



CHINA CONSERVATIONAL POWER HOLDINGS LIMITED

中國環保電力控股有限公司

(Formerly known as Hong Tong Holdings Limited 泓通控股有限公司)

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 290

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of China Conservation Power Holdings Limited (the “Company”) announces that the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 March 2004 together with the comparative figures for the previous year are as follows:–

Consolidated Income Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2004

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Turnover	3	166,243	199,722
Cost of sales		(146,396)	(172,222)
Gross profit		19,847	27,500
Other operating income	5	3,601	3,009
Selling expenses		(585)	(1,385)
Administrative expenses		(51,291)	(64,204)
Unrealised holding gains on listed other investments		7,513	2,524
Unrealised holding loss on unlisted other investments		–	(2,500)
Impairment losses	6	(22,010)	(2,012)
Loss from operations	7	(42,925)	(37,068)
Finance costs	8	(326)	(106)
Share of results of associates		(294)	(629)
Share of results of a joint venture		(13,854)	(2,645)
Loss before taxation		(57,399)	(40,448)
Taxation	9	(86)	(113)
Loss before minority interests		(57,485)	(40,561)
Minority interests		287	6
Net loss for the year		(57,198)	(40,555)
Dividends	10	–	–
Loss per share – basic	11	(23.1 cents)	(18.5 cents)

Notes:

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 2 January 2001 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (2000 Revision) of the Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in electrical engineering contracting, trading of electrical equipment and materials, internet travel booking services, investment holding, securities brokerage, company secretarial services, and sea freight forwarding services. Its shares have been listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) since 3 May 2001.

2. ADOPTION OF HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD

In the current year, the Group has adopted, for the first time, the following Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (“HKFRS”) issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (“HKSA”). The term of HKFRS is inclusive of Statements of Standard Accounting Practice (“SSAP”)s and Interpretations approved by the HKSA.

Income taxes

The principal effect of the adoption of SSAP 12 (Revised) is in relation to deferred tax. In previous years, partial provision was made for deferred tax using the income statement liability method under which a liability was recognised in respect of timing differences arising, except where those timing differences were not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. SSAP 12 (Revised) requires the adoption of a balance sheet liability method, whereby deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary 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, with limited exceptions. The adoption of SSAP 12 (Revised) has had no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

3. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the aggregate of the value of contract work carried out, sea freight forwarding service income, the proceeds from sales of goods, brokerage income, margin interest earned, company secretarial service income and internet travel booking service income during the year, and is analysed as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Electrical engineering contracting	104,812	168,749
Sea freight forwarding service income	34,637	–
Sales of goods	19,782	29,741
Brokerage income from securities dealing	4,960	516
Margin interest from securities brokerage business	1,400	520
Company secretarial service income	642	–
Internet travel booking service income	10	196
	<u>166,243</u>	<u>199,722</u>

4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

(a) Business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into five operating divisions. These divisions are the bases on which the Group reports its primary segment information. Principal activities are as follows:

- Electrical engineering contracting
- Sale of electrical goods
- Securities brokerage
- Sea freight forwarding services
- Internet travel booking services

For the year ended 31 March 2004

	Electrical engineering contracting HK\$'000	Sale of electrical goods HK\$'000	Securities brokerage HK\$'000	Sea freight forwarding services HK\$'000	Internet travel booking services HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Elimina- tions HK\$'000	Consoli- dated HK\$'000
TURNOVER								
External sales	104,812	19,782	6,360	34,637	10	642	–	166,243
Inter-segment sales	–	7,078	4	–	–	78	(7,160)	–
	<u>104,812</u>	<u>26,860</u>	<u>6,364</u>	<u>34,637</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>(7,160)</u>	<u>166,243</u>

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.

RESULTS								
Segment results	<u>154</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>1,276</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(23,964)</u>	<u>(291)</u>	<u>–</u>	(21,992)
Other operating income								3,334
Unrealised holding gains on listed other investments								7,513
Unallocated expenses								<u>(31,780)</u>
Loss from operations								(42,925)
Finance costs								(326)
Share of results of associates								(294)
Share of results of a joint venture								<u>(13,854)</u>
Loss before taxation								(57,399)
Taxation								<u>(86)</u>
Loss before minority interests								(57,485)
Minority interests								<u>287</u>
Net loss for the year								<u>(57,198)</u>

	Electrical engineering contracting HK\$'000	Sale of electrical goods HK\$'000	Securities brokerage HK\$'000	Sea freight forwarding services HK\$'000	Internet travel booking services HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consoli- dated HK\$'000
OTHER INFORMATION								
Amortisation of goodwill and trading right	–	–	251	–	1,423	78	–	1,752
Depreciation	338	139	375	–	257	4	2,444	3,557
Impairment losses recognised in income statement	–	–	–	–	22,010	–	–	22,010
Allowance for doubtful debts	–	187	–	–	–	–	–	187
Bad debts written off	–	–	–	–	–	11	–	11
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	–	99	–	–	–	–	4	103

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	Electrical engineering contracting HK\$'000	Sale of electrical goods HK\$'000	Securities brokerage HK\$'000	Internet travel booking services HK\$'000	Elimina- tions HK\$'000	Consoli- dated HK\$'000
TURNOVER						
External sales	168,749	29,741	1,036	196	–	199,722
Inter-segment sales	–	21,065	–	–	(21,065)	–
Total revenue	<u>168,749</u>	<u>50,806</u>	<u>1,036</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>(21,065)</u>	<u>199,722</u>

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.

RESULTS

Segment results	<u>(717)</u>	<u>(2,884)</u>	<u>(3,347)</u>	<u>(2,958)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(9,906)</u>
Other operating income						2,884
Unrealised holding gains on listed other investments						2,524
Unrealised holding loss on unlisted other investments						(2,500)
Unallocated expenses						<u>(30,070)</u>
Loss from operations						(37,068)
Finance costs						(106)
Share of results of associates						(629)
Share of results of a joint venture						<u>(2,645)</u>
Loss before taxation						(40,448)
Taxation						<u>(113)</u>
Loss before minority interests						(40,561)
Minority interests						<u>6</u>
Net loss for the year						<u>(40,555)</u>

	Electrical engineering contracting HK\$'000	Sale of electrical goods HK\$'000	Securities brokerage HK\$'000	Internet travel booking services HK\$'000	Unal- located HK\$'000	Consoli- dated HK\$'000
OTHER INFORMATION						
Amortisation of goodwill and trading right	–	–	476	1,067	–	1,543
Depreciation	283	238	197	232	1,847	2,797
Impairment losses recognised in income statement	–	–	900	1,112	–	2,012
Allowance for doubtful debts	–	1,469	–	–	–	1,469
Bad debts written off	499	452	–	–	–	951
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	–	–	–	–	23	23

(b) Geographical segments

The Group's operations are located in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The Group's electrical engineering contracting, sale of electrical goods, securities brokerage and sea freight forwarding services are located in Hong Kong. Internet travel booking services are located in the PRC.

Over 90% of the Group's revenues during the two years ended 31 March 2004 were from Hong Kong. Accordingly, no geographical information on revenue is presented.

5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Other operating income includes:		
Exchange gain	–	48
Gain on disposal of investments in unlisted other investments	500	–
Handling charges	267	125
Interest income	2,635	1,282
Unlisted investment income	–	1,241
Sundry income	199	313
	<u>3,601</u>	<u>3,009</u>

6. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Impairment losses in respect of:		
Trading right in respect of securities trading	–	900
Goodwill arising from acquisition of subsidiaries	22,010	1,112
	<u>22,010</u>	<u>2,012</u>

7. LOSS FROM OPERATIONS

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Loss from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Allowance for doubtful debts	187	1,469
Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries included in administrative expenses	1,501	1,067
Amortisation of trading right in respect of securities trading included in administrative expenses	251	476
Auditors' remuneration	484	616
Bad debts written off	11	951
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	13,140	34,244
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		
Owned assets	3,387	2,734
Assets under finance leases	170	63
Exchange losses	105	614
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	103	23
Operating lease rentals in respect of		
– rented premises	4,497	5,552
– motor vehicles	647	173
Staff costs		
Directors' remuneration		
– fees	179	327
– other emoluments	5,926	10,608
– retirement benefit scheme contributions	38	148
	<u>6,143</u>	<u>11,083</u>
Other staff costs	17,870	15,096
Other staff retirement benefit scheme contributions	595	576
	<u>18,465</u>	<u>15,672</u>
Total staff costs	<u>24,608</u>	<u>26,755</u>

8. FINANCE COSTS

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years	310	87
Interest on obligations under finance leases	16	19
	<u>326</u>	<u>106</u>

9. TAXATION

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Company and subsidiaries		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Current year	324	465
Overprovision in prior years	(238)	(366)
	<u>86</u>	<u>99</u>
Share of taxation attributable to the associates		
Taxation in other jurisdictions	–	14
	<u>86</u>	<u>113</u>

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2003: 16%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxation in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

10. DIVIDENDS

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company during the year.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

11. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the following data:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Loss for the purposes of basic loss per share	<u>(57,198)</u>	<u>(40,555)</u>
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic loss per share	<u>247,697</u>	<u>218,649</u>

No diluted loss per share has been presented as the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options would result in a decrease in the loss per share.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the year, the Group recorded an audited loss attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$57,198,000 (2003: loss of approximately HK\$40,555,000). Turnover of the year was HK\$166,243,000, representing a decrease of 16.8% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The decrease was mainly attributable to the local sluggish construction industry as well as the structural changes in government housing policies, bringing public housing projects to a halt. The increase in losses of the year mainly came from the provision for non-core businesses and the share of losses of a joint venture. Recognising the importance of effective cost control during the period

of transformation, the management implemented various cost-cutting measures during the year, resulting in a 20.1% drop in administrative expenses.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTING BUSINESS

During the year, the Group principally continued its outstanding work in progress. The Group's electrical engineering contracting business generated a turnover of approximately HK\$104,812,000, representing a decline of 37.9% from HK\$168,749,000 last year, of which, turnover from electrical engineering contracts of the public sector accounted for 16.2% (2003: 53%).

The term contract for electrical maintenance work for Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HKHA") and the electrical engineering work for Tsz Oi Estate, Shek Lei Estate Phase 8 and Central Street Market project were completed during the year under review. As at 31 March 2004, the Group's electrical engineering contracts on hand amounted to approximately HK\$60,686,000.

As the number of public housing projects dropped dramatically during the year, the Group's electrical engineering division mainly focused on school improvement programmes, electrical installation work for Tin Shui Wai Area 102 Phase 3, Kwai Chung Phase 7 and Tung Chung Area 31 Phase 3 & 5, electrical maintenance work for HKHA (9 districts) and various electrical maintenance work.

ELECTRICAL MATERIALS & COMPONENT TRADING BUSINESS

Given the unruly damage caused by the continued unfavourable market condition of local construction industry coupled with the halt of public housing projects resulting from the structural changes in government housing policies, the external sales from electrical trading for the year decreased by 33.5% to approximately HK\$19,782,000 from approximately HK\$29,741,000 of the corresponding period last year. Despite this, the Group is actively pursuing business opportunities in Mainland China and overseas markets. During the year, the Group's export sales of electrical equipment surged by approximately 148.1%.

In light of its business scale-down and its low inventory policy, the Group's inventory in the year decreased significantly by 78.0% as compared with last year. Under the low inventory policy, goods are immediately delivered to customers' work sites upon receipt from suppliers. Purchase orders are usually placed to suppliers in advance but the Group will not request suppliers' delivery until customers confirm their sales orders.

SECURITIES BROKERAGE BUSINESS

Hong Tong Hai Securities Limited ("HTHS") and Hong Tong Hai Consultants Limited are engaged in corporate and business consultancy, direct investment and securities business. The Group believes that the financial sector will play a more important role in Hong Kong amidst the transformation of the economy. Although the Hong Kong stock market experienced larger fluctuation in recent years, it is believed that the downturn is cyclical in nature. Hong Kong has irreplaceable advantages that appeal strongly to the PRC companies seeking an overseas listing, and will continue to be a major financial centre of the Southeast Asia region. Moreover, overseas financial firms are being admitted as Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors to operate in the PRC capital markets. It is also expected that those PRC firms with Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors status will be allowed to invest in the Hong Kong's financial market in the near future. There will be substantial growth potentials for the Group's securities business. In fact, the business of HTHS has improved along with the upturn of the Hong Kong stock market, with external sales increasing to this year's HK\$6,360,000 from HK\$1,036,000 last year, and has contributed a positive return to the Group.

SEA FREIGHT FORWARDING SERVICES BUSINESS

The implementation of Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) has strengthened Hong Kong's role as the gateway to Mainland China and facilitated trading between the Straits. Taking advantage of this, the management has commenced sea freight forwarding services business in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, recording a satisfactory turnover of over HK\$34 million, and has already achieved breakeven.

OTHER BUSINESSES

The Group recorded an unrealised gain of approximately HK\$7.5 million during the year for the acquisition of approximately 2.6% equity interests of South Sea Holding Company Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong. The results of a subsidiary in Beijing which is engaged in internet travel booking services business has dropped substantially due to the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and the keen competition amongst the industry. The Group has made a provision of loss for the goodwill of approximately HK\$22 million on this investment accordingly. At the same time, another subsidiary which is engaged in credit rating business has recorded a loss of approximately HK\$13.8 million.

FINANCIAL REVIEW & ANALYSIS

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Gearing

The Group's total current assets and current liabilities were approximately HK\$208,779,000 (as at 31 March 2003: HK\$144,111,000) and HK\$62,239,000 (as at 31 March 2003: HK\$48,365,000) respectively as at 31 March 2004 while the current ratio was about 3.35 times (as at 31 March 2003: 2.98 times). As at 31 March 2004, the Group's aggregate cash amounted to HK\$41,095,000 (as at 31 March 2003: HK\$54,441,000), representing approximately 19.7% (as at 31 March 2003: 37.8%) of total current assets. The Directors believe that the Group has adequate funds for business operation and maintains a high liquidity.

As shown in the Group's consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2004, consolidated shareholders' funds amounted to approximately HK\$219,400,000 (as at 31 March 2003: HK\$183,322,000); whereas the Group's total borrowing was about HK\$4,881,000 (as at 31 March 2003: HK\$1,566,000) only, which mainly comprised of overdrafts and finance lease obligations. Bank overdrafts carry interests calculated on the prime lending rate in Hong Kong whereas finance charges are fixed on the date the finance leases are entered. The increase in bank overdrafts this year was mainly attributed to the upsurge of margin securities business.

As at 31 March 2004, the gearing ratio, defined as total debts over total assets, was approximately 1.72% (as at 31 March 2003: 0.7%). The increase in the gearing ratio was mainly due to the increase in bank overdrafts arising from the commencement of the Company's margin securities business.

Placing of New Shares and Use of Proceeds

On 19 September 2003, the Company entered into an agreement with an independent agent for the placement of 44,760,000 new shares, and successfully raised HK\$51,100,000 (net) through the placement of all shares at a consideration of HK\$1.18 per share on 21 October 2003. The proceeds from the abovementioned placing of shares are mainly for investing in the Dongguan Electric Factory in the PRC and used as general working capital for the Group. On 17 February 2004, the Company entered into an agreement with an independent agent for the placement of 53,712,000 new shares, and successfully raised approximately HK\$41,600,000 (net) through the placement of all shares at a consideration of HK\$0.80 per share on 5 March 2004. The proceeds from the second placing of shares are mainly for its investment in the development of Dongguan Electric Factory in the PRC.

Major Investments

In June 2003, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement to acquire 100% effective interests in MindGenius Secretarial Services Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong, at an aggregate consideration of HK\$2,000,000. The company is principally engaged in the provision of company secretarial services to external customers. The subsidiary contributed insignificant turnover and results to the Group during the period.

On 23 December 2003, the Group entered into a co-operation agreement with 中科實業集團（控股）公司（“中科集團”） relating to the formation of a joint venture. The registered capital of the

joint venture will be RMB100 million, among which RMB90 million, representing 90% interest in the joint venture, will be contributed by Group. On 14 May 2004, the equity proportions between the Group and 中 科 集 團 were revised to 51% and 49% respectively.

On 29 October 2003, the Group acquired the development rights of two pieces of land in the New Territories at HK\$3,000,000. On 29 March 2004, the Group entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with an independent third party, under which the Group purchased 40% interest equity of an investment company at HK\$28,000,000. The acquired company holds 100% effective interests of an enterprise engaged in container depots and the provision of logistics service in Shanghai, the PRC.

Foreign Exchange Management

The Group's purchases from overseas suppliers are always subject to foreign currency fluctuations. The Group monitors the risks in foreign exchange by way of placing forward foreign exchange contracts. Basically, the Group has not changed its foreign exchange management policy since the listing of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange. As at 31 March 2004, the Group had no significant outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts on hand.

Contingent Liabilities

As at the balance sheet date, the Group had no material contingent liabilities for both years.

Pledge of Assets

At 31 March 2004, the Group had pledged bank deposits of approximately HK\$4 million (2003: HK\$11 million) to secure certain bank facilities available to the Group.

PROSPECTS

The deteriorating waste problem in Mainland China cities has already aroused serious concerns of all levels of the Mainland Chinese Government. As shown by statistics, medium to large cities in the Mainland China are producing 100 million tons of waste per year, and a large city of a size such as Guangzhou is creating 6,000 tons of waste each day. Among over 670 medium to large cities in the whole nation, approximately 30% of them are trapped in wastes. As such, the Group considers that the above situation represents a new opportunity. Apart from going on with its existing electrical engineering business, the Group is determined to develop waste combustion electric power business in the Mainland China.

The Group sees the strong potential of waste combustion electric power business in the Mainland China. Technically, the business will be backed up by a group member of 中 科 集 團, 北 京 中 科 通 用 能 源 環 保 有 限 責 任 公 司 ("BGEE"), and will adopt the "Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Boiler Combustion Technology" in the Dongguan Electric Factory.

In fact, Hong Kong has a brighter prospect in sight, while the pressure for deflation is decreasing. Coupled with an increasing demand for capital, the Hong Kong economy is on the track to improvement. In order to maintain its competitiveness in the market, the Group has to equip itself with the capability to provide diversified and comprehensive services. To this end, the Group has already commenced its securities business through HTHS. With the establishment of HTHS, the Group aims to capitalise on the opportunities of undertaking a range of businesses, which in turn will enhance its flexibility in related businesses. However, the Group does not intend to overemphasize on its securities brokerage business.

The swift growth in the PRC economy, the implementation of CEPA and the launch of the "9+2" Pan-Pearl River Delta Policy have enhanced the trading and business relationships with the PRC. In view of this, the Group is confident with its in logistics business development in the PRC, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Therefore, we expect our Group's sea freight forwarding services business will be stable increasing.

Apart from the existing core businesses of electrical engineering and electrical equipment trading, the Group also diversified into waste combustion electric power business, and has been actively identifying some emerging industries with less competition that generate stable revenue as its long-term investments.

The total investment of the Dongguan Electric Factory amounts to about RMB328 million, about 30% of which will be provided by the Group and 中 科 集 團 in accordance with their proportionate equity interests in the Dongguan Electric Factory, while the remaining 70% will be raised externally through financing and other channels. The plant is currently undergoing pre-operational work, such as site formation and registration etc., and it is expected to commence trial running by the end of 2005 at the earliest. Upon official commencement of production, the plant will be able to process 1,000 tons of waste per day, resolving the urban waste problem in the Dongguan city. On the other hand, heat generated during the combustion process can be used for power generation and put onto power network. The annual waste treatment volume of the entire project will reach 365,000 tons, while the power generation capacity will be 18,400 units. The total operation life span is 25 years. As such, the major income of the project will be from two sources, one is the urban waste treatment fees payable by the Dongguan Municipal Government to the plant calculated on a treatment volume basis; and the other is the income generated from electricity put onto power network.

Due to the changes in public housing and the infrastructure policies during recent years, the demand for the Group's electricity and maintenance projects is relatively weak. The Group has therefore been exploring opportunities in the residential buildings and material supply markets in the Mainland China. In fact, equipped with years of experience in the industry, the Group is extensively familiar with every segment of the building services and facilities business. Meanwhile, the Mainland China has recorded tremendous progress with giant strides. This is especially true for the development in property market, which has seen many new buildings sprouting like mushrooms. In view of this, the Group has strived to explore opportunities in the Mainland China in recent years.

In respect of the Mainland China market, the Group is committed to establish a vertically integrated structure by participating in the re-export business of electrical goods from the Mainland China and Hong Kong to Europe and Asia, as well as to continue to actively pursue opportunities to secure distribution rights in the Mainland China. The export trading of the Group has in fact already seen satisfactory increase.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules since its listing on the Stock Exchange on 3 May 2001.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and has discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting processes including the review of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 March 2004, the total number of staff in the Group mainly employed in Hong Kong was over 60 (2002: 75). Remuneration packages are normally reviewed annually. Apart from salary payments, other staff benefits include Mandatory Provident Fund, medical insurance, annual double pay and commission. Share options might also be granted to eligible employees of the Group.

PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RESULTS ON THE WEBSITE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The financial and other information required by paragraphs 45(1) to 45(3) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange in due course.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed shares.

APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to express any sincerest gratitude to our shareholders for their support, and to all our staff, business associate and customers for their trust and guidance.

On behalf of the Board
Hon Ming Kong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 July 2004

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Hon Ming Kong, Mr. Hon Yik Kwong, Mr. Lee Yu Leung, Mr. Ting Pascal, Mr. Chen Jun Nong, all of whom are executive directors; Mr. Li Yong, Alfa, an non-executive director; Mr. Fork Siu Lun, Tommy and Mr. Tsoi Wai Kwong, both of whom are independent non-executive directors.

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