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of Scrip Dividend Share Certificates:

9 October 2001

The Directors of Kerry Properties Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2001. This interim report has been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The profit attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 30 June 2001 decreased by 53% to HK\$281 million compared with HK\$603 million for the corresponding six months period ended 30 June 2000.

Earnings per share for the period were HK24.68 cents, a decrease of 54% over earnings per share for the corresponding period in 2000 of HK53.89 cents. The basis of calculating the earnings per share is detailed in note 6 below.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK20 cents per share in cash for the six months ended 30 June 2001 (2000: HK20 cents) payable on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, to shareholders whose names appear on the registers of members of the Company on Friday, 24 August 2001, with a scrip alternative to offer the right to shareholders to elect to receive such interim dividend wholly or partly by allotment of new shares credited as fully paid in lieu of cash.

A circular containing details of the scrip dividend scheme together with an election form will be sent to the relevant shareholders on or about Tuesday, 4 September 2001. The scrip dividend scheme is conditional upon the granting by the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange of the listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued pursuant thereto.

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

Consolidated Profit And Loss Account

	Notes	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
		2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Turnover	2	2,193,620	1,492,633
Cost of sales		(1,294,422)	(427,117)
Direct operating expenses		(386,977)	(251,676)
Gross profit		512,221	813,840
Other revenues		90,852	170,608
Other income		19,341	11,907
Amortisation of investment in a fixed return co-operative joint venture		(31,080)	(31,080)
Administrative expenses		(134,537)	(143,393)
Operating profit before finance costs		456,797	821,882
Finance costs		(187,332)	(219,314)
Operating profit	2,3	269,465	602,568
Share of profits less losses of associated companies		65,301	114,484
Profit before taxation		334,766	717,052
Taxation	4	(27,983)	(83,881)
Profit after taxation		306,783	633,171
Minority interests		(25,726)	(30,434)
Profit attributable to shareholders		281,057	602,737
Transfer (to)/from reserves	5	(5,227)	2
		275,830	602,739
Interim dividend		230,973	223,865
Earnings per share	6	24.68 cents	53.89 cents
Interim dividend per share		20 cents	20 cents

Consolidated Balance Sheet

		Unaudited 30 June 2001 HK\$'000	Restated 31 December 2000 HK\$'000
	Notes		
Fixed assets		24,631,846	25,147,197
Associated companies		5,352,193	5,281,926
Long term investments		1,686,969	1,699,656
Intangible assets		5,746	–
Current assets			
Stock of completed properties held for sale		1,525,143	2,335,888
Properties under development for sale		3,399,773	2,870,870
Accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	7	750,005	630,446
Tax reserve certificates		21,308	21,308
Trading securities		5,786	3,375
Pledged bank deposits		147,733	149,238
Cash and bank balances		1,016,274	1,119,521
		6,866,022	7,130,646
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable, deposits received and accrued charges	8	1,559,296	1,645,346
Taxation		28,987	39,231
Current portion of long-term liabilities	9	999,846	4,397,879
Convertible bonds	9(b)	1,901,707	–
Bank overdrafts, secured		3,809	–
		4,493,645	6,082,456
Net current assets		2,372,377	1,048,190
Total assets less current liabilities		34,049,131	33,176,969
Financed by:			
Share capital		1,154,865	1,134,417
Share premium		3,365,898	3,203,749
Other reserves		13,568,267	13,610,840
Retained profits	10	5,674,669	5,629,812
Proposed dividend	1(a)	230,973	226,883
Shareholders' funds		23,994,672	23,805,701
Minority interests and loans		3,057,456	3,003,054
		27,052,128	26,808,755
Long-term liabilities	9	6,990,341	6,363,294
Deferred taxation		6,662	4,920
		34,049,131	33,176,969

Financial Highlights

	30 June 2001 HK\$M	31 December 2000 HK\$M
Shareholders' equity	23,995	23,806
Net borrowings (including convertible bonds)	8,732	9,492
Net asset value per share	HK\$20.78	HK\$20.98
Gearing (including convertible bonds)	36%	40%
Issued shares (in millions)	1,155	1,134

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,026,680	115,598
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	24,536	29,713
Interest paid	(223,016)	(327,650)
Dividends received from associated companies	1,000	9,665
Dividends and distribution received from unlisted investments	7,000	81,613
Dividends received from listed investments	47	47
Income received from investment in a fixed return co-operative joint venture	–	59,471
Dividends paid	(44,287)	(213,138)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(10,440)	(19,738)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(245,160)	(380,017)
Taxation		
Hong Kong profits tax paid	(18,267)	(21,253)
PRC tax paid	(4,753)	(2,722)
Total tax paid	(23,020)	(23,975)
Investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets, excluding interest capitalised	(90,695)	(734,020)
Purchase of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired)	(4,304)	(6,017)
Additional investments in associated companies	(4,369)	–
Loans (to)/repayment from associated companies	(56,878)	222,348
Purchase of long term investments	(2,231)	(759)
Repayment of loans from investee companies	2,900	639
Proceeds from sale of listed equity shares	1,027	–
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	212,825	620,425
Net cash inflow from investing activities	58,275	102,616
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing	816,775	(185,778)
Financing		
Repayment of bank loans	(6,699,031)	(2,100,376)
Bank loans raised	5,748,558	2,536,983
Additional loans from minority shareholders	25,137	30,328
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing	(925,336)	466,935
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(108,561)	281,157
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	1,268,759	1,028,512
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	1,160,198	1,309,669
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Pledged bank deposits	147,733	95,332
Cash and bank balances	1,016,274	1,214,337
Bank overdrafts, secured	(3,809)	–
	1,160,198	1,309,669

Consolidated Statement Of Recognised Gains And Losses

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Adjustment on revaluation of investment properties	9,127	11,381
Adjustment on revaluation of other properties	–	(1,864)
Share of revaluation surplus of properties held by associated companies	–	84
Revaluation surplus on non-trading securities	–	13,814
Exchange differences arising on translation of the PRC and overseas subsidiaries and associated companies	(48,256)	(74,817)
Net losses not recognised in the profit and loss account	(39,129)	(51,402)
Profit attributable to shareholders	281,057	602,737
Relevant portion of properties revaluation reserves realised in the profit and loss account on disposal of properties	(23,135)	(332,822)
Total recognised gains	218,793	218,513
Capital reserve arising from purchase of additional interest in an associated company	14,465	–
Adjustment on discount on acquisition of an associated company	–	6,512
Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries eliminated directly against reserves	–	(3,001)
	<u>233,258</u>	<u>222,024</u>

Notes:

1. Principal Accounting Policies

These unaudited consolidated interim accounts are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25, "Interim financial reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules.

These condensed interim accounts should be read in conjunction with the 2000 annual financial statements.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim accounts are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000 except that the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following the adoption of the following SSAPs issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2001:

SSAP 9 (revised)	: Events after the balance sheet date
SSAP 26	: Segment reporting

The changes to the Group's accounting policies and the effects of adopting these new policies are set out below:

(a) SSAP 9 (revised): Events after the balance sheet date

In accordance with the revised SSAP 9, the Group no longer recognises dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date as a liability at the balance sheet date. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively so that the proposed final dividend amounting to HK\$226,883,000 previously recorded as a current liability as at 31 December 2000 has been restated and shown under shareholders' funds.

(b) SSAP 26: Segment reporting

In note 2 to these condensed interim accounts, the Group has disclosed segment revenue and results as defined under SSAP 26. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical as the secondary reporting format. Comparative information has been given.

2. Principal Activities And Geographical Analysis Of Operations

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to operating profit for the period by principal activities and markets is as follows:

	Turnover Six months ended 30 June 2001 HK\$'000		Operating profit Six months ended 30 June 2001 HK\$'000	
		2000 HK\$'000		2000 HK\$'000
Principal activities:				
Property rental				
– Hong Kong	216,774	233,848	92,584	191,497
– PRC	245,682	168,629	134,680	75,447
	462,456	402,477	227,264	266,944
Hotel operations	101,113	76,855	17,948	11,390
Logistics and warehouse operations				
– warehouse	215,454	193,779	60,934	11,561
– logistics	120,840	21,891	3,514	4,543
	336,294	215,670	64,448	16,104
Property sales				
– Hong Kong	1,123,113	717,589	(35,074)	244,156
– PRC	149,398	56,590	(54,519)	20,547
	1,272,511	774,179	(89,593)	264,703
Infrastructure	–	–	28,153	28,293
Project, property management and others	21,246	23,452	21,245	15,134
	2,193,620	1,492,633	269,465	602,568
Principal markets:				
Hong Kong	1,631,676	1,190,559	141,574	467,946
PRC	496,193	302,074	126,262	134,622
Others	65,751	–	1,629	–
	2,193,620	1,492,633	269,465	602,568

2. Principal Activities And Geographical Analysis Of Operations (continued)

An analysis of the Group's revenue and results for the period by business segments is as follows:

Six months ended 30 June 2001								
HK\$'000								
	Hong Kong Property	PRC Property	Logistics and Warehouse	Infrastructure	International	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUE								
Turnover	1,339,887	496,193	336,294	-	-	21,246	-	2,193,620
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	283,622	(283,622)	-
Inter-segment interest income	-	-	-	-	-	239,671	(239,671)	-
Income from investment in a fixed return co-operative joint venture	-	-	-	59,540	-	-	-	59,540
Total revenue	<u>1,339,887</u>	<u>496,193</u>	<u>336,294</u>	<u>59,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,539</u>	<u>(523,293)</u>	<u>2,253,160</u>
RESULTS								
Segment results	127,255	158,650	128,139	28,153	(194)	223,153	(239,671)	425,485
Dividend income	7,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,047
Interest income	6,447	4,640	962	1,740	-	10,476	-	24,265
Interest expenses	(83,239)	(65,181)	(64,653)	(1,740)	-	(212,190)	239,671	(187,332)
Operating profit	<u>57,510</u>	<u>98,109</u>	<u>64,448</u>	<u>28,153</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>21,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,465</u>
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	<u>8,016</u>	<u>17,685</u>	<u>(217)</u>	<u>19,564</u>	<u>20,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,301</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>65,526</u>	<u>115,794</u>	<u>64,231</u>	<u>47,717</u>	<u>20,059</u>	<u>21,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,766</u>
Taxation	<u>(6,893)</u>	<u>(9,437)</u>	<u>(6,426)</u>	<u>(1,807)</u>	<u>(6,578)</u>	<u>3,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,983)</u>
Profit after taxation	<u>58,633</u>	<u>106,357</u>	<u>57,805</u>	<u>45,910</u>	<u>13,481</u>	<u>24,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,783</u>
Minority interests	<u>(1,878)</u>	<u>(16,028)</u>	<u>(5,519)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,301)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,726)</u>
Profit attributable to shareholders	<u>56,755</u>	<u>90,329</u>	<u>52,286</u>	<u>45,910</u>	<u>13,481</u>	<u>22,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,057</u>

Six months ended 30 June 2000

HK\$'000

	Hong Kong Property	PRC Property	Logistics and Warehouse	Infrastructure	International	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUE								
Turnover	951,437	302,074	215,670	-	-	23,452	-	1,492,633
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	170,284	(170,284)	-
Inter-segment interest income	-	-	-	-	-	306,206	(306,206)	-
Income from investment in a fixed return co-operative joint venture	-	-	-	59,471	-	-	-	59,471
Total revenue	<u>951,437</u>	<u>302,074</u>	<u>215,670</u>	<u>59,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>499,942</u>	<u>(476,490)</u>	<u>1,552,104</u>
RESULTS								
Segment results	427,139	174,567	104,092	28,293	(1,056)	283,916	(306,206)	710,745
Dividends and distribution income	81,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,660
Interest income	6,660	4,198	1,354	1,670	-	15,595	-	29,477
Interest expenses	<u>(79,806)</u>	<u>(71,381)</u>	<u>(89,342)</u>	<u>(1,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(283,321)</u>	<u>306,206</u>	<u>(219,314)</u>
Operating profit	435,653	107,384	16,104	28,293	(1,056)	16,190	-	602,568
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	<u>80,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,507</u>	<u>9,461</u>	<u>22,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,484</u>
Profit before taxation	516,505	107,384	17,611	37,754	21,608	16,190	-	717,052
Taxation	<u>(48,726)</u>	<u>(6,789)</u>	<u>(4,545)</u>	<u>(1,657)</u>	<u>(13,906)</u>	<u>(8,258)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(83,881)</u>
Profit after taxation	467,779	100,595	13,066	36,097	7,702	7,932	-	633,171
Minority interests	<u>(2,753)</u>	<u>(28,079)</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,434)</u>
Profit attributable to shareholders	<u>465,026</u>	<u>72,516</u>	<u>13,738</u>	<u>36,097</u>	<u>7,702</u>	<u>7,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602,737</u>

3. Operating Profit

Six months ended 30 June
2001 2000
HK\$'000 HK\$'000

Operating profit is stated after crediting/
charging the following:

Crediting

Income from investment in a fixed return co-operative joint venture	59,540	59,471
Dividends and distribution income from listed and unlisted investments	7,047	81,660
Interest income	24,265	29,477
(Loss)/gain on sale of properties		
– Investment properties	(66,501)	307,814
– Properties under development and completed properties for sale	44,589	39,248
	(21,912)	347,062

Charging

Depreciation	21,664	22,800
Total finance costs incurred	293,027	393,942
Less: amount capitalised in properties under development	(105,695)	(174,628)
Total finance costs expensed during the period	187,332	219,314

4. Taxation

Six months ended 30 June
2001 2000
HK\$'000 HK\$'000

The taxation charge comprises:

Hong Kong profits tax		
Current	23,237	50,193
Overprovision in prior years	(14,018)	(4,576)
	9,219	45,617
PRC taxation		
Current	2,496	3,881
Deferred	1,742	2,908
	4,238	6,789
Overseas taxation		
Current	520	–
Share of taxation attributable to associated companies	14,006	31,475
	27,983	83,881

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at 16% (2000: 16%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

PRC taxation represents tax charges on the estimated assessable profits of subsidiaries operating in places in the People's Republic of China excluding Hong Kong, calculated at the applicable rates of taxation.

Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

5. Transfer (To)/From Reserves

Six months ended 30 June
2001 2000
HK\$'000 HK\$'000

Transfer (to)/from:

Share of surplus and capital reserves of
associated companies

(5,227) **2**

6. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$281,057,000 (2000: HK\$602,737,000) and the weighted average number of 1,138,597,034 shares (2000: 1,118,471,018 shares) in issue during the period.

There is no dilution arising from the outstanding convertible bonds issued by the Group and the outstanding share options granted by the Company in 1997 and 2001. The dilution from the outstanding share options granted by the Company in 1999 and 2000 is immaterial. Accordingly, diluted earnings per share has not been shown.

7. Trade Debtors

The Group maintains a defined credit policy. The ageing analysis of trade debtors as at 30 June 2001 was as follows:

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
0 – 1 month	293,784	206,377
2 – 3 months	53,368	9,917
Over 3 months	10,962	19,510
	<u>358,114</u>	<u>235,804</u>

8. Trade Creditors

The ageing analysis of trade creditors as at 30 June 2001 was as follows:

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
0 – 1 month	72,830	190,646
2 – 3 months	7,558	3,122
Over 3 months	4,454	4,416
	<u>84,842</u>	<u>198,184</u>

9. Long-Term Liabilities

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
Bank loans – unsecured	6,032,424	7,045,763
Bank loans – secured	<u>1,957,763</u>	<u>1,883,733</u>
Total bank loans (note (a))	7,990,187	8,929,496
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>(999,846)</u>	<u>(4,397,879)</u>
	6,990,341	4,531,617
Convertible bonds (note (b))	<u>–</u>	<u>1,831,677</u>
	<u>6,990,341</u>	<u>6,363,294</u>

(a) At 30 June 2001, the Group's bank loans were repayable as follows:

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
Within one year	999,846	4,397,879
After one year		
In the second year	1,274,591	764,842
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	<u>5,715,750</u>	<u>3,766,775</u>
	6,990,341	4,531,617
	<u>7,990,187</u>	<u>8,929,496</u>

(b) Convertible bonds

During the period, there had been no conversion of the convertible bonds into shares of the Company by the bondholders and no redemption of the convertible bonds by Kerry Properties Capital Limited. Details of the convertible bonds can be found in the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000.

10. Retained Profits

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
At beginning of period/year as previously reported	5,629,812	5,323,734
Effect of adopting SSAP 9 (revised)	226,883	223,648
At beginning of period/year as restated	5,856,695	5,547,382
Final dividend for the previous year paid	(226,883)	(223,648)
Transfer (to)/from reserves	(5,227)	28,625
Profit for the period/year	281,057	728,201
2000 interim dividend paid	—	(223,865)
At end of period/year	5,905,642	5,856,695
2000 final dividend proposed	—	(226,883)
2001 interim dividend	(230,973)	—
	<u>5,674,669</u>	<u>5,629,812</u>

11. Contingent Liabilities

	30 June 2001 HK\$'000	31 December 2000 HK\$'000
Banking facilities		
Guarantees for banking and other facilities of certain associated companies and investee companies (note(a))	1,768,982	1,927,994
Guarantees to certain banks for mortgage facilities granted to first buyers of certain properties in the PRC (note(b))	98,516	97,127
	<u>1,867,498</u>	<u>2,025,121</u>

- (a) The Group has executed guarantees for banking and other facilities granted to certain associated companies and investee companies. The utilised amount of such facilities covered by the Group's guarantees which also represented the financial exposure of the Group at the balance sheet date amounted to approximately HK\$1,768,982,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$1,927,994,000). The total amount of such facilities covered by the Group's guarantees amounted to approximately HK\$1,901,638,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$2,223,294,000).

11. Contingent Liabilities (continued)

- (b) The Group has executed guarantees to certain banks for mortgage facilities granted to first buyers of certain properties in the PRC. The utilised amount of such facilities covered by the Group's guarantees which also represented the financial exposure of the Group at the balance sheet date amounted to approximately HK\$98,516,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$97,127,000). The total amount of such facilities covered by the Group's guarantees amounted to approximately HK\$553,905,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$557,613,000).

Apart from the above, there are no material changes in contingent liabilities of the Group since 31 December 2000.

12. Pledge Of Assets

- (a) At 30 June 2001, the Group's total bank loans and overdrafts of HK\$7,993,996,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$8,929,496,000) included an aggregate amount of HK\$6,032,424,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$7,045,763,000) which was unsecured and an aggregate amount of HK\$1,961,572,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$1,883,733,000) which was secured by the following:
 - (i) legal charges over certain fixed assets, properties under development for sale and stock of completed properties held for sale with an aggregate net book value of HK\$10,723,772,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$10,276,608,000);
 - (ii) charges on all assets, including bank balances amounting to HK\$147,733,000 (31 December 2000: HK\$149,238,000), of certain subsidiaries. Such bank balances can be used for payment of construction and other operating costs or for repayment of outstanding bank loans of the respective subsidiaries;
 - (iii) assignments of sale proceeds, insurance proceeds, rental income and deposits arising from the tenancy agreements of certain properties;
 - (iv) mortgages over the issued shares of certain subsidiaries;
 - (v) assignments and subordinations of shareholders' loans of certain subsidiaries; and
 - (vi) corporate guarantees from the Company and the respective parent companies of the shareholders of certain subsidiaries.
- (b) At 30 June 2001, the Group's shares in certain associated companies were pledged to banks for loan facilities granted to the aforesaid associated companies.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Turnover of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2001 increased to HK\$2,194 million (2000: HK\$1,493 million) whilst profit attributable to shareholders decreased by 53% to HK\$281 million (2000: HK\$603 million).

The increase in turnover is mainly due to the sales and pre-sales of properties in the first half of the year. However, unlike the corresponding period in the first six months of the year 2000 when the Group generated significant profit such as from the sales of Horizon Lodge and the penthouse of Aigburth, the Group incurred an overall loss from sales of properties during this period. The loss arose mainly from the sales of units in Ocean Pointe and Kerry Everbright City. Accordingly, the Group has realised an amount of HK\$317 million of the provision made in respect of Ocean Pointe in line with the sales of those properties. As a result, profit attributable to shareholders has decreased.

In 1998, the Group made a general provision of HK\$150 million with respect to the Group's development property portfolio. In accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 28, "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets", which came into effect during the period under review, this provision has now been reclassified as a specific provision in respect of the Ocean Pointe project.

HONG KONG PROPERTY DIVISION

The Hong Kong Property Division recorded total turnover of HK\$1,340 million for the six months ended 30 June 2001 (2000: HK\$951 million), representing 61% of the total turnover for the Group. Rental income for the six month period recorded a 7% decrease to HK\$217 million compared with HK\$234 million for the corresponding period last year mainly because of the sales of 168 Sai Yeung Choi Street and Horizon Lodge in 2000. Proceeds from sales of properties for the six months ended 30 June 2001 amounted to HK\$1,123 million compared to HK\$717 million for the same period last year. Profit attributable to the Group from the Division amounted to approximately HK\$57 million (2000: HK\$465 million).

Development Properties

The Group commenced the sale of Ocean Pointe during the period under review. Ocean Pointe comprises of three towers offering a total of 560 residential units. The spacious 20,000 square feet clubhouse and 50,000 square feet podium roof offer a wide range of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities for its residents. Since its public launch in March 2001, 299 units amounting to approximately 53% of the development has been sold as at 30 June 2001. Subsequent to the period end, an additional 28 units amounting to approximately 5% of the development were sold.

Enterprise Square II, a brand new 27-storey industrial office building located adjacent to Enterprise Square in Kowloon Bay, received its occupation permit in April 2001 and approximately 45% of the development has been sold as at 30 June 2001 with 20% of such sales to be completed subsequent to 30 June 2001.

HONG KONG PROPERTY DIVISION (continued)

Development Properties (continued)

The remaining penthouse unit of Tavistock II, a luxury development located at the highly sought after address of Tregunter Path, was also sold at a consideration of approximately HK\$48 million during the period.

Sales of the Group's joint venture developments are also progressing well with approximately 31, 250 and 173 residential units in Island Harbourview, Park Avenue and Central Park being sold, respectively, during the half year under review. In accordance with the Group's accounting policy, results on the sales of completed joint venture developments have been booked upon the completion of sales during the period. In respect of projects still under development, the Group has accounted for the sales on a percentage completion basis. As at 30 June 2001, Island Harbourview and Park Avenue were 100% completed whilst Central Park was approximately 53% completed. Such results have been included under "Share of profits less losses of associated companies" in the accounts. Subsequent to 30 June 2001, a further 1, 27 and 25 units in Island Harbourview, Park Avenue and Central Park have been sold, respectively.

Investment Properties

The Group has continued with the sale of units in Enterprise Square. During the six month period, approximately 19,872 square feet of the development have been sold for HK\$36 million with completion scheduled for August 2001. Subsequent to 30 June 2001, the Group announced the disposal of its interest in Energy Plaza in Tsim Sha Tsui jointly with Sino Land Company Limited for a consideration of approximately HK\$389 million with completion scheduled for September 2001.

The Group also sold 10 units of Tregunter Towers during the six month period ended 30 June 2001 generating proceeds of approximately HK\$157 million. Out of the 10 units which had been sold, 2 units are scheduled to be completed subsequent to 30 June 2001. In addition, 2 more units were sold subsequent to the period end.

Aigburth, a luxury development located adjacent to Tavistock II, is leasing well with 62 units out of a total of 64 units owned by the Group representing approximately 97% of the property being leased as at 30 June 2001.

Olympian City 1, the commercial podium in Phase 1 development of the Tai Kok Tsui project is leasing well with the property being 92% occupied as at 30 June 2001. Subsequent to the period end, in July 2001 the office block in the same development, Olympian Tower, in which the Group has a 20% interest, was sold to the Bank of China Group for approximately HK\$1,090 million. Completion of this sale is scheduled for January 2002.

The Group's investment portfolio continued to maintain high occupancy rates of 97%, 96% and 96% for residential, retail and offices, respectively, as at 30 June 2001.

Status of Developments

The Constellation Cove development in Tai Po Kau is progressing satisfactorily. Approximately 98% of the structural frames of all buildings have been completed. The 7 show flats, apartments and houses are now ready for viewing. Based on the current progress, the project comprising of 286 units is expected to be completed by the end of 2001. Pre-sale consent for Constellation Cove has been received subsequent to the period end in July 2001 and the pre-sale of the development is expected to commence shortly.

The site formation and piling works of Ava Mansion are in progress. The Group has made use of the unutilised plot ratio in the Branksome site to maximize its land use to build Ava Mansion. The development, with buildable gross floor area of approximately 142,918 square feet, will comprise a 39-storey luxury residential building with ancillary carparks and clubhouse facilities offering panoramic sea views of the city and the harbour.

Piling work of Phase III Enterprise Square, another industrial office development at NKIL 5877 in Kowloon Bay, will commence in the third quarter of 2001. Site formation and piling works at Tsuen Wan Town Lot 404, a site 50% owned by the Group, will also commence in the third quarter of the year.

The Town Planning Board confirmed the Residential Zoning for the Ap Lei Chau project. The site is intended to be developed into a residential project.

PRC PROPERTY DIVISION

Turnover from the PRC Property Division for the six months ended 30 June 2001 increased by 64% to HK\$496 million (2000: HK\$302 million), representing 23% of the Group's total turnover. Rental income from the Division increased approximately by 46% to HK\$246 million (2000: HK\$169 million). Proceeds from sales of properties also increased to HK\$149 million (2000: HK\$56 million) as a result of the sale of units in Kerry Everbright City Tower 2 and the pre-sale of Central Residences. Revenues generated from the Beijing Kerry Centre Hotel for the first six months of this year increased by approximately 31% to HK\$101 million (2000: HK\$77 million). The contribution from this Division is continuing to improve due to the continuing strong economic outlook of the PRC economy. Profit attributable to the Group from the Division amounted to approximately HK\$90 million (2000: HK\$73 million).

PRC PROPERTY DIVISION (continued)

Development Properties

Riding on the success of its Phase I pre-sale, the pre-sale of Phase II of Central Residences, the Group's Hua Shan Road project in Shanghai, commenced in June 2001 with an exhibition held in Hong Kong. Under Phase II, Tower 3 of the development was released for sale and has received an enthusiastic response from the public with approximately 54% of the tower being sold at launch. In July 2001, an additional 8% of Tower 3 was sold. As at 30 June 2001, Towers 1 and 2 were 94% and 100% pre-sold, respectively. At the period end, construction of Towers 1, 2 and 3 were approximately 97%, 87% and 66% completed, respectively.

The construction of the Shenzhen Regency Park Phase IIIA development has been completed with 13 out of 16 villas having been sold as at 30 June 2001. It is intended that construction of Phase IIIB development will commence when prospective buyers have registered their interest as these houses are intended to be individually designed.

Investment Properties

Leasing activities in Beijing Kerry Centre are progressing well. The twin office towers have achieved an occupancy rate of 95% as at 30 June 2001. The adjacent residential towers, Kerry Residences, have also been leasing well with 85% of the residential apartments being leased as at 30 June 2001. In addition, the Group has also leased out 90% of the commercial space in Beijing Kerry Centre.

Beijing Kerry Centre Hotel has also performed satisfactorily during the first six months of this year with an average occupancy rate of approximately 66%.

Shanghai Kerry Centre has also achieved excellent leasing results despite the highly competitive market conditions in Shanghai. As at the end of June 2001, the office tower and commercial podium were approximately 99% and 68% leased, respectively. Similar to Beijing Kerry Centre, the service apartments in Shanghai Kerry Centre are also branded Kerry Residences, with 71% of the apartments having been leased out as at 30 June 2001.

Sales and leasing of Kerry Everbright City in Shanghai are also progressing well. 162 residential units in Tower 2 amounting to approximately 20,600 square metres were sold during the six months under review with 5,763 square metres of such sales to be completed subsequent to 30 June 2001. As at 30 June 2001, approximately 76% and 8% of Tower 1 and 7% and 85% of Tower 2 have also been leased and sold, respectively. The shopping mall was 100% leased as at the same date.

As at 30 June 2001, approximately 100% of the units in International Apartments were sold while the shopping mall was approximately 63% and 30% leased and sold, respectively. In Shanghai Trade Square, approximately 29% and 66% of the office space have been leased and sold, respectively, whilst the retail shops are approximately 69% and 31% leased and sold, respectively.

The marketing activities of Shenzhen Kerry Centre are continuing and approximately 68% and 30% of the office space have been leased and sold, respectively, at the period end.

Status of Developments

Demolition of the existing buildings on the Cao Jia Yan site in Shanghai is in progress. Vacant possession is targeted by end 2001 and planning and design for the project are currently in progress.

In April 2001, the Group signed a letter of intent with the Land Grant Committee Office of the Jingan District in Shanghai to develop residential housing at Yan An Zhong Road. The Group will develop No. 1288 Yan An Zhong Road as foreign funded residential housing for local sales. It occupies a total site area of approximately 13,694 square metres and is located southwest of Shanghai Kerry Centre in the Jingan District. It is intended to construct high rise luxury residential buildings with a plot ratio of approximately 5 times. It is planned to develop three luxury residential towers with a total buildable area of approximately 67,000 square metres with landscaped gardens. Recreational facilities of approximately 1,000 square metres will be included as part of the development and 100 carparking units will also be provided. The development is expected to be completed by December 2004.

The site investigation and conceptual design works in Shenzhen Futian Lot No. B205-0008 have been completed and the detail design work is in progress. This is intended to be a luxury residential development with an exclusive residents' clubhouse with accompanying facilities.

Due to the improving economic outlook in the PRC, a review of the Yu Quan Hua Yuan project in Fuzhou is also being undertaken with the intention to restart this project.

LOGISTICS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION

The Logistics and Warehouse Division is one of the main contributors of revenue to the Group, contributing a turnover of HK\$336 million in the six months ended 30 June 2001 (2000: HK\$216 million). This represents approximately 15% of the Group's total turnover. Logistics operations generated revenues of HK\$121 million (2000: HK\$22 million), while warehousing operations accounted for HK\$215 million (2000: HK\$194 million). The Division recorded earnings before interest and tax of HK\$128 million for the period compared with HK\$110 million for the same period last year. This represents a strong growth rate of 16%.

Profit attributable to the Group from the Division for the six months ended 30 June 2001 amounted to HK\$52 million (2000: HK\$14 million). This represents HK\$2 million contributed from logistics operations and HK\$50 million from warehousing operations.

The Group continues to take active steps to enhance its services in the Logistics and Warehouse Division in line with its vision to become a premier pan-Asian integrated logistics company. Kerry Logistics Network Limited ("KLN"), the divisional holding company of the Division, was formed to integrate the logistics and warehouse operations of the Group to facilitate the provision of one-stop integrated supply chain management solutions to customers.

Integrated logistics services comprise many components of which warehousing, inventory management, distribution and freight forwarding are fundamental in the delivery of integrated supply chain management solutions to customers.

The Group has a dominant position in warehousing in Hong Kong. It owns and operates 14 warehouses with leasable gross floor area of 6.6 million square feet. The average occupancy of the entire portfolio as at 30 June 2001 is approximately 95%. It caters to the varied needs of its customers for storage of general cargo, dangerous goods and bonded goods as well as cold storage.

The Group has completed the conversion of approximately 400,000 square feet of warehouse space at Kerry Cargo Centre into a full-fledged logistics centre for its logistics operations. The logistics centre has reached full utilization and the Group will continue to convert additional warehouse space to expand the capacity of its logistics centre when required.

The Kerry Logistics website, www.kerrylogistics.com, has been well received by customers and the Group has been successful in migrating traditional customers onto its web-based platform at an increasing rate. The web-based platform enables customers to integrate with the Group's supply chain management system, thereby providing customers with an efficient and cost effective solution within a seamless business environment.

The Group is continuously evaluating its information technology capability, which is currently supported by a web-enabled supply chain execution system. The Group is committed to the application of advanced technologies to provide efficient management of its customers' inventory as part of the supply chain management solution.

To enhance customer service, the Division has a distribution fleet and team which is capable of providing premier distribution services.

The Division has continued to expand its logistics network in Asia. In January 2001, the Division extended its operations to Korea with the acquisition of a 51% interest in Kerry Freight (Korea) Inc., a leading Korean freight forwarding company.

In China, a joint venture agreement was signed with Beijing Holdings Investment Management Company Limited in the first quarter of 2001, the purpose of which is to develop a northern China logistics hub for Beijing and other northern Chinese cities. This joint venture commenced operations in June 2001. In addition, the Division has set up warehouses in Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone ("FTZ") through a 100% wholly owned foreign enterprise company so as to capture businesses from the vast manufacturing and retail industries of Shanghai and its neighbouring cities along the Yangtze River. This operation will commence in August 2001. This strategic operation will take advantage of various taxation and administrative privileges available to foreign firms in the FTZ. Development efforts with regard to other major cities in China will intensify in the second half of 2001.

In June 2001, KLN successfully acquired a 100% interest in Charlick Operations Pty. Limited and its subsidiaries in Australia. The Charlick Group of Companies will be renamed as Kerry Logistics (Australia) subsequent to the acquisition. Kerry Logistics (Australia) is mainly engaged in the provision of freight and logistics services, container depot services, interstate and local transport services, loading/unloading and storage services at rail terminals. The acquisition will enable KLN through its subsidiary, Kerry Logistics (Australia), to explore potential business synergies and to further develop the business in Australia to improve profitability for the Group and add the Australasian presence to KLN's network.

Subsequent to 30 June 2001, KLN acquired a 4.75 hectare piece of land in Thailand for business development purposes. Less than half of the land will be utilised to build and develop a 16,000 square metres logistics centre in the area of Laem Chabang Port, to the south of Bangkok and the remaining land will be used for future expansion. In addition, the Division commenced air and freight operations in Thailand in January 2001 in the vicinity of the Siam Sea Port Terminal at Laem Chabang Port.

LOGISTICS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION (continued)

Leveraging on its strengths in Hong Kong, the Division will seek to establish a network of logistics capabilities in Asia. Expansion into China is a priority. The Group is also actively seeking joint venture and/or other opportunities to establish its logistics operations in other parts of North Asia and South-East Asia.

INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED INVESTMENTS

The operations of Shenzhen Kaifeng Terminal are continuing to make good progress with 262,371 TEUs handled during the six months ended 30 June 2001, representing an increase of 16% compared to 226,277 TEUs for the six months ended 30 June 2000. During the six months ended 30 June 2001, the Group equity accounted for HK\$5 million in profits after tax from this investment.

Asia Airfreight Terminal is continuing to operate profitably at the Chek Lap Kok airport. Total tonnage handled during the six months ended 30 June 2001 is approximately 169,285 tons (2000: 178,000 tons). The Group has equity accounted for its share of profit after tax amounting to HK\$9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2001. Asia Airfreight Terminal is conducting studies to evaluate its future expansion plans in order to take advantage of the growing air cargo volume in Hong Kong.

The performance of the Group's other infrastructure-related investments is in line with expectations and these investments have provided a stable stream of revenue to the Group during the period under review.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS

Pre-sales of Jacksons Landing, the Group's joint venture project in Sydney, Australia, have continued with satisfactory results. As at 30 June 2001, 504 units out of 582 units in the first six precincts released for pre-sales have been sold. Construction of other precincts is proceeding according to schedule. The Group has equity accounted for its share of profits after tax for the first six months amounting to HK\$7 million.

The Group has continued to enjoy a stable income from its investment in EDSA Properties Holdings Inc. ("EPHI") in the Philippines. EPHI owns a majority stake in Shangri-La Plaza Mall, one of the premier shopping malls in Manila, in the Philippines whose occupancy rate stood at 96% at 30 June 2001. Contribution from EPHI during the period has also been strengthened by its 23.52% investment in KSA Realty Corporation ("KSA"), a company acquired in December 2000 whose main asset is Enterprise Center, a twin tower grade A office building in Makati Central Business District. As at 30 June 2001, Enterprise Center was approximately 90% leased.

On 9 July 2001, EPHI announced its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2001, reporting profit attributable to shareholders of approximately Pesos 122.45 million which represents an increase of 43% over the corresponding period in 2000 of approximately Pesos 85.88 million.

In view of the strengthening financial position of EPHI after the KSA acquisition, the Group has equity accounted for HK\$6 million as its share of profits after tax from EPHI during the period under review. The Group is confident that the investment will further enhance its recurring income base.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee which comprises of all four non-executive directors of the Board with three of them being independent non-executive directors. Chaired by an independent non-executive director, the committee meets regularly in order to review the plans of both the internal and external auditors as well as the internal controls of the Group. It also reviews the interim and annual reports of the Group before recommending them to the Board for approval. All audit committee meetings are attended by the external auditors with the Group's internal auditor and Chief Financial Officer in attendance. The committee has already met three times during the year to date.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company has a remuneration committee which comprises the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Board and all three independent non-executive directors of the Company. It makes recommendations with respect to the remuneration of executive directors of the Company. The remuneration committee has already met twice during the year to date.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Company has centralised funding for all its operations at the Group level. This policy achieves better control of treasury operations and lower average cost of funds. With respect to foreign exchange exposure, this does not pose a significant risk for the Group given that the level of US\$ exposure is small relative to its total asset base. US\$ borrowings including convertible bonds as at 30 June 2001 amounted to approximately US\$288 million. The rental and sales of properties in the PRC are linked to the US\$ whilst expenditures in the PRC are mainly in Renminbi.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

On 18 June 2001, the Group signed an agreement with a syndicate of banks for a 5 year unsecured facility amounting to HK\$6 billion for refinancing an existing HK\$4 billion syndicated loan which will mature in September this year. This facility carries an interest rate of HIBOR plus 50 basis points. The facility was very well received by the market, as highlighted by 12 reputable banks and financial institutions of various nationalities underwriting the transaction with a total commitment of HK\$6.6 billion, which exceeded the initial facility size of HK\$3 billion by 120%. The commitments of the coordinating arrangers were scaled back to HK\$6 billion before general syndication was launched. Further commitments amounting to HK\$550 million were received at general syndication and the size of the facility was scaled back again to HK\$6 billion with 25 banks participating. This strong level of oversubscription reflects the great confidence of the banking community in the Group for its strong credit quality.

The majority of the Group's borrowings are subject to floating interest rates except for certain loans in the PRC and the convertible bonds which are fixed interest loans. As at 30 June 2001, total borrowings of the Group including convertible bonds amounted to HK\$9,892 million, of which 29% was due within one year while 13% and 58% were due in the second year and in the third to fifth years, respectively. During the period, the Group continued to maintain most of its borrowings on an unsecured basis. As at 30 June 2001, unsecured debt comprised 80% of total borrowings while total net borrowings including convertible bonds amounted to approximately HK\$8,732 million, resulting in a gearing ratio of approximately 36% based on shareholders' equity of approximately HK\$23,995 million.

The Group will continue to obtain financing on a fully unsecured basis whenever possible and supplement such borrowings with secured project financing as and when the need arises. The Group will continue its policy of maintaining a prudent gearing ratio.

At 30 June 2001, the Group had total undrawn facilities of approximately HK\$6,760 million and net cash on hand of approximately HK\$1,160 million. In addition, the Group also continues to generate strong recurring cashflows from its core investment property portfolio. This strong financial position enables the Group to assess future investment opportunities with confidence.

CREDIT RATING

The Group's credit standing is reinforced by the April 2001 issue of the *Asset* magazine which ranked the Company one of the best credits in Hong Kong. In addition, on 13 July 2001, Standard & Poor's reviewed the Group's credit rating and reaffirmed the Group's corporate and convertible bond ratings to be of investment grade with a "BBB-" rating together with a stable outlook.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INITIATIVES

The Group has continued with its initiatives to incorporate environmental designs and services in its projects. In its latest development, Constellation Cove, the Group has not only focused on designs but has also introduced a new management called "Green Property Management System" in the development. In the design aspects, the development has planned for the use of natural light and solar energy to conserve energy. Over 2,000 trees are to be planted on the site to enhance the environment. The Green Property Management System aims at improving the quality of the environment and includes a ban on the use of environmentally damaging pesticides and chemical fertilisers, a waste recycling system and the use of totally degradable plastic bags.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES

Website

The Kerry Properties Limited website has continued to enhance the Group's corporate image and is a helpful source of information for third parties on the Group and its current activities. Feedback received to date indicates that the website is very well received by the investment community and by buyers of properties. The average number of hits during the six months ended 30 June 2001 is 296,832 hits per month, which represents an 89% increase over the average number of hits in 2000 of 156,928 hits per month.

Investor Relations

In order to develop and maintain continuing good relations with the Group's investors, the Group participated in the Salomon Smith Barney Hong Kong/China conference held in Singapore in April 2001 this year.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF

As at 30 June 2001, the Company and its subsidiaries had 2,528 employees. Salaries of employees are maintained at competitive levels while bonuses are granted on a discretionary basis. Other employee benefits include provident fund, insurance and medical cover, subsidised educational and training programmes as well as a share option scheme.

Executive Share Option Scheme

The shareholders of the Company approved an executive share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") on 27 March 1997. The Share Option Scheme is designed to give executives and key employees in the service of the Company or any of its subsidiaries an interest in preserving and maximising shareholder value in the longer term, to enable the Company and the relevant subsidiaries to attract and retain individuals with experience and ability and to reward individuals for future performance.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF (continued)

Executive Share Option Scheme (continued)

Under the Share Option Scheme, the Directors may, at their discretion, invite executive directors and key employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Company subject to terms and conditions stipulated therein. On 2 March 2001, the Company granted a total of 1,240,000 option shares at an exercise price of HK\$12.23 per option share. Together with the option shares granted in previous years, the outstanding option shares at 30 June 2001 were as follows:

Date of grant	Tranche	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of the Company
11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	11,729,531
27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	2,924,618
	II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	2,924,636
				5,849,254
01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	2,857,000
	II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	2,857,000
	III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	2,723,879
				8,437,879
02/03/2001	I	02/03/2002-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	424,000
	II	02/03/2003-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	424,000
	III	02/03/2004-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	392,000
				1,240,000
			Total	27,256,664

Pursuant to the terms of the Share Option Scheme, the Company adjusted the exercise price per option share of the unexercised options and the number of option shares comprised thereunder on 1 August 2001 following changes in the Company's issued share capital in May 2001. The exercise prices have been adjusted from HK\$15.77 to HK\$15.50, from HK\$10.19 to HK\$10.01, from HK\$7.08 to HK\$6.96 and from HK\$12.23 to HK\$12.03 in respect of the unexercised options granted on 11 April 1997, 27 November 1999, 1 June 2000 and 2 March 2001, respectively, with additional corresponding option shares of 204,315, 105,157, 145,444 and 20,610 granted accordingly.

No options have been exercised under the Share Option Scheme since its adoption by the shareholders of the Company.

CONCLUSION

The outlook for the Hong Kong economy and the property sector in the second half of 2001 continues to be weak as it is impacted by the slowdown in the US and Europe. Nevertheless, the PRC's economy remains strong and the Group is in a good position to access further opportunities there. The Group continues to enjoy a strong recurrent income base which together with its sound financial position, puts the Group in a good position to expand and grow in the years ahead.

PRACTICE NOTE 19 OF THE LISTING RULES

(i) Specific Performance Obligations on Controlling Shareholder

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of Paragraph 3.7.1 of Practice Note 19 of the Listing Rules ("PN 19"), the Company makes disclosure in relation to a loan agreement dated 24 May 2000, which contains covenants requiring specific performance obligations of the controlling shareholder of the Company and breach of such obligations will cause defaults in respect of loans that are significant to the operations of the Company. Pursuant to the loan agreement made between, inter alia, the Company as borrower and BOCI Capital Limited as agent, relating to a five-year HK\$4.205 billion loan facility, it would be a termination event if Kerry Group Limited, its subsidiaries and its associated companies ceases to own (directly or indirectly) beneficially the higher of 35% and any per cent which is greater than that which any other person owns beneficially of the shares in the Company's capital carrying rights to vote, or, to have the power to control and direct the policies and management of the Company, and, in either case, this is not remedied within seven business days after the agent has given notice to the Company requiring it to be remedied.

(ii) Financial Assistance and Guarantees to Affiliated Companies

As disclosed in the Company's 2000 annual report, the circumstances giving rise to a disclosure under paragraph 3.3 of PN 19 no longer exist. This is still the case as at 30 June 2001. However, the Directors, in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, consider that in the interest of good corporate governance and disclosure, the Company continues to make such disclosures.

In line with the disclosure requirements of Paragraph 3.10 of PN 19, the Company continues to disclose the following information as at 30 June 2001 in relation to the affiliated companies as at the end of the most recent financial period reported on by the affiliated companies. This information has been extracted from the relevant audited accounts or management accounts of the affiliated companies.

	Notes	HK\$'000
The Group's share of total indebtedness analysed as follows:		
Bank borrowings	1	2,418,579
Other borrowings including loans from shareholders	2	4,177,652
		<u>6,596,231</u>
The Group's share of capital commitments:		
Authorized but not contracted for		12,105
Contracted but not provided for		627,616
		<u>639,721</u>

Notes:

1. As at 30 June 2001, bank facilities utilised by the affiliated companies and guaranteed by the Group amounted to approximately HK\$1,382 million.
2. The above amount includes borrowings from the Group. As at 30 June 2001, such borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$4,098 million.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES OR DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2001, the interests of the Directors in the shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the "SDI Ordinance")) (the "Associated Corporations") as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance were as follows:

(i) The Company

Name of director	Number of ordinary shares	Notes
Mr KUOK Khoon Loong, Edward	857,704	1
Mr ANG Keng Lam	511,389	2
Mr WONG Siu Kong	2,000	1
Mr HO Shut Kan	Nil	
Mr Thaddeus Thomas BECZAK	100,000	3
Mr Paul James Cromwell BUSH	62,773	1
Dr FUNG Kwok King, Victor	Nil	
Mrs LEE Pui Ling, Angelina	Nil	
Mr Christopher Roger MOSS, O.B.E.	Nil	

Notes:

1. The relevant director has deemed interest(s) in these shares held through discretionary trust(s).
2. This represents personal interests in 2,513 shares held by the relevant director and a deemed interest in 508,876 shares through a discretionary trust.
3. The relevant director has personal interests in these shares.

(ii) Associated Corporations

The following Directors have interests in the shares of Kerry Group Limited and/or Shangri-La International Hotels (Seoul) Limited as follows:

Kerry Group Limited

Name of director	Number of ordinary shares	<i>Notes</i>
Mr KUOK Khoon Loong, Edward	37,694,101	1
Mr ANG Keng Lam	11,850,000	1
Mr WONG Siu Kong	1,754,300	1
Mr HO Shut Kan	165,000	2
Mr Paul James Cromwell BUSH	1,700,000	1

Shangri-La International Hotels (Seoul) Limited (in members' voluntary liquidation)

Name of director	Number of ordinary shares	<i>Notes</i>
Mr KUOK Khoon Loong, Edward	4,300	2

Notes:

1. The relevant director has deemed interest(s) in these shares held through discretionary trust(s).
2. This represents personal interests held by the relevant director.

Save as aforesaid, as at 30 June 2001, none of the Directors had any other interests in shares in or debentures of the Company or any of its Associated Corporations which had been entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

(i) The Company

On 2 March 2001, the Board of Directors granted certain options to the Directors under the Share Option Scheme. Details of options granted are set out below.

As at 30 June 2001, the number of outstanding options granted under the Share Option Scheme to the Directors to subscribe for shares of the Company, as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance were as follows:

Name of director	Date of grant	Tranche	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of the Company
Mr KUOK Khoon Loong, Edward	11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	2,774,254
	27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	405,495
		II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	405,496
					810,991
	01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	331,000
		II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	331,000
		III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	330,457
					992,457
				Total	4,577,702

Name of director	Date of grant	Tranche	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of the Company
Mr ANG Keng Lam	11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	1,664,552
	27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	405,495
		II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	405,496
					810,991
	01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	331,000
		II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	331,000
		III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	330,457
					992,457
	Total				3,468,000
Mr WONG Siu Kong	11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	1,109,701
	27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	202,747
		II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	202,748
					405,495
	01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	169,000
		II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	169,000
		III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	168,355
					506,355
	Total				2,021,551

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES (continued)

(i) The Company (continued)

Name of director	Date of grant	Tranche	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of the Company
Mr HO Shut Kan	11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	776,791
	27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	131,786
		II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	131,786
					263,572
	01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	119,000
		II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	119,000
		III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	116,449
					354,449
	02/03/2001	I	02/03/2002-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	34,000
		II	02/03/2003-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	34,000
		III	02/03/2004-01/03/2011	HK\$12.23	32,000
					100,000
				Total	<u>1,494,812</u>

Name of director	Date of grant	Tranche	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of the Company	
Mr Thaddeus Thomas BECZAK	27/11/1999	I	27/05/2000-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	101,373	
		II	27/05/2001-26/03/2007	HK\$10.19	101,374	
					202,747	
	01/06/2000	I	01/06/2001-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	68,000	
		II	01/06/2002-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	68,000	
		III	01/06/2003-31/05/2010	HK\$7.08	66,542	
					202,542	
					Total	405,289
	Mr Paul James Cromwell BUSH	11/04/1997	N/A	11/04/1999-26/03/2007	HK\$15.77	554,850

(ii) Associated Corporations

Pursuant to a share option scheme adopted by Kerry Group Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, on 17 November 1999, the directors of Kerry Group Limited granted options in favour of the following Directors to subscribe for shares in Kerry Group Limited as follows:

Name of director	Date of grant	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of option shares of Kerry Group Limited
Mr KUOK Khoon Loong, Edward	04/05/2000	04/11/2000-03/05/2007	HK\$4.20	10,000,000
Mr ANG Keng Lam	04/05/2000	04/11/2000-03/05/2007	HK\$4.20	6,000,000
Mr WONG Siu Kong	04/05/2000	04/11/2000-03/05/2007	HK\$4.20	5,000,000
Mr HO Shut Kan	04/05/2000	04/11/2000-03/05/2007	HK\$4.20	1,000,000
Mr Thaddeus Thomas BECZAK	04/05/2000	04/11/2000-03/05/2007	HK\$4.20	5,000,000

Apart from the aforesaid, at no time during the six months ended 30 June 2001 was the Company or any of its Associated Corporations a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate and none of the Directors or their spouses or children under 18 years of age was granted any right to subscribe for any shares in or debentures of the Company or any of its Associated Corporations.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2001, as far as the Directors were aware, the interests of the substantial shareholders in the shares of the Company were as follows:

Name of substantial shareholder	Number of ordinary shares
Kerry Group Limited	729,328,906 <i>(Note)</i>
Kerry Holdings Limited	729,328,906 <i>(Note)</i>

Note: Kerry Properties Limited is a subsidiary of Kerry Holdings Limited. Kerry Holdings Limited itself is a subsidiary of Kerry Group Limited and, accordingly, the shares in which Kerry Holdings Limited is shown to be interested are also included in the shares in which Kerry Group Limited is shown to be interested.

Apart from the aforesaid, as at 30 June 2001, the Company had not been notified of any interest amounting to 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company required to be disclosed pursuant to the SDI Ordinance.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the Directors is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended 30 June 2001, in compliance with Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules except that the non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

CLOSURE OF REGISTERS OF MEMBERS

The registers of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 August 2001 to Friday, 24 August 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Abacus Share Registrars Limited of 2401 Prince's Building, Central, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 21 August 2001. The dividend warrants and certificates for the new shares to be issued pursuant to the scrip dividend scheme will be distributed on or about Tuesday, 9 October 2001.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2001.

By Order of the Board
Kuok Khoon Loong, Edward
Chairman

Hong Kong SAR, 1 August 2001