June, 2005, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies ("Model Code") were as follows:

#### (A) the Company<sup>(i)</sup>

		Sh	ares				
Directors	Personal interest (held as beneficial owner)	Family interests (interests of spouse or child under 18)	Corporate interests <sup>(ii)</sup> (interests of controlled corporation)	Other interests (iii)	Underlying Shares of Equity derivatives <sup>(iv)</sup> (i.e. share option)	Total interests	% of issued share capital
Gordon Ying Sheung WU	71,744,032	21,910,000 <sup>(v)</sup>	111,250,000 <sup>(vi)</sup>	30,680,000	-	235,584,032 <sup>(ix)</sup>	26.24%
Eddie Ping Chang HO	25,360,000	246,000	2,050,000	-	-	27,656,000	3.08%
Josiah Chin Lai KWOK	1,005,000	-	-	-	-	1,005,000	0.11%
Thomas Jefferson WU	27,120,000	-	820,000	-	-	27,940,000	3.11%
Henry Hin Moh LEE	7,695,322	-	-	-	-	7,695,322	0.86%
Robert Van Jin NIEN	720,000	-	-	-	-	720,000	0.08%
Guy Man Guy WU	2,645,650	-	-	-	-	2,645,650	0.29%
Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU	21,910,000	121,804,032 <sup>(vii)</sup>	61,190,000 <sup>(viii)</sup>	30,680,000	-	235,584,032 <sup>(ix)</sup>	26.24%
Linda Lai Chuen LOKE	-	1,308,981	-	-	-	1,308,981	0.15%
David Yau-gay LUI	8,537	-	-	-	-	8,537	0.00%
Albert Kam Yin YEUNG	250,000	-	-	-	950,000	1,200,000	0.13%
Andy Lee Ming CHEUNG	500,000	-	-	-	500,000	1,000,000	0.11%
Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior	5,000	-	-	-	495,000	500,000	0.06%
Lee Yick NAM	90,000	-	-	-	-	90,000	0.01%

Notes:

(i) All interests in the shares and underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company were long positions. None of the Directors or chief executives held any short position in the shares and underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company.

(ii) The corporate interests were beneficially owned by a company in which the relevant Director was deemed to be entitled under the SFO to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at its general meeting.

(iii) The other interests in 30,680,000 shares represented the interests held by Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU ("Sir Gordon WU") jointly with his wife Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU ("Lady Ivy WU").

(iv) The interests in underlying shares of equity derivatives represented interests in options granted to Directors under the 2003 Share Option Scheme to subscribe for shares of the Company, further details of which are set out in the section headed "Share Options of the Company".

(v) The family interests in 21,910,000 shares represented the interests of Lady Ivy WU.

(vi) The corporate interests in 111,250,000 shares held by Sir Gordon WU included the interests in 61,190,000 shares referred to in Note (viii).

(vii) The family interests in 121,804,032 shares represented the interests of Sir Gordon WU, the husband of Lady Ivy WU. This figure included 50,060,000 shares held by Sir Gordon WU through corporations.

(viii) The corporate interests in 61,190,000 shares were held through corporations owned by Sir Gordon WU and Lady Ivy WU as to 50% each.

(ix) Sir Gordon WU and Lady Ivy WU were deemed under the SFO to have same interests with each other.

#### **(B)** Associated Corporations

(a) Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited ("HHI")

		Underlyin	g shares of Equity				
Directors	HHI shares	Personal interests (held as beneficial owner)	Family interests (interests of spouse or child under 18)	Corporate interests <sup>(ii)</sup> (interests of controlled corporation)	Other interests	Total interests	% of issued share capital
Gordon Ying Sheung WU Eddie Ping Chang HO	300,000 <sup>(iii)</sup> 2,165,600 <sup>(vi)</sup>	6,249,403	2,191,000 <sup>(iii)</sup> –	11,124,999 <sup>(iv)</sup>	3,068,000 <sup>(v)</sup> –	22,933,402 <sup>(xi)</sup> 2,165,600	0.80% 0.07%
Thomas Jefferson WU Henry Hin Moh LEE Robert Van Jin NIEN	450,000 <sup>(vii)</sup> _	4,084,000 279,530 10,000	-	82,000	-	4,616,000 279,530 10,000	$0.16\% \\ 0.01\% \\ 0.00\%$
Ivy Sau Ping KWOK WU David Yau-gay LUI	300,000 <sup>(viii)</sup> –	2,191,000 853	11,255,403 <sup>(ix)</sup>	6,118,999 <sup>(x)</sup>	3,068,000 <sup>(v)</sup> –	22,933,402 <sup>(xi)</sup> 853	0.80% 0.00%

Notes:

(i) These represented warrants of HHI, which conferred rights to subscribe for HHI shares at HK\$4.18 per HHI share (subject to adjustments) exercisable during a period of 3 years from 6th August, 2003 to 5th August, 2006.

(ii) These HHI warrants were beneficially owned by a company in which the relevant Director was deemed to be entitled under the SFO to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at its general meeting.

(iii) The interests in 300,000 HHI shares and 2,191,000 underlying shares of HHI warrants were interests held by Lady Ivy Sau Ping KWOKWU ("Lady Ivy WU"), the wife of Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU ("Sir Gordon WU"). The former interests represented the same block of shares in Note (viii).

(iv) The corporate interests in 11,124,999 underlying shares of HHI warrants held by Sir Gordon WU included the corporate interests in 6,118,999 underlying shares of HHI warrants referred to in Note (x).

(v) The other interests in 3,068,000 underlying shares of HHI warrants represented the interests held jointly by Sir Gordon WU and Lady Ivy WU.

(vi) The interests in 2,165,600 HHI shares held by Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO included personal interests of 1,936,000 HHI shares, family interests of 24,600 HHI shares and corporate interests of 205,000 HHI shares.

(vii) The interests in 450,000 HHI shares represented beneficial interests of Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU.

(viii) The interests in 300,000 HHI shares were personal interests beneficially owned by Lady Ivy WU and represented the same block of shares in Note (iii).

(ix) The family interests in 11,255,403 underlying shares of HHI warrants represented the interests of Sir Gordon WU, the husband of Lady Ivy WU. This figure included 5,006,000 underlying shares of HHI warrants held by Sir Gordon WU through corporations.

(x) The corporate interests in 6,118,999 underlying shares of HHI warrants were held through corporations owned by Sir Gordon WU and Lady Ivy WU as to 50% each.

(xi) Sir Gordon WU and Lady Ivy WU were deemed under the SFO to have same interests with each other.

#### (b) HCNH Insurance Brokers Limited ("HCNH")

Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO together with his associate beneficially owned 600,000 ordinary shares of HCNH, representing 50% of its issued share capital, through Hong Kong Insurance Agency Limited which was 100% owned by him together with his associate.

All the above interests in the shares and underlying shares of equity derivatives of associated corporations were long positions.

Save as aforesaid, as at 30th June, 2005, none of the Directors or chief executives had any other interests or short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of associated corporations which had been entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

### Share Options of the Company

The shareholders of the Company approved the termination (to the effect that no further options shall be offered) of the 1994 Share Option Scheme and the adoption of a new share option scheme (the "2003 Share Option Scheme") both effective on 1st November, 2003.

#### (A) 1994 Share Options Scheme

- (1) The 1994 Share Option Scheme was terminated on 1st November, 2003 and no further options may be granted under the 1994 Share Option Scheme. During the year, a total of 14,200,000 options, which were granted prior to the termination of the 1994 Share Option Scheme and subject to the provisions of the 1994 Share Option Scheme, were exercised. A summary of some of the principal terms of the 1994 Share Option Scheme is set out in (2) below. As at 30th June, 2005, there were no outstanding options under the 1994 Share Option Scheme.
- (2) The purpose of the 1994 Share Option Scheme is to give an interest to executive directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries in preserving and maximizing shareholder value in the long term. It also enables the Company to attract and retain experienced and capable individuals by providing them with incentives for future performance.

Under the 1994 Share Option Scheme and "The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the stock Exchange", the maximum number of shares in the Company in respect of which options may be granted (together with shares issued pursuant to options exercised and shares in respect of which any option remains outstanding) will not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of adoption of the 1994 Share Option Scheme. The maximum entitlement of each participant under the 1994 Share Option Scheme in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The period under which an option may be exercised will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company in its discretion, save that an option may not be exercised earlier than 6 months after the date of grant (i.e. the date on which the option is accepted) and shall expire not later than 10 years after the date of grant. An option is open for acceptance for a period of 28 days from the date of offer. The amount payable on acceptance of an option is HK\$1. The full amount of exercise price for the subscription of shares has to be paid upon exercise of an option. The exercise price for an option shall be such price as the Board of Directors of the Company may in its absolute discretion determine at the time of grant of the relevant option and shall be stated in the letter containing the offer of the grant of option. The exercise price shall not be less than the highest of (a) the closing price of the

shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant, which must be a business day; (b) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the 5 business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of a share in the Company.

(3) Details of the movement of share options under the 1994 Share Option Scheme during the year ended 30th June, 2005 were as follows:

	Date of grant	Exercise Price HK\$	Balance of outstanding options at 01/07/2004	Options granted during the year	Options exercised during the year	Options cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Balance of outstanding options at 30/06/2005	Exercise period	Closing price immediately before date of grant falling within year HK\$
Directors									
Gordon Ying Sheung WU	09/09/2003	9.55	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	-	-	09/03/2004 - 09/09/2008	N/A
Josiah Chin Lai KWOK	28/03/2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-	28/09/2002 - 27/09/2005	N/A
Thomas Jefferson WU	03/04/2002	6.15	2,400,000	-	2,400,000	-	-	03/10/2002 - 02/10/2005	N/A
Robert Van Jin NIEN	01/04/2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-	1/10/2002 - 30/09/2005	N/A
Employees of the Group	02/04/2002	6.15	1,800,000	-	1,800,000	-	-	2/10/2002 - 01/10/2005	N/A
Total			14,200,000	-	14,200,000	_	-		

The weighted average closing prices of the shares of the dates immediately before the dates on which the options were exercised by Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU, Mr. Josiah Chin Lai KWOK, Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU, Mr. Robert Van Jin NIEN and employees of the Group during the year were HK\$16.55, HK\$16.10, HK\$16.76, HK\$16.74 and HK\$16.74 respectively.

The options granted on 9th September, 2003 are exercisable during a period of 4.5 years after the expiry of 6 months from the date of grant.

The options granted, other than those granted on 9th September, 2003, are exercisable in the following manner:

Maximum proportion of options exercisable including the proportion of options previously exercised	Exercisable period
1/3	From the expiry of 6 months from the date of grant of option up to 18 months from the date of grant
2/3	From the expiry of 18 months from the date of grant of option up to 30 months from the date of grant
3/3	From the expiry of 30 months from the date of grant of option up to 42 months from the date of grant

#### (B) 2003 Share Options Scheme

- (1) The 2003 Share Option Scheme will expire on 31st October, 2013, but any options then outstanding will continue to be exercisable. A summary of some of the principal terms of the 2003 Share Option Scheme is set out in (2) below.
- (2) The 2003 Share Option Scheme is designated to provide the Company with a flexible means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and / or providing benefits to any eligible persons (including substantial shareholders of the Company, directors or employees or consultants, professionals or advisers of / to each member of the Group) and for such other purposes as the Board may approve from time to time.

Under the 2003 Share Option Scheme, the maximum number of shares in the Company in respect of which options may be granted (together with shares issued pursuant to options exercised and shares in respect of which any option remains outstanding) will not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of adoption of the 2003 Share Option Scheme, unless a fresh approval from the shareholders is obtained. The maximum entitlement of each participant under the 2003 Share Option Scheme in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company. As at the date of this report, a total of 85,048,212 shares (representing approximately 9.47% of the issued share capital of the Company) are available for issue under the 2003 Share Option Scheme.

The period under which an option may be exercised will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company in its discretion, save that an option shall expire not later than 10 years after the date of grant. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors of the Company and specified in the offer letter at the time of the offer, there is no minimum period for which an option must be held before the option can be exercised. An option is open for acceptance for a period of 14 days from the date of offer. The amount payable on acceptance of an option is HK\$1. The full amount of exercise price for the subscription of shares has to be paid upon exercise of an option. The exercise price for an option shall be such price as the Board of Directors of the Company may in its absolute discretion determine at the time of grant of the relevant option and shall be stated in the letter containing the offer of the grant of option. The exercise price shall not be less than the highest of (a) the closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant (deemed to be the date of offer), which must be a business day; (b) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the 5 business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of a share in the Company.

All options granted are exercisable from the date of grant.

(3) Details of the movement of share options under the 2003 Share Option Scheme during the year ended 30th June, 2005 were as follows:-

Directors	Date of grant	Exercise Price HK\$	Balance of outstanding options at 01/07/2004	Options granted during the year	Options exercised during the year	Options cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Balance of outstanding options at 30/06/2005	Exercise period	Closing price immediately before date of grant falling within year HK\$
Albert Kam Yin YEUNG	08/09/2004	17.10	-	1,200,000	250,000	-	950,000	08/09/2004 -07/09/2007	17.00
Andy Lee Ming CHEUNG	08/09/2004	17.10	-	1,000,000	500,000	-	500,000	08/09/2004 - 07/09/2007	17.00
Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior	08/09/2004	17.10	-	500,000	5,000	-	495,000	08/09/2004 - 07/09/2007	17.00
Total			-	2,700,000	755,000	-	1,945,000		

The weighted average closing prices of the shares on the dates immediately before the dates on which the options were exercised by Mr. Albert Kam Yin YEUNG, Mr. Andy Lee Ming CHEUNG and Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen HO Junior during the year were HK\$18.61, HK\$19.00 and HK\$18.80 respectively.

The fair value of the share options granted during the year with the exercise price per share of HK\$17.1 is estimated at HK\$3.5 at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The value is estimated based on the risk free rate of 2.55% per annum with reference to the rate on the 3-year Exchange Fund Notes, an estimated one-year historical volatility of 35.9% of the closing price of the shares of the Company and assuming an expected option life of 3 years and same level of annual dividends as the last year's regular dividends of HK40 cents per share over the option life.

The Black-Scholes option pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, such option pricing model requires input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. As the characteristics of the options granted during the year are significantly different from those of publicly traded options and changes in the subjective inputs may materially affect the fair value estimate, the Black-Scholes option pricing model does not necessarily provide a reliable measure of the fair value of the share options.

#### **Share Options of HHI**

- (a) The share option scheme of HHI was approved by the written resolutions of the then sole shareholder of HHI passed on 16th July, 2003 and approved by shareholders of the Company at an extraordinary general meeting held on 16th July, 2003 (the "HHI Option Scheme"). The HHI Option Scheme will expire on 15th July, 2013. A summary of some of the principal terms of the HHI Option Scheme is set out in (b) below.
- (b) The purpose of the HHI Option Scheme is to provide HHI with a flexible means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to (i) any executive or non-executive directors including independent non-executive directors or any employees of each member of the HHI group; (ii) any discretionary objects of a discretionary trust established by any employees, executive or non-executive directors of each member of the HHI group; (iii) any consultants, professional and other advisers to each member of the HHI group; (iv) any chief executives, or substantial shareholders of HHI; (v) any associates of director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of HHI and (vi) any employees of substantial shareholder of HHI or such other purposes as the board of directors of HHI may approve from time to time.

Under the HHI Option Scheme, the maximum number of shares in HHI which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the HHI Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of HHI will not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of HHI in issue immediately following completion of the initial public offering, unless a fresh approval of shareholders of HHI is obtained. The maximum entitlement of each participant under the HHI Option Scheme in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of HHI. As at the date of this report, a total of 283,200,000 shares (representing 9.8% of the issued share capital of HHI) are available for issue under the HHI Option Scheme.

The period during which an option may be exercised will be determined by the board of directors of HHI at its absolute discretion and shall expire not later than 10 years after the date of grant. Unless otherwise determined by the board of directors of HHI and specified in the offer letter at the time of the offer, there is no minimum period for which an option must be held before the option can be exercised. An option is open for acceptance for a period of 28 days from the date of offer. The amount payable on acceptance of an option is HK\$1. The full amount of exercise price for the subscription of shares has to be paid upon exercise of an option. The exercise price for an option shall be such price as the board of directors of HHI may in its absolute discretion determine and notified to a participant. The exercise price shall not be less than the highest of (a) the closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the date of grant, being the date on which the offer is accepted (or, if such date is not a business day, the next following business day ("Grant Date")); (b) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the 5 business days immediately preceding the Grant Date; and (c) the nominal value of a share in HHI.

(c) Details of the movement of share options of HHI under the HHI Option Scheme during the year ended 30th June, 2005 are as follows:-

	Date of grant	Exercise Price HK\$	Balance of outstanding options at 01/07/2004	Options granted during the year	Options exercised during the year	Options cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Balance of outstanding options at 30/06/2005	Exercise period	Closing price immediately before date of grant falling within year HK\$
Directors of HHI									
Leo Kwok Kee LEUNG	08/09/2004	4.875	-	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	08/09/2004 - 07/09/2007	4.875
Christopher Shih Ming IP (Note)	13/09/2004	4.880	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	13/09/2004 - 12/09/2007	4.850
Employee of HHI	08/09/2004	4.875	-	800,000	400,000	-	400,000	08/09/2004 -07/09/2007	4.875
Total			-	4,800,000	2,400,000	-	2,400,000		

Note: Mr. Christopher Shih Ming IP resigned as director of HHI with effect from 5th January, 2005.

#### All options granted are exercisable from the date of grant.

The weighted average closing prices of the shares of the dates immediately before the dates on which the options were exercised by Mr. Christopher Shih Ming IP and the employee during the year were HK\$5.02 and HK\$6.00 respectively.

The fair values of the share options granted during the year with the exercise price per share of HK\$ 4.875 and HK\$4.88 are estimated at HK\$0.27 and HK\$0.28 respectively at the dates of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The value is estimated based on the risk free rate of 2.325% per annum with reference to the rate on the 3-year Exchange Fund Notes, an estimated one year historical volatility of 1.47% of the closing price of the shares of HHI, and assuming an expected option life of 3 years and same level of annual dividends as the last year's dividend of HK22.5 cents per share over the option life.

The Black-Scholes option pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, such option pricing model requires input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. As the characteristics of the options granted during the year are significantly different from those of publicly traded options and changes in the subjective inputs may materially affect the fair value estimate, the Black-Scholes option pricing model does not necessarily provide a reliable measure of the fair value of the share options.

#### **Number of Ordinary Shares**

As at 30th June, 2005, the outstanding options were 1,945,000 shares. If these were to be fully exercised, the number of ordinary shares would increase from 897,970,121 shares to 899,915,121 shares.

#### Arrangements to Acquire Shares or Debentures

Save as disclosed in the previous sections headed "Share Options of the Company" and "Share Options of HHI", at no time during the year ended 30th June, 2005 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and neither the Directors nor any of their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such right.

#### **Directors' Remuneration**

The Directors' fees are determined by shareholders at the annual general meeting and the other emoluments payable to Directors are determined by the Board of Directors with reference to the prevailing market practice, the Company's remuneration policy, the Directors' duties and responsibilities within the Group and contribution to the Group.

#### **Service Contracts of Directors**

No directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without the payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation). All the Independent Non-Executive directors of the Company are appointed for a fixed period but subject to retirement by rotation at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

## **Retirement and Pension Plan**

To comply with the statutory requirements of the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") Schemes Ordinance, the Group has set up the MPF Schemes. Mandatory contributions to these schemes are made by both the employers and employees at 5% of the employees' monthly relevant income capped at HK\$20,000. During the year, the Group made contributions to the MPF Schemes amounted to HK\$6,486,000.

#### **Management Contracts**

No contract of significance concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of any business of the Company were entered into during the year or subsisted at the end of the year.

#### Substantial Shareholder

Save as disclosed under the section headed "Directors' Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures", as at 30th June, 2005, the Company had not been notified of any other interest or short positions representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company and recorded in the register maintained under section 336 of the SFO.

#### Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Securities

In August 2004, Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway (Holdings) Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, redeemed the matured US194 million unsecured  $9^7/_8\%$  fixed-rate Notes at 100% of their principal amounts.

During the year, the Company also repurchased 1,067,000 shares on the Stock Exchange at an aggregate consideration, including transaction costs, of HK\$19,912,143. All the repurchased shares were subsequently cancelled. The nominal value of the cancelled shares of HK\$2,667,500 was credited to capital redemption reserve and the aggregate consideration was paid out from the Company's retained profits. Details of the repurchases are as follows:-

Month of the repurchases	Total no. of the ordinary shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share HK\$	Lowest price paid per share HK\$	Aggregate consideration paid (including transaction costs) HK\$
January 2005	717,000	19.10	17.75	13,209,396
February 2005 March 2005	250,000 100,000	19.60 17.95	19.55 17.95	4,902,939 1,799,808
	1,067,000		•	19,912,143

The purchases were made for the benefit of the shareholders with a view to enhancing the earnings per share of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of its listed securities during the year.

## **Code of Best Practice and Model Code**

The company has complied with the Code of Best Practice set out in the then Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 30th June, 2005. The Code of Best Practice was replaced by the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code of CG Practices") which is applicable to the Company for the financial year commencing 1st July, 2005. The Company has proceeded to take measures to comply with the Code of CG Practices.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors ("the Code"). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, the Company confirmed that all Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Code for the year under review.

### **Confirmation on Independence**

The Company has received from each of the Independent Non-Executive Directors an annual confirmation of his/her independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and still considers such Directors to be independent.

#### **Connected Transaction**

During the year, the Group has entered into the following transaction as described below with the person who is a "connected person" of the Company for the purposes of the Listing Rules:

On 14th July, 2004, two conditional amending agreements ("Amending Agreements") were entered into between Hopewell Guangzhou-Zhuhai Superhighway Development Limited ("HHI West HK Co"), a wholly owned subsidiary of HHI, and Guangdong Provincial Highway Construction Company Limited ("West Route PRC Partner") in connection with the investment in and the planning, design, construction and operation of Phase II of the Western Delta Route ("Phase II West") through Guangdong Guangzhou-Zhuhai West Superhighway Company Limited ("West Route JV"). The Amending Agreements were to amend the Sino-foreign co-operative joint venture contract dated 5th January, 2004 made between HHI West HK Co and West Route PRC Partner and to amend the articles of association of West Route JV dated 5th January, 2004. The major terms of the Amending Agreements were to expand the areas of co-operation to include Phase II West and related facilities in addition to Phase I of the Western Delta Route ("Phase I West") with an estimated total amount of investment in Phase II West of RMB 4,900 million. The registered capital of West Route JV will be increased by RMB 1,715 million (from RMB 588 million to RMB 2,303 million) which will be contributed in cash by HHI West HK Co and West Route PRC Partner in equal share.

Subject to the approval of the relevant PRC authorities, the co-operation period will be 30 years commencing on the date on which new business licence of West Route JV is issued. The co-operation period may be extended by unanimous approval by the board of directors of West Route JV and the relevant regulatory authorities within six months before the expiry of the co-operation period. Upon expiry of the respective co-operation period of Phase I West and Phase II West, all fixed assets will be transferred to the government department which regulates transportation at nil consideration and West Route JV will be dissolved with any assets remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities to be distributed to West Route PRC Partner and HHI West HK Co in equal share.

Pursuant to Clause 46 of the Listing Agreement made between HHI and the Stock Exchange and the letter dated 7th August, 2003 from the Company to the Stock Exchange, West Route JV, being a Sino-foreign co-operative joint venture enterprise jointly controlled by the HHI Group and the West Route PRC Partner, which operates a toll road project, is deemed to be a subsidiary of HHI and the Company for the purposes of the then Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. West Route PRC Partner currently has a 50% interest in each of West Route JV and Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway Company Limited (which is a Sino-foreign co-operative joint venture between West Route PRC Partner and a subsidiary of HHI) and is accordingly deemed to be a connected person of HHI and the Company for the purpose of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The connected transaction, which details were contained in the joint press announcements by HHI and the Company dated 14th July, 2004 and 4th August, 2004 and the joint circular issued on 21st August, 2004, has been duly approved by the shareholders of the Company at the extraordinary general meeting held on 6th September, 2004.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Company has established an audit committee since March 1999. The audit committee comprises three Independent Non-Executive Directors, Mr. Lee Yick NAM as Chairman, Ms. Linda Lai Chuen LOKE and Mr. Guy Man Guy WU. It duties include review and supervision of the Company's financial reporting process and internal control systems. It has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control, and financial reporting matters including review of unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements. It has also revieved the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30th June, 2005.

#### **Public Float**

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, as at the date of this report, there is sufficient public float of more than 25% of the Company's issued shares as required under the Listing Rules.

#### **Disclosure under Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules**

The Sino-foreign co-operative joint venture enterprises jointly controlled by the HHI Group and the PRC joint venture partners which operate toll roads and infrastructure projects have, following the listing of HHI on the Stock Exchange in 2003, been deemed as subsidiaries of the Company for the purpose of the disclosure requirements under Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules. Accordingly, information on advances and financial assistance to such joint venture enterprises is no longer required under Rules 13.13, 13.16, 13.20 and 13.22 of the Listing Rules to be specifically disclosed in the annual report.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU GBS, KCMG, FICE Chairman

Hong Kong, 1st September, 2005

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## **Report of the Auditors**



### TO THE MEMBERS OF HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 59 to 113 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The Companies Ordinance requires the directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 141 of the Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 30th June, 2005 and of the profit and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Ordinance.

## **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong 1st September, 2005

## **Consolidated Income Statement**

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Turnover	4	653,337	678,032
Cost of sales and services		(341,939)	(349,040)
		311,398	328,992
Other operating income	6	138,208	116,764
Selling and distribution costs		(21,742)	(24,338)
Administrative expenses		(177,139)	(168,511)
Other operating expenses	7	(115,995)	(155,651)
Gain on disposal of a power station project	8	580,415	449,216
Net losses on properties and investment	9	(19,442)	-
Profit from operations	10	695,703	546,472
Gain on disposal of interests in jointly			
controlled entities and an associate	11	_	502,117
Gain on deemed disposal of interests			
in subsidiaries	12	483,847	-
Loss on cancellation of share purchase option		(70,000)	-
Finance costs	13	(233,637)	(92,182)
Share of profits of			
Jointly controlled entities	14	900,133	1,137,538
Associates		39,372	3,888
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		1,815,418	2,097,833
Income tax expense	15	(50,811)	(98,620)
Profit before minority interests		1,764,607	1,999,213
Minority interests		(310,617)	(336,802)
Net profit for the year		1,453,990	1,662,411
Dividends	16	622,534	718,718
		HK\$	HK\$
Earnings per share	17	ΠΙΧΨ	μινφ
Basic	11	1.65	1.86
Diluted		1.64	1.85

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

At 30th June, 2005

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets			
Investment properties	19	5,890,800	6,477,300
Property, plant and equipment	20	552,448	538,378
Properties for or under development	22	907,691	1,125,532
Interests in jointly controlled entities	23	8,174,395	7,725,147
Interests in associates	24	19,426	14,164
Other investment project	25	_	-
Investments in securities	26	731,942	22,114
Long-term receivables	27	146,780	17,550
Pledged deposits	41(b)	95,266	94,263
		16,518,748	16,014,448
Current Assets			
Inventories	28	8,871	9,333
Properties for sale	29	3,762	99,332
Investments in securities – current portion	26	1,046,195	737,591
Trade and other receivables	30	954,607	522,057
Deposits and prepayments		24,984	34,655
Loans to jointly controlled entities	23	12,878	10,870
Defeasance deposits	34(a)	1,587,990	-
Bank balances and cash		1,029,933	2,551,430
		4,669,220	3,965,268
Total Assets		21,187,968	19,979,716

## Consolidated Balance Sheet (continued)

At 30th June, 2005

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	32	2,210,205	2,244,925
Share premium and reserves	33	12,655,302	14,065,446
		14,865,507	16,310,371
Minority Interests		2,418,947	2,468,602
Non-current Liabilities			
Bank and other borrowings	34	1,000,000	55,000
Amounts due to associates	36	11,657	12,038
Warranty provisions	41(a)	164,059	164,059
Deferred tax liabilities	37	54,657	64,815
		1,230,373	295,912
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	31	756,756	759,622
Rental and other deposits		78,304	95,258
Tax liabilities		130,682	49,951
Bank and other borrowings – current portion	34	1,707,399	-
		2,673,141	904,831
Total Liabilities		3,903,514	1,200,743
Total Equity and Liabilities		21,187,968	19,979,716

**Josiah Chin Lai KWOK** Deputy Managing Director **Thomas Jefferson WU** Deputy Managing Director

# **Company Balance Sheet**

At 30th June, 2005

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets Interests in subsidiaries Interests in associates Investments in securities	21 24 26	12,774,140 401 3,000	13,424,338 401 3,000
		12,777,541	13,427,739
Current Assets Trade and other receivables Deposits and prepayments Bank balances and cash		337 933 186,959	428 622 355,414
		188,229	356,464
Total Assets		12,965,770	13,784,203
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
<b>Capital and Reserves</b> Share capital Share premium and reserves	32 33	2,210,205 10,543,353	2,244,925 11,388,780
		12,753,558	13,633,705
Non-current Liabilities Amounts due to subsidiaries Amounts due to associates	35 36	95,098 5,278	110,225 12,038
		100,376	122,263
Current Liabilities Trade and other payables Tax liabilities		21,542 90,294	21,825 6,410
		111,836	28,235
Total Liabilities		212,212	150,498
Total Equity and Liabilities		12,965,770	13,784,203

**Josiah Chin Lai KWOK** Deputy Managing Director **Thomas Jefferson WU** Deputy Managing Director

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	<b>Total equity</b> HK\$'000
At 1st July, 2003	13,653,157
Increase on revaluation of investment properties	214,877
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements	
of subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates	10,266
Share of reserves of jointly controlled entities and associates	(25,380)
Net gain not recognised in the consolidated income statement	199,763
Net profit for the year	1,453,990
Dividends paid	(511,580)
Issue of new shares	70,177
At 30th June, 2004	14,865,507
Increase on revaluation of investment properties	298,728
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements	
of subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates	1,485
Share of reserves of jointly controlled entities and associates	18,044
Net gain not recognised in the consolidated income statement	318,257
Net profit for the year	1,662,411
Dividends paid	(646,120)
Issue of new shares	127,389
Repurchase of shares	(19,912)
Exchange translation reserve realised on disposal of interests	
in jointly controlled entities	2,839
At 30th June, 2005	16,310,371

## **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit from operations	695,703	546,472
Adjustments for:		
Interest from		
Jointly controlled entities	(40,297)	(43,653)
Defeasance and other bank deposits, loans		
and receivables	(79,834)	(82,694)
Interest on held-to-maturity debt securities	(71,259)	(65,320)
Amortisation of premium on acquisition		
of held-to-maturity debt securities	48,087	40,826
Loss on disposal of held-to-maturity debt securities	_	751
Exchange losses on held-to-maturity		
debt securities, net	_	5,599
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	14,544	15,686
Amortisation of cost of investments in jointly		
controlled entities	102,638	100,813
Gain on disposal of a power station project	(580,415)	(449,216)
Gain on disposal of other property, plant		
and equipment	(2,270)	(812)
Net losses on properties and investment	19,442	-
Operating cash flows before movements		
in working capital	106,339	68,452
Increase in inventories	(283)	(462)
Decrease in trade and other receivables, and deposits	(200)	(102)
and prepayments	31,868	19,944
Increase in trade and other payables, and rental	51,000	10,011
and other deposits	18,704	40,235
Decrease in amounts due from customers	10,701	10,200
for contract work	323	_
Decrease in amounts due to customers	020	
for contract work	(14,423)	_
	(11)120)	
Cash generated from operations	142,528	128,169
Tax paid		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	(70,138)	(91,258)
Taxation elsewhere	(4,024)	(6,482)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	68,366	30,429

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (continued)

	Note	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest received Dividends received Additions to investment properties Additions to property, plant and equipment Interests in associates		$89,971 \\ 489,556 \\ (20,523) \\ (41,234) \\ (39)$	297,684 857,378 (271,576) (21,598)
(Repayment to) advances from associates Investments in and loans to jointly controlled entities Repayments of loans by jointly controlled entities Decrease in other investments Repayment from other investment projects		(6,129) (151,780) 187,470 18,055 413	6,934 (64,090) 646,991 –
Acquisition of held-to-maturity debt securities Proceeds on redemption and disposal of held-to-maturity debt securities		(2,091,378) 243,828	(301,120) 1,277,476
Cash paid for cancellation of share purchase option Additions to properties for or under development Net proceeds received on disposal of		(70,000) (94,538)	(229,094)
Power station project Other property, plant and equipment Interest in an associate Interest in jointly controlled entities		1,389,028 3,105 –	672,464 864 6,484 518,376
Payment of project development expenditure and contractors' deposits Deposits on power station project refunded Decrease in long-term receivables Decrease in defeasance deposits		(363,089) 143,400 32,540 149,160	- 92,079 1,587,990
Disposal of subsidiaries	38	7,572	-
NET CASH (USED IN) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(84,612)	5,077,242
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Interest paid Loan arrangement fees and bank charges paid Dividends paid to		(166,653) (24,055)	(88,061) (21,122)
Shareholders Minority shareholders of subsidiaries Distributions to minority shareholders Capital contribution from minority shareholders Net proceeds from issue of shares by		(511,580) (88,670) (231,960) 2,561	(646,120) (181,903) (137,828) –
The Company A listed subsidiary Repurchase of shares		70,177 2,889,211 -	127,389 34,252 (19,912)
New bank and other loans Repayment of bank and other loans Redemption of notes		1,100,000 (2,685,115) -	55,000 (1,233,555) (1,474,201)
NET CASH FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		353,916	(3,586,061)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		337,670	1,521,610
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES		694,604 (2,341)	1,029,933 (113)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR, representing bank balances and cash		1,029,933	2,551,430

For the year ended 30th June, 2005

### 1. **GENERAL**

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in Hong Kong and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange").

The Group is principally engaged in investment in infrastructure projects, property development and investment, property agency and management, hotel investment and management, restaurant operations and food catering.

# 2. POTENTIAL IMPACT ARISING FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In 2004, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") issued a number of new or revised Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "new HKFRSs") which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2005 except for HKFRS 3 "Business Combinations". The Group has not early adopted these new HKFRSs in the financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2005. HKFRS 3 is applicable to business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1st January, 2005. HKFRS 3 did not have any impact on the Group's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2005.

The Group has commenced considering the potential impact of the new HKFRSs and has so far concluded that the adoption of HKAS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment", HKAS 17 "Leases", HKAS 28 "Investments in Associates", HKAS 31 "Interests in Joint Ventures", HKAS 40 "Investment Property" and HKFRS 2 "Share-based Payment" will have the following effects:

#### **Hotel property**

The hotel building and integral plant and equipment will be stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment, if any. The underlying leasehold land on which the hotel is situated will be stated at cost and amortised over the lease term.

#### **Investments in associates**

When the financial statements of an associate are prepared as of a different reporting date from that of the Group, the difference between the reporting date of the associate and that of the Group shall be no more than three months. The effects of significant transactions occurring between the two dates must be adjusted for equity accounting purpose in the preparation of the Group's financial statements.

#### Interests in jointly controlled entities

HKAS 31 "Interests in Joint Ventures" permits entities to use either the equity method of accounting or proportionate consolidation to account for its interests in jointly controlled entities.

#### **Investment property**

The Group's investment properties will continue to be carried at fair value. All changes in fair value of investment properties will be reported in the income statement.

#### For the year ended 30th June, 2005

# 2. POTENTIAL IMPACT ARISING FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (continued)

#### **Share-based payments**

Equity-settled share-based payments in relation to share options granted to employees are measured at fair value at the date of grant.

In accordance with the transitional provisions of HKFRS 2, this standard does not apply to share options granted on or before 7th November, 2002. However, for share options granted after 7th November, 2002 and vested on or after 1st January, 2005, such share options would be accounted for retrospectively in accordance with HKFRS 2.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the potential impact of the other new HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to determine the impact of these new HKFRSs on the results of operations and financial position of the Group. These new HKFRSs may result in changes in the future as to how the results and financial position of the Group are prepared and presented.

#### 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of investment properties and investments in securities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 30th June each year.

The results of the subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group have been eliminated on consolidation.

#### Goodwill/negative goodwill

Goodwill/negative goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess/shortfall of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary, a jointly controlled entity or an associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a jointly controlled entity or an associate is included within the carrying amount of the jointly controlled entity or associate.

Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions is presented as a deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 30th June, 2005

### 3. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

#### Goodwill/negative goodwill (continued)

To the extent that the negative goodwill is attributable to losses or expenses anticipated at the date of acquisition, it is released to income in the year in which those losses or expenses arise. The remaining negative goodwill is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the remaining average useful life of the identifiable acquired depreciable assets. To the extent that such negative goodwill exceeds the aggregate fair value of the acquired identifiable non-monetary assets, it is recognised in income immediately.

Negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet as a deduction from assets. Negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of a jointly controlled entity or an associate is deducted from the carrying amount of that jointly controlled entity or associate.

#### **Subsidiaries**

In the Company's balance sheet, investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any identified impairment losses.

#### Jointly controlled entities

A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby the Group and other parties undertake an economic activity which is subject to joint control and over which none of the participating parties has unilateral control. Joint venture arrangements which involve the establishment of a separate entity in which each venturer has an interest are referred to as jointly controlled entities.

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its jointly controlled entities for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in jointly controlled entities are stated at cost less amortisation and any identified impairment losses plus the Group's attributable share of the undistributed post-acquisition reserves of the jointly controlled entities. The cost of investments in jointly controlled entities comprises capital contributed, development expenditure incurred by the Group, financial expenses capitalised less interest income on advances to jointly controlled entities deferred to the extent of the Group's interest therein during the development stage of the projects undertaken by the jointly controlled entities.

The cost of investments, to the extent not borne by the jointly controlled entities, is amortised over the joint venture period on the same basis as that adopted by the relevant jointly controlled entity in respect of depreciation of its project cost, commencing from the date of operation of the project undertaken.

When the Group transacts with its jointly controlled entities, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the relevant jointly controlled entity, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

#### Associates

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associates calculated based on their financial statements made up to a date not more than six months before the balance sheet date. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in associates are stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### For the year ended 30th June, 2005

#### 3. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

#### Associates (continued)

When the Group transacts with its associates, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the relevant associates, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

In the Company's balance sheet, investments in associates are stated at cost less any identified impairment losses.

#### **Other investment project**

Development expenditure incurred under the terms of a concession agreement for the investment in a transport infrastructure project during its development stage is carried at cost less any identified impairment losses. Development expenditure includes construction costs, other incidental costs incurred and attributable borrowing costs.

#### **Investments in securities**

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at cost.

At subsequent reporting dates, held-to-maturity debt securities that the Group has the expressed intention and ability to hold to maturity are measured at amortised cost, less any impairment loss recognised to reflect irrecoverable amounts. The annual amortisation of any discount or premium on the acquisition of a held-to-maturity security is aggregated with other investment income receivable over the term of the instrument so that the revenue recognised in each period represents a constant yield on the investment.

Investment securities, which are securities held for an identified long term purpose, are measured at reporting dates at cost less any identified impairment losses.

#### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length.

Investment properties are stated at their open market value based on independent professional valuations at the balance sheet date. Any revaluation increase or decrease arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance on this reserve is insufficient to cover a revaluation decrease, in which case the excess of the revaluation decrease over the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a decrease has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation increase subsequently arises, this increase is credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged.

On disposal of an investment property, the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve attributable to that property is transferred to the income statement.

No depreciation is provided on investment properties except where the unexpired term of the relevant lease is 20 years or less.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less, where appropriate, depreciation and any identified impairment losses. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

It is the Group's practice to maintain its hotel property in a continual state of sound repairs and maintenance and to make improvements from time to time, accordingly the directors consider that depreciation is not necessary as the property maintains a residual value at least equal to its carrying amount. Repairs and maintenance expenditure is charged to the income statement when incurred.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of other property, plant and equipment in use over their estimated useful lives from the date on which they become fully operational and after taking into account their estimated residual value, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

Category of assets	Estimated useful lives
Leasehold land	Over the term of the lease
Buildings	50 years or the remaining term of the land lease, whichever is shorter
Other assets	3 to 10 years

#### **Development properties**

Properties held for or under development are stated at cost less any identified impairment losses. The cost of properties comprises land cost, development expenditure, other attributable expenses and, where appropriate, borrowing costs capitalised.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out method.

#### **Properties for sale**

Properties for sale are stated at the lower of cost, comprising land and development costs, and net realisable value.

#### Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount under another accounting standard, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease under that accounting standard.

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## 3. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

#### Impairment (continued)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount under another accounting standard, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase under that accounting standard.

#### **Operating leases**

Operating leases are leases whereby substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets remain with the lessors. Rentals payable (receivable) under operating leases are charged (credited) to the income statement on a straight line basis over the terms of the respective leases.

#### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in such currencies are re-translated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Profits and losses arising on exchange are included in the net profit or loss for the period.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's operations outside Hong Kong are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's exchange translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised as income or as expenses in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

#### **Taxation**

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences, and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill (or negative goodwill) or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

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### 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax asset is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

#### Notes payable

Unsecured notes payable are separately disclosed and regarded as liabilities. The note issue expenses, which represent the discount on issue of notes and expenses incurred directly in connection with the issue, are deferred and amortised over the period of the notes so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the carrying amount of the notes.

If any of the notes outstanding are repurchased by the Group prior to their maturity date, any gain or loss, representing the difference between the purchase price and the principal amount of the notes repurchased together with the related unamortised note issue expenses and outstanding interest thereon, is dealt with in the income statement. The Group's liability in respect of notes payable is presented net of the principal amount of notes repurchased.

#### **Capitalisation of borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

#### **Retirement benefit costs**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as expenses when they fall due.

#### **Revenue recognition**

#### Lease of properties

Rental income in respect of properties under operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the respective lease term.

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## 3. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

#### Revenue recognition (continued)

#### Property agency and management

Revenue from the provision of property agency and management services is recognised when the relevant services are provided.

#### Hotel investment and management

Revenue from hotel investment and management is recognised when the relevant services are provided.

#### Restaurant operations and food catering

Revenue from restaurant operations and food catering services is recognised when goods are delivered and services are provided.

#### Interest income

Interests from bank deposits, advances to jointly controlled entities undertaking infrastructure project investments, loans and other receivables are recognised on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

#### Dividend income

Dividends from investments are recognised when the Group's rights to receive payment have been established.

#### Sales of investments

Proceeds from sales of investments are recognised when the relevant sale contract becomes unconditional.

## 4. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises income from infrastructure project investments, property letting, agency and management, hotel investment and management, restaurant operations and food catering, and is analysed as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments	50,370	52,473
Property letting, agency and management	291,385	289,696
Hotel investment and management	151,899	179,491
Restaurant operations and food catering	124,089	151,488
Other operations	35,594	4,884
	653,337	678,032

*Note:* The turnover from infrastructure project investments shown above includes interest from jointly controlled entities of approximately HK\$44 million (2004: HK\$40 million).

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## 5. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

#### **Business segments**

The businesses based upon which the Group reports its primary segment information are as follows:

Infrastructure project investments	-	investments in roads and highway projects
Property investment	-	property letting, agency and management
Property development	_	development of properties
Hotel investment	_	hotel ownership and management
Restaurants and catering	_	restaurant operations and food catering

Segment information about these businesses is presented below.

#### Segment turnover

Year ended 30th June

	2004			2005		
		Inter-		Inter-		
	External	segment	Combined	External	segment	Combined
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments	50,370	_	50,370	52,473	_	52,473
Property investment	291,385	21,864	313,249	289,696	23,328	313,024
Hotel investment	151,899	264	152,163	179,491	175	179,666
Restaurants and catering	124,089	545	124,634	151,488	-	151,488
Other operations	35,594	3,365	38,959	4,884	300	5,184
Eliminations	-	(26,038)	(26,038)	-	(23,803)	(23,803)
Total turnover	653,337	_	653,337	678,032	_	678,032

Inter-segment revenue was charged at prices determined by management with reference to market prices.

#### Segment results

Year ended 30th June

	2004				2	005		
	Company and subsidiaries HK\$'000	Jointly controlled entities HK\$'000	Associates HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Company and subsidiaries HK\$'000	Jointly controlled entities HK\$'000	Associates HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments	(92,235)	891,660	-	799,425	(84,171)	1,052,339	-	968,168
Property investment	169,640	(317)	3,235	172,558	167,555	-	3,234	170,789
Property development	(28,702)	8,618	-	(20,084)	(24,930)	85,199	-	60,269
Hotel investment								
Operations	38,841	172	35,512	74,525	51,622	-	-	51,622
Gain on disposal of hotel								
property under development	16,388	-	-	16,388	-	-	-	-
Restaurants and catering	1,052	-	-	1,052	7,019	-	-	7,019
Other operations	(8,305)	-	625	(7,680)	(32,104)	-	654	(31,450)
Results from operations	96,679	900,133	39,372	1,036,184	84,991	1,137,538	3,888	1,226,417

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## 5. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued)

Business segments (continued) Segment results (continued) Year ended 30th June

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Segment results		
Company and subsidiaries		
Results from operations	96,679	84,991
Gain on disposal of a power station project	580,415	449,216
Impairment losses on interest in an associate recognised	(11,386)	-
	665,708	534,207
Interest and other income	105,920	107,188
Exchange losses	(4,862)	(9,703)
Unallocated corporate and other expenses	(71,063)	(85,220)
Profit from operations	695,703	546,472
Gain on disposal of interests in	,	, -
Jointly controlled entities (note 11)	_	495,633
An associate	_	6,484
Gain on deemed disposal of interests in subsidiaries	483,847	-
Loss on cancellation of share purchase option	(70,000)	-
Finance costs	(233,637)	(92,182)
Share of profits of		
Jointly controlled entities	900,133	1,137,538
Associates	39,372	3,888
Profit before taxation	1,815,418	2,097,833
Income tax expense	(50,811)	(98,620)
Profit before minority interests	1,764,607	1,999,213
Minority interests	(310,617)	(336,802)
Net profit for the year	1,453,990	1,662,411

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## 5. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS** (continued)

**Business segments** (continued) Assets and Liabilities At 30th June, 2005

	Segment assets HK\$'000	Interests in jointly controlled entities HK\$'000	( Interests in associates HK\$'000	Consolidated total assets HK\$'000	C Segment liabilities HK\$'000	Consolidated total liabilities HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments Property investment Property development Hotel investment Restaurants and catering Other operations	12,081 6,500,117 1,225,071 525,186 22,539 119,100	7,256,485 - 479,532 - - -	_ 14,164 _ _ _ _	7,268,566 6,514,281 1,704,603 525,186 22,539 119,100	48,893 127,271 117,377 43,581 18,494 464,128	48,893 127,271 117,377 43,581 18,494 464,128
	8,404,094	7,736,017	14,164	16,154,275	819,744	819,744
Investments in securities Other assets/liabilities				756,078 3,069,363 19,979,716	-	

At 30th June, 2004

		Interests in jointly		Consolidated	(	Consolidated
	Segment assets HK\$'000	controlled entities HK\$'000	Interests in associates HK\$'000	total assets HK\$'000	Segment liabilities HK\$'000	total liabilities HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments	7,459	7,806,298	-	7,813,757	38,156	38,156
Property investment	5,925,151	-	15,201	5,940,352	119,341	119,341
Property development	909,590	377,176	_	1,286,766	28,250	28,250
Hotel investment	507,868	3,799	_	511,667	23,407	23,407
Restaurants and catering	21,195	-	-	21,195	11,938	11,938
Other operations	145,226	-	4,225	149,451	502,483	502,483
	7,516,489	8,187,273	19,426	15,723,188	723,575	723,575
Investments in securities				1,778,137		_
Defeasance deposits				1,587,990		_
Unsecured notes payable				_		1,473,844
Other assets/liabilities				2,098,653		1,706,095
				21,187,968		3,903,514

The Group's total assets less current liabilities and the Group's net current assets at 30th June, 2005 amounted to HK\$19,074,885,000 (2004: HK\$18,514,827,000) and HK\$3,060,437,000 (2004: HK\$1,996,079,000) respectively.

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## 5. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS** (continued)

Business segments (continued) Other Information

		2004			2005	
	i	Depreciation	Other	De	preciation	Other
	Capital	and	non-cash	Capital	and	non-cash
	additions	amortisation	expenses	additions a	nortisation	expenses
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Infrastructure project investments	37	102,785	_	833	101,097	-
Property investment	41,298	5,225	-	278,095*	4,488	-
Property development	347	358	-	453	915	951
Hotel investment	16,096	4,901	151	6,428	6,490	179
Restaurants and catering	1,152	1,469	117	1,980	1,357	12
Other operations	555	743	-	7	698	-

\* This amount mainly comprises of the premium paid for the modification of usage of property and the capital expenditures incurred for the Group's rental properties, including the hotel shopping arcade.

#### **Geographical segments**

The Group's property investment, hotel investment, restaurants and catering activities are mainly carried out in Hong Kong. All the infrastructure project investments are located in the Mainland China (the "PRC") and the property development activities are carried out in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau. The following table provides an analysis of the Group's turnover by geographical markets:

	Turn	Turnover			
	2004	2005			
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000			
Hong Kong	591,912	622,611			
The PRC and Macau	61,425	55,421			
	653,337	678,032			

## 5. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued)

#### Geographical segments (continued)

The following is an analysis of the carrying amounts of assets and additions to investment properties and property, plant and equipment of the Group, analysed by the geographical areas in which the assets are located:

	Ass	sets	Additic investment property and equ	properties, v, plant
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Group segment assets				
Hong Kong	7,157,344	7,932,374	61,410	289,004
The PRC	232,081	345,509	347	436
Other regions	127,064	126,211	-	-
	7,516,489	8,404,094	61,757	289,440
Other assets (Note)	13,671,479	11,575,622	-	-
	21,187,968	19,979,716	61,757	289,440

*Note:* Other assets shown above include interests in jointly controlled entities engaging in infrastructure project investments in the PRC, investments in securities and bank deposits.

## 6. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Included in other operating income are:		
Interest from		
Defeasance and other bank deposits	70,905	66,021
Loans and other receivables	8,929	16,673
Yield on held-to-maturity debt securities		
(after deducting premium on acquisition		
of HK\$40,826,000 (2004: HK\$48,087,000) amortised)	23,172	24,494
Profit on sale of listed equity securities	2,517	-

## 7. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Included in other operating expenses are:		
Amortisation of cost of investments in jointly controlled entities Charitable donations	102,638 4,495	100,813 10,386
Exchange losses	4,862	9,703

## 8. GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF A POWER STATION PROJECT

The amount represents the gain on disposal of the Tanjung Jati B Power Station in Indonesia recognised during the year. The power station was disposed of in the prior year for a cash consideration of US\$306.2 million which is payable by instalments over a period of 39 months from July, 2003. Instalments totalling US\$279.7 million (2004: US\$221 million) have so far been received and recognised as income by the Group. However, the timing and ultimate receipt of the remaining instalments of US\$26.5 million (2004: US\$85.2 million) could be materially affected by the occurrence of certain events stipulated in the loan agreements and the finance lease agreements entered into by the purchasers, including, inter alia, force majeure events which would have a material adverse effect on the construction of the plant resulting in the cancellation by the lenders of the project loan facilities granted to the purchasers. Accordingly, the outstanding instalments will only be recognised by the Group when payments are received.

## 9. NET LOSSES ON PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENT

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Impairment losses recognised		
Properties in the PRC held for development	24,444	-
Interest in an associate	11,386	-
Gain on disposal of a development property	(16,388)	-
	19,442	_

## **10. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Auditors' remuneration	4,531	3,933
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	14,544	15,686
Rentals in respect of properties under operating leases	894	891
Staff costs (including directors' emoluments)	207,124	231,868
Rental income in respect of land and buildings under		
operating leases, less outgoings of HK\$118,821,000		
(2004: HK\$111,282,000)	(171,726)	(164,558)

# 11. GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES AND AN ASSOCIATE

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Gain on disposal of interests in		
Jointly controlled entities (Note)	_	495,633
An associate	-	6,484
	-	502,117

*Note:* The disposals of the Group's entire interests in the jointly controlled entities undertaking the highway and bridge project and the National Highway 105 project in Shunde, the PRC, were completed during the year, resulting in a gain on disposal of approximately HK\$496 million recognised by the Group. The consideration for the disposal of one of the jointly controlled entities and the amount due from this entity amounted to a total of HK\$823 million, of which HK\$583 million has been received by the Group. The remaining amount due from this entity of HK\$240 million is repayable by three annual instalments commencing from 31st December, 2005. Such amount is unsecured and carries interest at bank lending rate. However, the recoverability of the outstanding unsecured amount of HK\$240 million is dependent upon the financial position of the underlying entities which is uncertain. Accordingly, in determining the gain on disposal of this jointly controlled entity, the outstanding amount is regarded as impaired.

### 12. GAIN ON DEEMED DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

The gain on deemed disposal of interests in subsidiaries of the prior year arose from the listing of the shares in Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited ("HHI"), a subsidiary undertaking investments in highway projects in the PRC, on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the issuance of new shares by HHI to public investors, resulting in a reduction of the Company's interest in HHI from 100% to 75%.

## **13. FINANCE COSTS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Interests on:		
Bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable		
within five years	20,531	14,647
Notes wholly payable within five years	145,227	18,197
Other interest expense (note 23(c))	37,847	37,860
Total interest	203,605	70,704
Note issue expenses amortised	6,199	356
Loan arrangement fees and bank charges	23,833	21,122
	233,637	92,182

## 14. SHARE OF PROFITS OF JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Included in the share of profits of jointly controlled entities is profit from disposal of development property by a jointly controlled entity amounted to HK\$83 million (2004: Nil).

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## **15. INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Current year	8,987	8,633
Overprovision in respect of prior years	(16,612)	-
	(7,625)	8,633
Taxation elsewhere Current year	2,106	8,306
	(5,519)	16,939
Deferred tax (note 37)	8,574	10,158
Tax attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries	3,055	27,097
Jointly controlled entities		
Taxation elsewhere	_	42,253
Deferred taxation	38,255	28,602
	38,255	70,855
Associates		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	515	554
Taxation elsewhere	8,986	114
	9,501	668
	50,811	98,620

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2004: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere are calculated at the tax rates prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Details of deferred taxation are set out in note 37.

## **15. INCOME TAX EXPENSE** (continued)

The income tax expense can be reconciled to the profit from ordinary activities before taxation per the income statement as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	1,815,418	2,097,833
Tax at the domestic income tax rate of 17.5% (2004: 17.5%)	317,698	367,121
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	88,113	52,331
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes	(117,220)	(109,066)
Overprovision in respect of prior years	(16,612)	-
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	5,359	6,535
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses not previously recognised	(16,887)	(19,787)
Tax effect of utilisation of deductible temporary differences not previously recognised	(101,573)	(78,613)
Tax effect of share of results of jointly controlled entities and associates	(116,657)	(128,227)
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in		
other jurisdictions	(110)	730
Others	8,700	7,596
Income tax expense	50,811	98,620

## **16. DIVIDENDS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Dividends paid		
Interim: HK12 cents (2004: HK10 cents) per share	88,408	107,768
Special interim: HK30 cents (2004: HK30 cents) per share	265,225	269,421
Final dividend on shares issued subsequent to approval		
of financial statements	270	300
Dividend proposed		
Final: HK38 cents (2004: HK30 cents) per share	268,631	341,229
	622,534	718,718

The final dividend of HK38 cents per share has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in general meeting.

The proposed final dividend is calculated based on the number of shares in issue at the date of approval of these financial statements.

## **17. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:		
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share Net profit for the year Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares of HHI (note 32) Adjustment to the Group's results arising from a dilution of HHI's earnings attributable to warrants	1,453,990	1,662,411
and share options issued	(2,046)	(4,109)
Earnings for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	1,451,944	1,658,302
	Number of shares	Number of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	879,187,585	895,900,603
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares Share options	5,667,337	1,364,784
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	884,854,922	897,265,387

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## **18. EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS AND HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES**

#### (a) Directors' emoluments

The emoluments paid or payable to the Company's directors are as follows:

	Year ended 30th June, 2005				
		Basic salaries,	Contributions		
		allowances	Performance	to provident	
	<b>Directors'</b>	and benefits-	related	fund	
	fees	in-kind	bonus	schemes	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Sir Gordon Ying Sheung Wu	600	4,500	-	-	5,100
Mr. Eddie Ping Chang Ho	500	3,600	-	-	4,100
Mr. Josiah Chin Lai Kwok	200	3,000	-	12	3,212
Mr. Thomas Jefferson Wu	400	3,354	-	24	3,778
Mr. Henry Hin Moh Lee	200	1,000	-	-	1,200
Mr. Robert Van Jin Nien	200	1,430	-	12	1,642
Mr. Guy Man Guy Wu	200	-	-	-	200
Lady Ivy Sau Ping Kwok Wu	200	-	-	-	200
Ms. Linda Lai Chuen Loke	200	-	-	-	200
Mr. Albert Kam Yin Yeung	200	1,638	126	12	1,976
Mr. Colin Henry Weir	200	2,096	-	12	2,308
Mr. David Yau-gay Lui	200	-	-	-	200
Mr. Carmelo Ka Sze Lee	200	-	-	-	200
Mr. Andy Lee Ming Cheung	200	1,573	121	12	1,906
Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen Ho Junior	200	819	63	12	1,094
Mr. Lee Yick Nam	363	-	-	-	363
	4,263	23,010	310	96	27,679

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## 18. EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS AND HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES (continued)

### (a) **Directors' emoluments** (continued)

	Year ended 30th June, 2004					
		Basic salaries, allowances	Contributions Performance to provident			
	Directors'	and benefits-	related	fund		
	fees HK\$'000	in-kind HK\$'000	bonus HK\$'000	schemes HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	
Sir Gordon Ying Sheung Wu	330	4,250	-	_	4,580	
Mr. Eddie Ping Chang Ho	130	3,400	-	-	3,530	
Mr. Josiah Chin Lai Kwok	30	3,000	-	12	3,042	
Mr. Thomas Jefferson Wu	130	3,136	-	23	3,289	
Mr. Henry Hin Moh Lee	30	1,000	-	_	1,030	
Mr. Robert Van Jin Nien	30	1,430	-	12	1,472	
Mr. Guy Man Guy Wu	30	_	-	_	30	
Lady Ivy Sau Ping Kwok Wu	30	_	-	_	30	
Ms. Linda Lai Chuen Loke	30	_	-	_	30	
Mr. Albert Kam Yin Yeung	30	1,602	-	12	1,644	
Mr. Colin Henry Weir	30	2,062	-	12	2,104	
Mr. David Yau-gay Lui	30	_	-	_	30	
Mr. Carmelo Ka Sze Lee	30	_	-	_	30	
Mr. Andy Lee Ming Cheung	29	1,499	1,000	11	2,539	
Mr. Eddie Wing Chuen Ho Junior	27	746	-	11	784	
Mr. Lawrence Sai Kit Miao	9	-	-	-	9	
Mr. Chi Hung Chan	2	_	-	-	2	
	957	22,125	1,000	93	24,175	

Other than fees of HK\$763,000 (2004: HK\$99,000) paid or payable to the independent nonexecutive directors which have been included above, no remuneration was paid or is payable to such directors.

#### (b) Highest paid employees' emoluments

The five individuals in the Group with the highest emoluments are the directors of the Company and details of their emoluments have been disclosed above.

## **19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

	The Group		
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	
Investment properties at valuation			
At beginning of the year	5,655,400	5,890,800	
Additions during the year	20,523	274,080	
Reclassified from property, plant and equipment	-	13,692	
Revaluation increase	214,877	298,728	
At end of the year	5,890,800	6,477,300	

The net book value of the Group's investment properties comprises:

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Land and buildings in Hong Kong on Long leases Medium-term leases	2,980,000 2,910,800	3,255,000 3,222,300
	5,890,800	6,477,300

The Group's investment properties were revalued on an open market value basis by FPDSavills (Hong Kong) Limited, an independent firm of professional property valuers. The increase in value of HK\$298,728,000 (2004: HK\$214,877,000) arising on revaluation has been dealt with in the investment property revaluation reserve (note 33).

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## 20. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and buildings in Hong Kong on medium-term leases			
	Hotel property HK\$'000	<b>Other</b> <b>properties</b> HK\$'000	Other assets HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
THE GROUP				
COST				
At 1st July, 2004	474,872	29,012	292,871	796,755
Additions	-	-	15,360	15,360
Reclassified to investment properties	-	-	(13,692)	(13,692)
Disposals	-	_	(11,872)	(11,872)
At 30th June, 2005	474,872	29,012	282,667	786,551
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st July, 2004	_	9,004	235,303	244,307
Provided for the year	_	556	15,130	15,686
Eliminated on disposals	-	_	(11,820)	(11,820)
At 30th June, 2005	_	9,560	238,613	248,173
NET BOOK VALUES				
At 30th June, 2004	474,872	20,008	57,568	552,448
At 30th June, 2005	474,872	19,452	44,054	538,378

## **21. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

	The Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Unlisted shares		
At cost less impairment	26,252	24,568
At directors' 1972 valuation less amounts written off	3,245	3,245
	29,497	27,813
Amounts due from subsidiaries less allowances	12,744,643	13,396,525
	12,774,140	13,424,338

The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed repayment terms.

Details of the principal subsidiaries are set out in note 43.

## 22. PROPERTIES FOR OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	The Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
COST		
At beginning of the year	1,308,336	932,135
Additions	71,994	313,411
Disposals	(448,195)	-
Reclassified to properties for sale		
under current assets (note 29)	_	(95,570)
At end of the year	932,135	1,149,976
IMPAIRMENT		
At beginning of the year	290,000	24,444
Provided for the year	24,444	-
Eliminated on disposals	(290,000)	-
At end of the year	24,444	24,444
NET BOOK VALUE	907,691	1,125,532

Included in the cost of properties for or under development is net interest capitalised totalling HK\$55.4 million (2004: HK\$55.4 million).

## 23. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	The Group	
	2004	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Road and property projects in the PRC		
Unlisted investments, at cost	5,526,819	5,411,604
Share of post acquisition reserves	970,781	1,505,102
Loans to jointly controlled entities	1,652,723	782,225
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(344,025)	(442,446)
	7,806,298	7,256,485
Property development project in Macau		
Unlisted investment, at cost	4,850	4,850
Share of post acquisition reserves	(39,736)	47,104
Loan to the jointly controlled entity	412,062	427,578
	377,176	479,532
Other unlisted investments	3,799	_
	8,187,273	7,736,017
Less: Loans due within one year included in current assets	(12,878)	(10,870)
	8,174,395	7,725,147

#### Notes:

Details of the principal jointly controlled entities at the balance sheet date are as follows:

#### (a) Phase I of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway ("GS Superhighway")

The GS Superhighway is undertaken by Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway Company Limited ("GS Superhighway JV"), a joint venture company established in the PRC. The operation period is 30 years from the GS Superhighway's official opening date. The Group's entitlement to the profit of the toll operations of the GS Superhighway is 50% for the initial ten years, 48% for the next ten years and 45% for the last ten years of the operation period. The Group is also entitled to a share of 80% of the rentals and other income, after deduction of operating and financial expenses, arising from the development of commercial centres and shop spaces along and underneath the GS Superhighway for a period of 30 years commencing on the date of completion of the GS Superhighway. At the end of the operation period, all the immovable assets and facilities of GS Superhighway JV will revert to the PRC partner without compensation.

GS Superhighway JV has also been granted the rights to develop parcels of land within certain interchanges of the GS Superhighway for sale or rental with certain land premium to be waived. Detailed terms of such grant have yet to be finalised.

The registered capital contributed and advances made to GS Superhighway JV by the Group totalling approximately HK\$811 million (2004: HK\$770 million) are unsecured, carry interest at commercial lending rates and are repayable out of the net cash surplus from the operations of GS Superhighway JV. The GS Superhighway was officially opened in July 1997.

## 23. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES (continued)

(a) Phase I of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway ("GS Superhighway") (continued) Financial information regarding GS Superhighway JV is set out below:

	Year ended 30th June,		
Operating results	2004 <i>RMB'000</i>	2005 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Toll revenue, net of business tax	2,399,639	2,825,666	
Depreciation	283,785	326,411	
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	1,671,465	2,021,304	
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation			
attributable to the Group	835,732	1,010,652	
	At 30th June,		
	2004	2005	
Assets and liabilities	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Non-current assets			
Toll roads and other assets	11,381,192	11,167,329	
Non-current liabilities			
Loans from joint venture partners	(135,022)	(177,948)	
Bank borrowings	(7,723,741)	(7,306,040)	
Other long-term liabilities	(203,466)	(203,466)	
Registered capital contributed by a joint			
venture partner	(745,223)	(745,223)	
Current assets	739,503	779,572	
Current liabilities	(1,258,507)	(1,239,760)	

(b) Phases II and III of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Superhighway ("Western Delta Route") The Western Delta Route, comprising a major transportation route in western Pearl River Delta to be developed in three phases, is undertaken by Guangdong Guangzhou-Zhuhai West Superhighway Company Limited ("West Route JV"), a joint venture company established in the PRC. The co-operation period of phase I of the project ("Phase I West") is 30 years commencing from 17th September, 2003. The Group is entitled to 50% of the profits from the operation of West Route JV arising from Phase I West. At the end of the co-operation period, all the immovable assets and facilities in relation to Phase I West will revert to the PRC government without compensation. Phase I West was opened in April, 2004.

During the year, the Group entered into agreements for the development of Phase II of the Western Delta Route ("Phase II West") to be undertaken by West Route JV. The co-operation period of Phase II West shall be 30 years commencing on the date on which the new business licence of West Route JV is issued. During the co-operation period, the Group is entitled to 50% of the profits from operation of West Route JV arising from Phase II West. At the end of the co-operation period, all the immovable assets and facilities in relation to Phase II West will revert to the PRC government without compensation. The aforementioned agreements are subject to approval by the relevant PRC government authorities.

Detailed terms for development of Phase III of the project have yet to be finalised.

#### 23. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES (continued)

#### (c) Ring Road project in Guangzhou

The construction, operation and management of the Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road are undertaken by Guangzhou E-S-W Ring Road Company Limited ("Ring Road JV"), a joint venture company established in the PRC for this purpose. The operation period is 30 years commencing from January 2002.

The Group is entitled to 45% of the net cash surplus of Ring Road JV for the initial ten years of the operation period and thereafter the Group's net cash entitlement will be reduced to 37.5% for the subsequent ten years and 32.5% for the remaining ten years of the operation period. At the end of the operation period, all the immovable assets and facilities of Ring Road JV will revert to the PRC joint venture partner without compensation. The Guangzhou East-South-West Ring Road was officially opened in January 2002.

The advances made to Ring Road JV by the Group totalling approximately HK\$631 million (2004: HK\$753 million) are unsecured and interest free and are repayable out of the net cash surplus from the operations of Ring Road JV.

Ring Road JV has in the past raised bank loans to finance the development of its road project. The interests of such bank loans were reimbursed by the Hong Kong joint venture partners in accordance with their proportionate interest in the joint venture. During the year, interest reimbursed by the Group to Ring Road JV under such arrangement amounted to approximately HK\$38 million (2004: HK\$38 million).

#### (d) Property development project in Macau

The investment represents the Group's 50% interest in Nova Taipa-Urbanizacoes Limitada ("Nova Taipa"), a company incorporated and operating in Macau engaging principally in property development. The advances made to Nova Taipa by the Group are unsecured with no fixed repayment terms. Such amount to the extent of approximately HK\$428 million (2004: HK\$412 million) carries interest at 6% per annum with the remaining balance interest free.

## 24. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	The Group	
	2004	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Share of net assets	18,946	14,164
Amounts due from associates	480	-
	19,426	14,164
	The Company	
	2004	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Unlisted shares and investments, at cost	401	401

The amounts due from associates are unsecured and interest free with no fixed repayment terms.

Details of the principal associate are set out in note 44.

## **25. OTHER INVESTMENT PROJECT**

A subsidiary, Hopewell (Thailand) Limited ("HTL"), entered into a concession agreement with The Ministry of Transport and Communications of Thailand ("MOTC") and The State Railway of Thailand ("SRT") for the construction and operation of an elevated road and train system within the Bangkok Metropolitan area known as the Bangkok Elevated Road and Train System ("BERTS") and for the development of commercial and residential properties along the concession area. The Group has received notices of termination of the concession agreement from MOTC and SRT which has been disputed by HTL. Details of the disputes are set out in note 41(b).

Full provision had been made by the Group against the cost of development incurred for the BERTS project in prior years amounted to HK\$5,313 million (2004: HK\$5,313 million).

	The Group		The Co	The Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	
Held-to-maturity debt securities					
listed overseas (Note)	1,757,592	737,591	_	-	
Investment securities					
Unlisted equity investments,					
at cost	88,776	92,403	3,000	3,000	
Less: Impairment loss recognised	(68,231)	(70,289)	-	-	
	20,545	22,114	3,000	3,000	
	1,778,137	759,705	3,000	3,000	
Carrying amount analysed for reporting purposes:					
Non-current	731,942	22,114	3,000	3,000	
Current	1,046,195	737,591	_	-	
	1,778,137	759,705	3,000	3,000	

## **26. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES**

*Note:* During the year, held-to-maturity debt securities with aggregate carrying amounts of approximately HK\$1,116 million (2004: HK\$244 million) and HK\$162 million (2004: Nil) were respectively redeemed upon maturity and disposed of. The held-to-maturity debt securities carried interests ranging from 1.6% to 7.6% per annum. The market value of the held-to-maturity debt securities at the balance sheet date approximates the carrying amount of these securities.

## 27. LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES

	The Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Proceeds on disposal of a jointly controlled entity		
and property receivable	233,528	147,290
Interest on defeasance deposits receivable	139,005	-
	372,533	147,290
Less: Amounts due within one year included in trade and		
other receivables under current assets		
Proceeds on disposal of a jointly controlled entity		
and property receivable	(86,748)	(129,740)
Interest on defeasance deposits receivable	(139,005)	-
	146,780	17,550

## **28. INVENTORIES**

	The Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Hotel and restaurant inventories	8,871	9,333

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense during the year amounted to HK\$90,646,000 (2004: HK\$75,834,000).

## **29. PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

	The Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Properties		
Under development (note 22)	_	95,570
Completed	3,762	3,762
	3,762	99,332

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## **30. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Other than rentals receivable, which are payable upon presentation of invoices, the Group allows an average credit period of 15 to 60 days to its trade customers.

The following is an analysis of trade and other receivables outstanding at the balance sheet date:

	The Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Receivables aged		
0 – 30 days	13,574	16,301
31 – 60 days	3,446	4,353
Over 60 days	18,221	5,889
Interest on defeasance, bank and other deposits receivable	179,549	19,598
Proceeds on disposal of investment and property,		
plant and equipment receivable	357,179	152,586
Retentions receivable	17,238	314
Dividend from a jointly controlled entity receivable	365,400	323,016
	954,607	522,057

## **31. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The following is an analysis of trade and other payables outstanding at the balance sheet date:

	The Group		
	2004	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Payables due			
0 – 30 days	152,677	246,308	
31 – 60 days	58,822	3,348	
Over 60 days	146,784	148,215	
Retentions payable	16,395	1,943	
Development expenditure payable (Note)	382,078	359,808	
	756,756	759,622	

*Note:* The development expenditure payable mainly represents construction and plant costs incurred by subsidiaries of the Company in connection with an overseas infrastructure project, the development of which has been suspended.

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## **32. SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number	of shares	Nominal value		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	'000	<b>'000</b> '	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
The Group and the Company					
Ordinary shares of HK\$2.50 each					
Authorised	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	
Issued and fully paid					
At beginning of the year	875,982	884,082	2,189,955	2,210,205	
Issued during the year	8,100	14,955	20,250	37,388	
Repurchased during the year	-	(1,067)	_	(2,668)	
At end of the year	884,082	897,970	2,210,205	2,244,925	

During the year, the Company issued a total of 14,955,000 (2004: 8,100,000) ordinary shares of HK\$2.50 each for a total cash consideration of HK\$127,441,000 (2004: HK\$70,215,000) pursuant to the exercise of the share options granted by the Company. These shares rank pari passu in all respects with the other shares in issue.

During the year, the Company repurchased 1,067,000 ordinary shares of the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, all of which have been cancelled, as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares of	Purch	ase price	Total consideration
Month	<b>HK\$2.50 each</b> '000	<b>Highest</b> HK\$	Lowest HK\$	<b>paid</b> HK\$'000
2005				
January	717	19.10	17.75	13,209
February	250	19.60	19.55	4,903
March	100	17.95	17.95	1,800
	1,067			19,912

These repurchases were effected by the directors pursuant to the mandate from the shareholders with a view to benefiting the shareholders as a whole by the enhancement of the earnings per share of the Company.

#### **32. SHARE CAPITAL** (continued)

#### **Share option schemes**

#### (a) The Company

In 1994, the Company adopted a share option scheme ("HHL 1994 Scheme") which was effective for a period of 10 years. Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed on 21st October, 2003, a new share option scheme ("HHL 2003 Scheme") was adopted with effect from 1st November, 2003 to replace the HHL 1994 Scheme. The principal purpose of these schemes are to provide incentives to directors and eligible employees. The Board is authorised under the share option scheme adopted to grant options to executive directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and persons specified in the scheme document to subscribe for shares in the Company.

Under the HHL 1994 Scheme and HHL 2003 Scheme, options granted must be taken up within 28 days and 14 days respectively from the date of the offer letter upon the payment of HK\$1 per each grant of option, payable as consideration on acceptance, which is recognised in the income statement when received. Save as aforementioned, no credit or charge was recognised in the financial statements in respect of the value of options granted.

Upon termination of the HHL 1994 Scheme on 1st November, 2003, no further options may be granted thereunder. However, all options granted under the HHL 1994 Scheme shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this scheme.

The following table discloses details of share options which were granted by the Company at nominal consideration and movements in such holdings:

		Number of shares under options granted						
	Subscription	Outstanding		Movements du	ring the year		Outstanding	Closing prices
Date of grant	price per share HK\$			Cancelled/ lapsed	at 30th June, 2004	at the date of exercise HK\$		
Directors								
HHL 1994 Scheme								
28th March, 2002	6.15	3,000,000	-	(2,000,000)	-	-	1,000,000	9.40,
								11.95,
								15.15
1st April, 2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	N/A
2nd April, 2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	N/A
3rd April, 2002	6.15	2,500,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	2,400,000	11.75
9th September, 2003	9.55	-	14,000,000	(6,000,000)	-	-	8,000,000	15.00
		7,500,000	14,000,000	(8,100,000)	(1,000,000)	-	12,400,000	
Employees								
HHL 1994 Scheme								
2nd April, 2002	6.15	800,000	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,800,000	
		8,300,000	14,000,000	(8,100,000)	-	-	14,200,000	

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## 32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option schemes (continued)

#### (a) The Company (continued)

			Number oj	<sup>f</sup> shares under op	otions granted		
	Subscription	Outstanding	Move	Movements during the year Outstandin			<b>Closing</b> prices
Date of grant	price per share HK\$	at 1st July, 2004	Granted	Exercised	Cancelled/ lapsed	at 30th June, 2005	at the date of exercise HK\$
Directors							
HHL 1994 Scheme							
28th March, 2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	16.05
1st April, 2002	6.15	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	16.80, 17.15
3rd April, 2002	6.15	2,400,000	-	(2,400,000)	-	-	16.40, 17.15
9th September, 2003	9.55	8,000,000	-	(8,000,000)	-	-	16.40
HHL 2003 Scheme							
8th September, 2004	17.10	-	2,700,000	(755,000)	-	1,945,000	18.35, 18.45, 18.15
		12,400,000	2,700,000	(13,155,000)	-	1,945,000	
Employees							
HHL 1994 Scheme							
2nd April, 2002	6.15	1,800,000	-	(1,800,000)	-	-	16.40, 17.15
		14,200,000	2,700,000	(14,955,000)	-	1,945,000	

The dates of grant of options referred to above represent the dates on which the options were accepted by the grantees.

During the year, the Company granted options under the HHL 2003 Scheme at nominal consideration to certain directors to subscribe for a total of 2,700,000 shares in the Company.

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#### **32. SHARE CAPITAL** (continued)

#### Share option schemes (continued)

#### (a) The Company (continued)

The options granted on 9th September, 2003 are exercisable within a period of four and a half years from 9th March, 2004, the date after the expiry of 6 months from the date of grant. The share options granted during the current year are exercisable within a period of three years from the date of grant. The other options granted were exercisable in the following manner:

Maximum proportion of options exercisable including the proportion of options previously exercised	Exercisable period
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	····· <b>/</b> ·····
1/3	From the expiry of 6 months from the date of grant of option up to 18 months from the date of grant
2/3	From the expiry of 18 months from the date of grant of option up to 30 months from the date of grant
3/3	From the expiry of 30 months from the date of grant of option up to 42 months from the date of grant

Save as disclosed above, no options were granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed during either of the years presented.

#### *(b) HHI*

A share option scheme ("HHI Scheme") was adopted by HHI pursuant to the written resolutions of the shareholder of HHI passed on 16th July, 2003 and approved by the shareholders of the Company at an extraordinary general meeting held on 16th July, 2003. The HHI Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years and the principal purpose of which is to provide incentives to directors and eligible employees. The Board of HHI is authorised to grant options under the HHI Scheme to executive directors and employees of the Company, HHI or any of its subsidiaries and persons specified in the scheme document to subscribe for shares in HHI.

Options granted must be taken up within 28 days from the date of the offer letter upon payment of HK\$1 per each grant of option, payable as consideration on acceptance, which is recognised in the income statement when received.

## 32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

#### Share option schemes (continued)

#### (b) HHI (continued)

No options were granted under the HHI Scheme in the prior years. The following table discloses details of share options granted under the HHI Scheme by HHI during the year to its directors and employees, who are not directors of the Company, at nominal consideration and movements in such holdings:

	Subscription	Outstanding	Mover	nents during th	e year	Outstanding	<b>Closing prices</b>
Date of grant	price per share HK\$	at 1st July, Cance	Cancelled/ lapsed	at 30th June, 2005	at the date of exercise HK\$		
8th September, 2004	4.875	-	2,800,000	(400,000)	-	2,400,000	6.00
13th September, 2004	4.880	-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	-	4.9, 5.15, 4.8
		-	4,800,000	(2,400,000)	-	2,400,000	

The options granted during the year are exercisable during the period of three years from the dates of grant of the options.

#### **HHI Warrants**

In connection with the listing of the shares in HHI in the prior year, HHI issued warrants to the Company's shareholders which entitle the holders thereof to subscribe for shares in HHI at a subscription price of HK\$4.18 per share subject to adjustment during the three-year period commencing on 6th August, 2003.

During the year, 5,392,715 (2004: 590,046) HHI warrants carrying an aggregate subscription price of HK\$22,541,549 (2004: HK\$2,466,392) were exercised by the warrant holders resulting in the issuance of 5,392,715 (2004: 590,046) ordinary shares in HHI. A total of 81,550,875 HHI warrants remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.

## **33. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES**

	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Investment property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Exchange translation reserve HK\$'000	PRC statutory reserves (Note) HK\$'000	Dividend reserve HK\$'000	<b>Retained</b> profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
THE GROUP	0 = 00 000		00.010	1 0 1 0 0 0 0	0.400	50.404	155.055	500 501	11 (00 000
At 1st July, 2003	8,508,890	-	83,010	1,916,968	9,432	56,464	157,677	730,761	11,463,202
Final dividend for year ended									
30/6/2003 paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(157,947)	-	(157,947)
Revaluation increase	-	-	-	214,877	-	-	-	-	214,877
Issue of shares	49,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,965
Share issue expenses Exchange differences on	(38)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(38)
translation of financial									
statements of subsidiaries,									
jointly controlled entities									
and associates	-	-	-	-	10,266	-	-	-	10,266
Share of reserves of jointly									
controlled entities and associates	-	-	-	-	(25,380)	-	-	-	(25,380)
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,453,990	1,453,990
Realised on deemed disposal						(14,110)		14 110	
of interests in subsidiaries Transfers between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	(14,116)	-	14,116	-
Amounts set aside for dividend	-	-	-	-	-	15,073	-	(15,073)	-
payments (note 16)	_	_	_	_	_	_	622,534	(622,534)	_
Interim dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(353,633)	(022,001)	(353,633)
At 30th June, 2004	8,558,817	_	83,010	2,131,845	(5,682)	57,421	268,631	1,561,260	12,655,302
Final dividend for year ended 30/6/2004 paid							(268,931)		(268,931)
Revaluation increase	_	_	_	298,728	_		(200,331)		298,728
Issue of shares	90,053	_	-	200,120	_	_	_	_	90,053
Share issue expenses	(52)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(52)
Repurchase of shares	-	2,668	-	-	-	-	-	(19,912)	(17,244)
Exchange differences on									
translation of financial									
statements of subsidiaries,									
jointly controlled entities					1 405				1 405
and associates	-	-	-	-	1,485	-	-	-	1,485
Share of reserves of jointly controlled entities and associates				24,000	(5.056)				18,044
Realised on disposal of interests	-	-	-	24,000	(5,956)	-	-	-	10,044
in jointly controlled entities	-	_	-	-	2,839	_	-	_	2,839
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,662,411	1,662,411
Transfers between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	6,321	-	(6,321)	-
Amounts set aside for dividend									
payments (note 16)	-	-	-	-	-	-	718,718	(718,718)	-
Interim dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(377,189)	-	(377,189)
At 30th June, 2005	8,648,818	2,668	83,010	2,454,573	(7,314)	63,742	341,229	2,478,720	14,065,446
Included above are the Group's share o	of the post-ac	quisition reserve	es of jointly	controlled ent	ities as follows:				
At 30th June, 2004	-	-	-	-	6,532	57,421	-	535,480	599,433
At 30th June, 2005		_	_	24,000	2,561	63,742	-	1,082,538	1,172,841
Included above are the Group's share o	of the post-ac	quisition reserve	es of associa	tes as follows:					
At 30th June, 2004	-	-	-	22,975	-	-	-	2,695	25,670
At 30th June, 2005				22,975				483	23,458

*Note:* The PRC jointly controlled entities are required, under the local regulations, to provide for statutory reserves, comprising general and development funds, which are not distributable until the end of the joint venture periods.

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## 33. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES (continued)

	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	<b>Capital</b> reserve HK\$'000	<b>Dividend</b> reserve HK\$'000	<b>Retained</b> profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
THE COMPANY						
At 1st July, 2003	8,508,890	_	9,872	157,677	707,283	9,383,722
Final dividend for year						
ended 30/6/2003 paid	-	_	-	(157,947)	-	(157,947)
Issue of shares	49,965	_	-	-	-	49,965
Share issue expenses	(38)	_	-	-	-	(38)
Net profit for the year	-	_	-	-	1,621,284	1,621,284
Amounts set aside for dividend						
payments (note 16)	-	_	-	622,534	(622,534)	-
Interim dividend paid	-	-	-	(353,633)	-	(353,633)
At 30th June, 2004	8,558,817	-	9,872	268,631	1,706,033	10,543,353
Final dividend for year						
ended 30/6/2004 paid	-	-	-	(268,931)	-	(268,931)
Issue of shares	90,053	-	-	_	-	90,053
Share issue expenses	(52)	_	-	-	-	(52)
Repurchase of shares	-	2,668	-	-	(19,912)	(17,244)
Net profit for the year	-	_	-	-	1,418,790	1,418,790
Amounts set aside for dividend						
payments (note 16)	-	_	-	718,718	(718,718)	-
Interim dividend paid	-	_	-	(377,189)	-	(377,189)
At 30th June, 2005	8,648,818	2,668	9,872	341,229	2,386,193	11,388,780

The Company's total distributable reserves at 30th June, 2005 represent retained profits and dividend reserve of HK\$2,386,193,000 (2004: HK\$1,706,033,000) and HK\$341,229,000 (2004: HK\$268,631,000) respectively.

## 34. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	The G	roup
	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Unsecured notes payable (Note a)		
Principal amount	1,474,200	-
Less: Unamortised note issue expenses	(356)	-
	1,473,844	-
Unsecured bank loans repayable (Note b)		
Within one year	233,555	-
Between two and five years	1,000,000	55,000
	1,233,555	55,000
	2,707,399	55,000
Less: Portion due within one year included in		
current liabilities		
Unsecured notes payable less unamortised		
note issue expenses	(1,473,844)	-
Unsecured bank loans	(233,555)	-
	(1,707,399)	_
	1,000,000	55,000

Notes:

(a) The unsecured notes ("2004 Notes"), which were issued by a subsidiary, Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway (Holdings) Ltd., carried interest at 9.875% per annum.

A covenant defeasance had been effected by the Group by placing a sum with the trustee of the notes sufficient for the repayment of the principal on the outstanding notes together with interest payable on the notes. The 2004 Notes were fully redeemed during the year on their maturity date.

(b) The bank loans carry interest at commercial lending rates.

## **35. AMOUNTS DUE TO SUBSIDIARIES**

The amounts due to subsidiaries are unsecured and interest free without fixed repayment terms. Repayment of the amounts will not be demanded within one year from the balance sheet date, accordingly the amounts are classified as non-current.

## **36. AMOUNTS DUE TO ASSOCIATES**

The amounts due to associates are unsecured and interest free without fixed repayment terms. Repayment of the amounts will not be demanded within one year from the balance sheet date, accordingly the amounts are classified as non-current.

## **37. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES**

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities recognised by the Group and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods.

	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	<b>Others</b> HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1st July, 2003 Charge (credit) to income	77,710	(38,888)	7,261	46,083
statement	26,188	(18,369)	755	8,574
At 30th June, 2004 Charge (credit) to income	103,898	(57,257)	8,016	54,657
statement	30,590	(19,531)	(901)	10,158
At 30th June, 2005	134,488	(76,788)	7,115	64,815

The deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset for the purposes of balance sheet presentation.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had available unused tax losses and other deductible temporary differences of HK\$1,621 million (2004: HK\$1,571 million) and HK\$206 million (2004: HK\$670 million) respectively for offset against future profits. A deferred tax asset of HK\$77 million (2004: HK\$57 million) in respect of tax losses has been recognised. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining tax losses of HK\$1,180 million (2004: HK\$1,244 million) and the other deductible temporary differences of HK\$206 million (2004: HK\$670 million) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses available may be carried forward indefinitely.

In addition, the Group had potential deductible temporary differences in respect of the losses incurred on an overseas infrastructure project which has been unilaterally terminated. Since the grounds for termination are disputed, it is not practicable at this stage to quantify the amount of deductible temporary differences which have yet to be agreed with the local tax authority.

Temporary differences arising in connection with the interests in associates and jointly controlled entities are insignificant.

## **38. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Net assets disposed:		
Properties under development	158,195	_
Trade and other receivables	4,519	-
Bank balances and cash	248	-
Trade and other payables	(12,299)	-
Long-term bank and other loans	(133,881)	-
Gain on disposal of a development property (note 9)	16,782 16,388	-
	33,170	-
Sales consideration recognised	33,170	_
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:		
Cash consideration received	7,820	_
Bank balances and cash disposed of	(248)	_
	7,572	_

The subsidiaries disposed of during the year ended 30th June, 2004 did not contribute significantly to the Group's cash flows, turnover and profit from operations for the year.

## **39. PROJECT COMMITMENTS**

## (a) Road and highway projects in the PRC

Pursuant to the agreements as referred to in note 23(b) entered into with a PRC party for the investment in and the construction and operation of Phase II West, which is undertaken by West Route JV, the estimated total development cost of Phase II West is RMB4,900 million, of which RMB1,715 million is to be funded by an increase in the registered capital of West Route JV to be contributed by the Group and the PRC joint venture partner in equal shares. The outstanding registered capital of West Route JV to be contributed by the Group as at the balance sheet date amounted to approximately RMB858 million.

The total development cost for Phase III of the Western Delta Route, which will be developed by a joint venture company, is estimated to be in the region of RMB3,600 million, of which RMB1,260 million in total will be provided by the Group and the PRC joint venture partner in equal shares by way of contribution to the registered capital of the joint venture company undertaking the project. At 30th June, 2005, no contribution to the registered capital of the joint venture company had been made by the Group in this respect as the detailed terms for the development of this project have yet to be finalized.

# **39. PROJECT COMMITMENTS** (continued)

# (b) **Power station project**

The Group had entered into a co-operation agreement with a PRC enterprise for the joint development of a 2X600 MW power station in Guangdong Province of the PRC. The development cost of the project is estimated to be in the region of RMB5,300 million. The project, which is at a preliminary planning stage, is subject to approval by the relevant PRC authority and no development expenditure in this respect has been contracted for up to 30th June, 2005.

# (c) Property development

*(ii)* 

(i) **Projects undertaken by the Group** 

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Authorised but not yet contracted for Contracted but not provided for	344,147 24,140	193,166 161,428
	368,287	354,594
Project undertaken by a jointly controlled entity		
	2004	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Group's share of property development expenditure		
Authorised but not yet contracted for	235,000	312,635
Contracted but not provided for	11,555	153,578
	246,555	466,213

The Group has agreed to provide funds to finance the development of the property project of this jointly controlled entity to the extent of HK\$300 million (2004: HK\$300 million).

# (d) **Property renovation**

	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Property renovation expenditure Contracted but not provided for	3,885	40,539

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# 40. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

#### The Group as lessor

Rental income from investment properties earned during the year is approximately HK\$283 million (2004: HK\$283 million). At the balance sheet date, the investment properties of the Group with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$4,326 million (2004: HK\$4,187 million) were rented out under operating leases. These properties have committed tenants for the next one to three years without termination options granted to the tenants.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	The Group		
	2004	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	136,421	139,368	
In the second to fifth years inclusive	120,943	117,398	
	257,364	256,766	

# 41. CONTINGENCIES

#### (a) **Disposal of CEPA**

In connection with the disposal by the Group of its interests in Consolidated Electric Power Asia Limited ("CEPA") in prior years, the Group entered into an agreement with the purchaser under which the purchaser and its affiliates agreed to release and discharge the Group from all claims whatsoever they may have against the Group arising under the sale agreement. The Group has also agreed to release and discharge the purchaser and its affiliates from all claims whatsoever the Group may have against them. In this connection, the Group has agreed to give certain performance undertakings and indemnities to the purchaser and its affiliates, for which provisions totalling approximately HK\$164 million had been made in the financial statements in prior years. The provisions represent management's best estimate of the costs and expenses required to discharge the Group's obligations and liabilities under such agreement. The directors are of the opinion that the provisions are not expected to be payable within one year from the balance sheet date and accordingly, are classified as non-current.

# 41. **CONTINGENCIES** (continued)

# (b) Transport system in Thailand

The Ministry of Transport and Communications of Thailand ("MOTC") has issued termination notices to Hopewell (Thailand) Limited ("HTL") to terminate the concession agreement entered into with HTL and reserved the right to claim for any damages arising from such termination. MOTC has also issued a letter to seize all the concession payments made by HTL and the performance bond of approximately HK\$94 million (2004: HK\$95 million) issued by a bank on behalf of HTL which was secured by the pledge of the Group's bank deposits of the same amount. However, the Government party has been unable to seize the bond since grounds for termination are disputed. In 1998, MOTC confirmed the termination of the concession agreement and stated that HTL will be informed of the amount of damages in future. On the other hand, HTL contended that the concession has been confiscated or expropriated by MOTC outside the terms of the concession agreement and is claiming against MOTC for damages of the revised sum of approximately Baht 60 billion arising from the termination of the concession agreement and demanded MOTC to release the aforesaid performance bond. During the year, HTL has commenced arbitration proceedings, however, the directors consider it impracticable at this stage to assess the outcome of the actions taken.

#### (c) Other project

During the year, the legal action taken by a supplier against a subsidiary claiming, inter alia, compensation for alleged breach of contract of approximately HK\$33 million in connection with the construction of a road project in prior years was settled, resulting in no loss to the Group as the amount of settlement has been previously provided for.

### (d) Guarantees

- (i) The bank loan facility of a jointly controlled entity of HK\$691 million (2004: HK\$698 million) utilised as at the balance sheet date is guaranteed by the Group.
- (ii) The credit facilities of the Company's subsidiaries to the aggregate extent of HK\$5,579 million (2004: HK\$4,725 million), of which HK\$66 million (2004: HK\$1,246 million) was utilised at the balance sheet date, are guaranteed by the Company.

# 42. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

The Group has established a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme") for its Hong Kong employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately in funds which are under the control of independent trustees. The retirement benefit scheme contributions charged to the income statement represent contributions payable by the Group to the scheme at 5% of each of the employees' monthly relevant income capped at HK\$20,000. At the balance sheet date, there were no forfeited contributions available to reduce future obligations. The contributions made by the Group to the MPF Scheme for the year are HK\$6,486,000 (2004: HK\$6,841,000).

# 43. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

The following list contains only the details of the subsidiaries which principally affect the results, assets or liabilities of the Group as the directors are of the opinion that a complete list of all the subsidiaries will be of excessive length. Except as otherwise indicated, all the subsidiaries are private companies incorporated and are operating principally in the place of incorporation and all issued shares are ordinary shares. None of the subsidiaries had any loan capital outstanding during the year or at the end of the year.

Name of company	Paid up issued capital	Proportion nominal vo issued ordina held by the C	alue of ry capital	Principal activities
	pp	Directly %	Indirectly %	<b>,</b>
Incorporated in Hong Kong:				
Goldhill Investments Limited	2 shares of HK\$100 each and 60,600 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Property investment
Hopewell China Development (Superhighway) Limited (ii)	2 shares of HK\$1 each and 4 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1 each	-	72.91	Investment in super- highway project
Hopewell Construction Company, Limited	200,000 shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Construction, project management and investment holding
HH Finance Limited	100,000 shares of HK\$10 each	100	-	Loan financing
HITEC Management Limited (formerly known as Primory Company Limited)	2 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property management
Hopewell Food Industries Limited	1,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Restaurant operation
Hopewell Guangzhou-Zhuhai Superhighway Development Limited (ii)	2 shares of HK\$1 each and 2 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1 each	-	74.78	Investment in super- highway project
Hopewell Housing Limited	30,000 shares of HK\$100 each	100	-	Property agents and investment holding
Hopewell Huang Gang Development Limited (ii)	2 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property investment

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# 43. **PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES** (continued)

Name of company	Paid up issued capital	Proportio nominal va issued ordinar held by the Co Directly	lue of y capital ompany Indirectly	Principal activities
Incorporated in Hong Kong: (continue	ed)	%	%	
Hopewell Property Management Company Limited	2 shares of HK\$100 each	100	-	Building and carpark management
Hopewell Shunde Roads Limited (ii)	2 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Investment in highway system project
Hopewell Slipform Engineering Limited	2,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Construction specialist sub-contractor
Hopewell 108 Limited	1,000 shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Property investment
Hopewell Centre Management Limited (formerly known as Hopewell 109 Limited)	209,200 shares of HK\$100 each	100	-	Property management
Hopewell 110 Limited	10,000 shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Property investment and development
International Trademart Company Limited	2 shares of HK\$1 each and 10,000 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property investment and operation of a trademart
Kowloon Panda Hotel Limited	2 shares of HK\$100 each and 20,000 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Hotel ownership and operations
Lok Foo Company Limited	52,000 shares of HK\$100 each	100	-	Investment holding
Mega Hotels Management Limited	3,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Hotel management and investment holding
Panda Place Management Limited (formerly known as HH Secretarial Limited)	2 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property management
Slipform Engineering Limited	1,000,001 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Construction, project consultant and investment holding

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# 43. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of company	Paid up issued capital	Proportio nominal va issued ordinar held by the Co Directly	lue of y capital	Principal activities
		%	%	
Incorporated in Hong Kong: (continu	ed)			
Wetherall Investments Limited	2 shares of HK\$1 each and 2 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property investment and investment holding
Yuba Company Limited	10,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Incorporated in Macau:				
Slipform Engineering (Macau) Limited	500,000 shares of MOP 1 each	-	100	Construction
Established in the PRC:				
廣州市合和(花都)置業發展 有限公司(iii)	RMB99,200,000 (registered capital)	-	95	Property development
Incorporated in the British Virgin Isla	nds:			
Anber Investments Limited	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Goldvista Properties Limited (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Guangzhou-Shenzhen Superhighway (Holdings) Ltd. (i)	20,000 shares of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Hopewell (Huadu) Estate Investment Company Limited (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Hopewell Guangzhou Ring Road Limited (ii)	1 share of US\$1 each	-	74.78	Investment in highway system project
Kammer Investment Limited (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	100	-	Investment holding
Primax Investment Limited (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	100	-	Investment holding
Procelain Properties Ltd. (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Singway (B.V.I.) Company Limited (i)	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Tubanan Power Limited (i)	100 shares of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding

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# 43. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of company	Paid up issued capital	Proportion nominal vo issued ordina held by the C	alue of ry capital	Principal activities
		Directly %	Indirectly %	
Incorporated in the Cayman Islands:				
Delta Roads Limited (i)	46,422 shares of HK\$10 each	-	100	Investment holding
Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited (iv)	2,888,382,761 shares of HK\$0.1 each	-	74.78	Investment holding
Incorporated in Thailand:				
Hopewell (Thailand) Limited	1,500,000,000 shares of Baht 10 each	100	-	Investment in an elevated road and train system
Incorporated in Indonesia:				.,
P.T. Hi Power Tubanan I	179,125 shares of US\$100 each	-	80	Development of a power station project

Notes:

(i) Operating principally in Hong Kong

- (ii) Operating principally in the PRC
- (iii) Sino foreign cooperative joint venture registered in the PRC
- (iv) Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is operating in Hong Kong and in the PRC through its subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities.

The non-voting deferred shares carry practically no rights to dividends nor to receive notice of nor to attend or vote at any general meeting of the relevant companies nor to participation in any distribution on winding up.

Particulars of the subsidiaries, including those subsidiaries not listed above, will be annexed to the next annual return of the Company to be filed with The Registrar of Companies in accordance with the Companies Ordinance.

# 44. PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATE

Particulars regarding the principal associate, which is incorporated and operating in Hong Kong, are as follows:

Name of company	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital held by the Company %	Principal activities
Granlai Company Limited	46	Property investment

This associate adopts 31st December as its financial year end date.

The directors are of the opinion that a complete list of all the associates will be of excessive length. Particulars of the associates, including those associates not listed above, will be annexed to the next annual return of the Company to be filed with The Registrar of Companies in accordance with the Companies Ordinance.

# 45. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements on pages 59 to 113 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 1st September, 2005.

# List of Major Properties

A. Completed investment properties and hotel property (unless otherwise specified, these properties are held under long-term leases):

Property/land	Location	Use	<b>Site area</b> (sq.m.)	Gross floor area (sq.m.)	Group's interest (%)
Hongkong International Trade & Exhibition Centre (medium-term lease)	1 Trademart Drive Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.	Conference, exhibition, restaurant, office, commercial and carparks	22,280	163,702*	100
Hopewell Centre	183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.	Commercial, office and carparks	5,207	78,102*	100
Panda Hotel	3 Tsuen Wah Street,				
(medium-term lease)	Tsuen Wan,				
<ul> <li>Shopping arcade &amp; carparks</li> </ul>	New Territories.	Commercial and carparks		22,689*	100
– Hotel property		Hotel operation		49,073	100
			5,750	71,762	
Allway Gardens Shopping Arcade (medium-term lease)	9 On Yuk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.	Commercial	N/A	20,742	100
125 carparking spaces at Allway Gardens (medium-term lease)	9 On Yuk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.	Carparks	N/A	N/A	100
80 carparking spaces at Wu Chung House (medium-term lease)	3/F-5/F, 213 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.	Carparks	N/A	N/A	100
22/F-24/F and carparking spaces V1-V15, Hing Wai Centre (medium-term lease)	No. 7 Tin Wan Praya Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.	Industrial, commercial and carparks	N/A	7,551*	100

\* Excluding carparking spaces.

# List of Major Properties (continued)

# B. Properties for/under development:

Property/land	Location	Use	<b>Site area</b> (sq.m.)	Gross floor area (sq.m.)	Group's interest (%)
Mega Tower Hotel	Kennedy Road, Ship Street, Hau Fung Lane, Wanchai, Hong Kong.	Hotel complex with recreation, shopping, restaurant and other commercial facilities (Development at planning stage)	7,301#	172,731	100
196-206 Queen's Road East	196-206 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.	For development (Commercial use)	464	about 7,000	100
214-224 Queen's Road East & 9-19 Sam Pan Street	214-224 Queen's Road East & 9-19 Sam Pan Street, Wanchai, Hong Kong.	For development (Residential and commercial use)	1,082	Under planning	100
Nova Taipa Gardens/ Nova City	North shore of Taipa Island, Macau.	Residential, commercial, hotel and carparks (5 residential blocks are under construction with gross floor area of approximately 105,000 sq.m. expected to be completed in 2nd quarter of 2006)	70,000	516,000	50
Hopewell New Town	Huadu district, Guangzhou, China.	Residential, commercial, logistic and social facilities (Initial Phase with gross floo area of approximately 109,000 sq.m. expected to be completed by end of year 2005)	797,000 r	1,782,000	95

Note:

# Total development site area of the land required for the property development is about 11,500 sq.m. of which a total of 7,301 sq.m. are held by the Group and the remaining will be acquired by the Group mainly by way of land exchange with the government at a premium yet to be finalised.

# **Corporate Information**

# **Honorary Chairman**

Dr. James Man Hon WU OBE, JP, LLD (Hon), Dr Eng(Hon), BSc(Eng)

# **Board of Directors**

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 ## Independent Non-Executive directors

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