IMPORTANT

If you are in any doubt about this Prospectus or as to the action to be taken, you should consult your licensed securities dealer, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser.

If you have sold all your shares in Capital Estate Limited (the "Company"), you should at once hand this Prospectus and the accompanying provisional allotment letter and form of application for excess Rights Shares to the purchaser or bank, licensed securities dealer or other agent through whom the sale was effected for transmission to the purchaser.

Dealings in the shares of the Company may be settled through the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC") and you should consult your licensed securities dealer, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser for details of those settlement arrangements and how such arrangements may affect your rights and interests.

A copy of this Prospectus, together with copies of the provisional allotment letter and the form of application for excess Rights Shares and the written consent of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu have been registered by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong as required by Section 342C of the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong. The Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong and the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong take no responsibility as to the contents of any of the documents referred to above.

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and HKSCC take no responsibility for the contents of this Prospectus, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this Prospectus.



(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 193)

RIGHTS ISSUE
OF 210,175,944 RIGHTS SHARES OF HK\$1.00 EACH
AT HK\$1.00 PER RIGHTS SHARE
PAYABLE IN FULL UPON ACCEPTANCE
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SHARES FOR EVERY SHARE HELD

Joint Financial Advisers

ALTUS CAPITAL LIMITED



Underwriter of the Rights Issue



Dealings in the Rights Shares in nil-paid form will take place from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (both dates inclusive). If the conditions of the Rights Issue are not fulfilled or the Underwriting Agreement is terminated, the Rights Issue will not proceed. Any dealing in Shares or nil-paid Rights Shares during the period from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

It should be noted that the Underwriting Agreement contains provisions entitling the Underwriter, by notice in writing, to terminate the obligations of the Underwriter to the Company at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date (1) if there occurs: (a) an introduction of any new law or regulation or any change in existing law or regulation (or the judicial interpretation thereof); or (b) any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before, and/or after the date of the Underwriting Agreement) of a political, military, financial, economic or currency (including a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to the currency of the United States of America) or other nature (whether or not such are of the same nature as any of the foregoing) or of the nature of any local, national or international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities market; or (c) any act of God, war, riot, public discorder, civil commotion, fire, flood, explosion, epidemic, terrorism, strike or lock-out; and in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriter, such change would have a material and adverse effect no the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or the success of the Rights Issue or make it inadvisable or inexpedient to proceed with the Rights Issue; or (2) if, at or or prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date following the Acceptance Date: (a) the Company commits any material breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings expressed to be assumed by it under the Underwriting Agreement which breach or omission will have a material and adverse effect on its business, financial or trading position; or (b) the Underwriter receives the relevant notification pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement upon the Company becoming aware of any untrue or inaccurate representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement, or shall otherwise become aware of, the fact that any of the representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement was, when given, untrue or inaccurate or would be untrue or inaccurate if repeated as provided in the Underwriting Agreement, and the Underwriter, shall, in its reasonable opinion, determine that any such untrue representation or warranty represents or is likely to represent a material adverse change in the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group taken as a whole or is otherwise likely to have a materially prejudicial effect on the Rights Issue; or (c) Prospectus Documents when published, contain information which would be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect and the Company has failed to promptly send out any announcement or circulars (after despatch of the Prospectus Documents), in such manner (and as appropriated with such contents), as the Underwriter may reasonably request for the purpose of preventing the creation of a false market in the securities of the Company. Upon the giving of notice of termination, all obligations of the Underwriter under the Underwriting Agreement shall cease and no party shall have any claim against any other party in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the Underwriting Agreement provided that the Company shall remain liable to pay to the Underwriter such fees as may then be agreed by the relevant parties. If the Underwriter exercises such right, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

The latest time for acceptance and payment for the Rights Shares is 4:00 p.m., on Monday, 17th October, 2005. The procedure for acceptance or transfer of the Rights Shares is set out on pages 15-16 of this Prospectus.

SUMMARY OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE

The following information is derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the full text of this *Prospectus*:

Number of Rights Shares to be

issued:

210,175,944 Rights Shares

Amount to be raised: Approximately HK\$210.2 million before expenses

Subscription price: HK\$1.00 per Rights Share payable in full on acceptance

Latest time for acceptance: 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 17th October, 2005

Basis of the Rights Issue: Four Rights Shares for every Share held on the Record Date

Right of excess applications: Provisional allottees have the right to apply for Rights Shares

in excess of their provisional allotments

EXPECTED TIMETABLE

2005

| Record Date |
|--|
| Register of members re-opens |
| First day of dealings in nil-paid Rights Shares |
| Latest time for splitting of nil-paid Rights Shares 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 6th October |
| Last day dealings in nil-paid Rights Shares |
| Latest time for payment for and acceptance of Rights Shares |
| Rights Issue becomes unconditional after 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, 19th October |
| Announcement of results of acceptances and excess applications in the Rights Issue |
| Despatch of refund cheques for wholly and partially unsuccessful excess applications |
| Despatch of certificates for fully-paid Rights Shares |
| First day of dealings in fully-paid Rights Shares |
| Note: All times in this Prospectus refer to Hong Kong times |

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TERMINATION OF THE UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

The Underwriting Agreement contains provisions to the effect that the Underwriter may terminate the arrangements set out in the Underwriting Agreement by notice in writing given by the Underwriter to the Company at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date:

1. if there occurs:

- (a) an introduction of any new law or regulation or any change in existing law or regulation (or the judicial interpretation thereof); or
- (b) any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before and/or after the date of the Underwriting Agreement) of a political, military, financial, economic or currency (including a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to the currency of the United States of America) or other nature (whether or not such are of the same nature as any of the foregoing) or of the nature of any local, national or international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities market; or
- (c) any act of God, war, riot, public disorder, civil commotion, fire, flood, explosion, epidemic, terrorism, strike or lock-out;

and in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriter, such change would have a material and adverse effect on the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or the success of the Rights Issue or make it inadvisable or inexpedient to proceed with the Rights Issue; or

2. if, at or prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date:

- (a) the Company commits any material breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings expressed to be assumed by it under the Underwriting Agreement which breach or omission will have a material and adverse effect on its business, financial or trading position; or
- (b) the Underwriting receives the relevant notification pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement upon the Company becoming aware of any untrue or inaccurate representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement, or shall otherwise become aware of, the fact that any of the representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement was, when given, untrue or inaccurate or would be untrue or inaccurate if repeated as provided in the Underwriting Agreement, and, the Underwriter, shall, in its reasonable opinion, determine that any such untrue representation or warranty represents or is likely to represent a material adverse change in the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group taken as a whole or is otherwise likely to have a materially prejudicial effect on the Rights Issue; or

FORCE MAJEURE

(c) the Prospectus Documents when published, contain information which would be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect and the Company has failed to promptly send out any announcements or circulars (after the despatch of the Prospectus Documents), in such manner (and as appropriate with such contents), as the Underwriter may reasonably request for the purpose of preventing the creation of a false market in the securities of the Company.

Upon the giving of notice of termination, all obligations of the Underwriter under the Underwriting Agreement shall cease and no party shall have any claim against any other party in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the Underwriting Agreement provided that the Company shall remain liable to pay to the Underwriter such fees as may then be agreed by the relevant parties. If the Underwriter exercises such right, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

Dealings in the Rights Shares in nil-paid form will take place from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (both dates inclusive) whilst the remaining condition to which the Rights Issue is subject remains unfulfilled. Any Shareholders or other persons dealing in the Shares from now up to the date on which the remaining condition to which the Rights Issue is subject is fulfilled (which is expected to be Wednesday, 19th October, 2005), or in the Rights Shares in their nil-paid form during the period from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (being the first and the last day of dealings in the nil-paid Rights Shares respectively) (both dates inclusive), will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed. Any Shareholders or other persons contemplating selling or purchasing Shares and/or Rights Shares in their nil-paid form during such periods who are in any doubt about their position are recommended to consult their professional advisers.

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In this Prospectus, the following expressions shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

"Acceptance Date" Monday, 17th October, 2005

"Announcement" the announcement of the Company dated 11th August, 2005

regarding, among other things, the Rights Issue

"associate(s)" the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"Business Day" a day on which banks are generally open for business for more

than five hours in Hong Kong

"Capital Reorganisation" the Share Consolidation and the increase of the authorised share

capital of the Company which took effect at 4:00 p.m., Thursday,

29th September, 2005

"CCASS" the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and

operated by HKSCC

"Company" Capital Estate Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong

with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the

Main Board of the Stock Exchange

"Convertible Notes" the convertible notes issued by the Company in the aggregate

principal amount of HK\$36.4 million pursuant to the conditional placing agreement entered into by the Company dated 5th January, 2005, details of which are set out in the announcement and circular of the Company dated 5th January, 2005 and 24th

January, 2005 respectively

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"EAF(s)" the excess application form(s) issued in connection with the

Rights Issue

"EGM" the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on

Thursday, 29th September, 2005 at which resolutions to approve, inter alia, the Capital Reorganisation and the Rights Issue were

passed

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HKSCC" the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Last Trading Day" 5th August, 2005, being the last trading day of the Old Shares,

prior to the release of the Announcement

"Latest Practicable Date" 26th September, 2005, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this Prospectus for ascertaining certain

information contained herein

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"Mr. Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen, an executive Director

"Non-Qualifying Shareholder(s)" Overseas Shareholder(s) in respect of whom the Directors, based

on legal opinions provided by legal advisers, consider it necessary or expedient not to offer the Rights Issue to such Shareholders on account either of restrictions under the laws of the relevant place or the requirements of a relevant regulatory body or stock

exchange in that place

"Old Share(s)" share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company

before the Capital Reorganisation became effective at 4:00 p.m.

on Thursday, 29th September, 2005

"Overseas Shareholder(s)" Shareholder(s) whose name(s) appear on the register of members

of the Company at the close of business on the Record Date and whose address(es) as shown on such register is/are in a place(s)

outside Hong Kong

"PAL(s)" the provisional allotment letter(s) issued in connection with the

Rights Issue

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Prospectus" this prospectus

"Prospectus Documents" the Prospectus, PAL and EAF

"Qualifying Shareholder(s)" Shareholder(s), other than the Non-Qualifying Shareholders,

whose name(s) appeared on the register of members of the

Company at the close of business on the Record Date

"Record Date" Thursday, 29th September, 2005

"Registrar" the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong "Rights Issue" the issue by way of rights of four Rights Shares for every Share in issue on the Record Date at a price of HK\$1.00 per Rights Share "Rights Share(s)" the 210,175,944 new Shares under the Rights Issue "Settlement Date" Wednesday, 19th October, 2005, the date being the second Business Day following the Acceptance Date "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) "Share(s)" the share(s) of HK\$1.00 each in the share capital of the Company in issue that resulted from the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th September, 2005 "Share Consolidation" the consolidation of every 100 Old Shares into one Share, which took effect at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th September, 2005 "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Old Share(s) or, where the context requires, Share(s) "Share Option(s)" the outstanding share option(s) granted by the Company pursuant to the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 30th December, 2002 The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Stock Exchange" "Supervalue" Supervalue Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by Mr. Chu, the principal business of which is the holding of the shares in the Company "Takeovers Code" the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers "Underwriter" Get Nice Investment Limited, a corporation deemed licensed to carry out business in type 1 (dealing in securities), type 4 (advising on securities), type 6 (advising on corporate finance), and type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the

Rules) of the Company

SFO, which is not a connected person (as defined in the Listing

"Underwriting Agreement" the underwriting agreement dated 8th August, 2005 entered into

between the Company and the Underwriter in relation to the underwriting and certain other arrangements in respect of the

Rights Issue

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"%" or "per cent." percentage or per centum



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(Stock Code: 193)

Executive Directors:
Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen
(Executive Chairman)
Chu Nin Wai, David
(Deputy Chairman)
Lau Chi Kan, Michael

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Li Sze Kuen, Billy Wong Kwong Fat Leung Kam Fai Principal place of business in Hong Kong: Unit 1901 19th Floor Asia Orient Tower Town Place 33 Lockhart Road Wanchai Hong Kong

30th September, 2005

To the Qualifying Shareholders and, for information only, the holders of the Share Options and Convertible Notes and Non-Qualifying Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

RIGHTS ISSUE
OF 210,175,944 RIGHTS SHARES OF HK\$1.00 EACH
AT HK\$1.00 PER RIGHTS SHARE
PAYABLE IN FULL UPON ACCEPTANCE
ON THE BASIS OF FOUR RIGHTS
SHARES FOR EVERY SHARE HELD

INTRODUCTION

On 11th August, 2005, the Company announced that, among other things, subject to the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective and the fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue, the Company proposed to raise approximately HK\$210.2 million before expenses, by the Rights Issue at a price of HK\$1.00 per Rights Share payable in full on acceptance.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, all the conditions to which the Capital Reorganisation was subject remain unfulfilled and therefore the Capital Reorganisation has not become effective. Accordingly, all the Shareholders held Old Shares on or before the Latest Practicable Date.

The Capital Reorganisation was approved at the EGM and became effective at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th September, 2005. All the Old Shares have now been consolidated into the Shares and Old Shares no longer exist.

The Company has Convertible Notes and Share Options in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date. Upon full conversion of the outstanding Convertible Notes and full exercise of the Share Options, 239,200,000 Old Shares will be issued. The holders of outstanding Convertible Notes and Share Options who wish to participate in the Rights Issue should have converted their Convertible Notes and exercised their Share Options in accordance with their respective terms before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 23rd September, 2005 so as to enable themselves to be registered as a Shareholder on or before the Record Date. As at the Latest Practicable Date, no conversion of the Convertible Notes nor exercise of the Share Options had been made. Accordingly, no holder of the Convertible Notes and Share Options are entitled to the Rights Issue and the number of Rights Shares is fixed at 210,175,944.

The Capital Reorganisation and the Rights Issue may lead to an adjustment to the subscription price and/or the number of Shares to be issued upon conversion of the outstanding Convertible Notes and exercises of the Share Options. The Company will consult its auditors about the required adjustment and the holders of the Convertible Notes and Share Options will be informed by further announcement of the required adjustments as soon as practicable.

The purpose of this Prospectus is to provide you with further details of the Rights Issue, including information on dealings and transfer of Rights Shares in their nil-paid form and the procedure for acceptance of provisional allotments of Rights Shares and certain financial and other information about the Group.

TERMS OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE

Issue Statistics

Basis of the Rights Issue: 4 Rights Shares for every Share held on the Record Date

Number of Shares in issue: 52,543,986 Shares

Number of Rights Shares: 210,175,944 Rights Shares

Subscription price per Rights Share: HK\$1.00 per Rights Share

The nil-paid Rights Shares represent (a) 400% of the Company's issued share capital; and (b) approximately 80% of the Company's issued share capital as enlarged by the issue of the Rights Shares.

Qualifying Shareholders

Only Shareholders registered as members of the Company at the Record Date and who are Qualifying Shareholders have been provisionally allotted Rights Shares.

In order to be registered as members of the Company at the close of business on the Record Date, Shareholders must have lodged any transfers of Old Shares (together with the relevant share certificates) with the Registrar for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 23rd September, 2005.

Closure of register of members

The register of members of the Company has been closed from Monday, 26th September, 2005, to Thursday, 29th September, 2005, both dates inclusive. No transfers of Old Shares were registered during this period.

Subscription price

The subscription price for the Rights Shares is HK\$1.00 per Rights Share, payable in full upon acceptance of the relevant provisional allotment of Rights Shares and, where applicable, application for excess Rights Shares or when a transferee of nil-paid Rights Shares takes up those Rights Shares.

The subscription price represents:

- (a) a discount of 60.0% to the theoretical closing price of HK\$2.5 per Share (based on the closing price of HK\$0.0250 per Old Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day and adjusted for the effect of the Share Consolidation);
- (b) a discount of approximately 23.1% to the theoretical ex-rights price of HK\$1.3 per Share (based on the closing price of HK\$0.0130 per Old Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day and adjusted for the effect of the Share Consolidation);
- (c) a discount of approximately 55.9% to the theoretical average closing price of HK\$2.27 per Share (based on the average closing price of HK\$0.0227 per Old Share for the last 10 full trading days quoted on the Stock Exchange up to an including the Last Trading Day and adjusted for the effect of the Share Consolidation);
- (d) a discount of approximately 9.09% to the theoretical closing price of HK\$1.1 per Share (based on the closing price of HK\$0.011 per Old Share on ex-right basis as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the Latest Practicable Day and adjusted for the effect of the Share Consolidation); and
- (e) a discount of approximately 21.9% to the net tangible asset value per Share of HK\$1.28 (based on the unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible asset value per Share as adjusted for the effect of the Rights Issue as at 31st January, 2005 and the effect of the Share Consolidation).

The subscription price for the Rights Shares was determined after arm's length negotiations between the Company and the Underwriter with reference to the then market prices and recent price trend of the Old Shares. Having discussed this with the Underwriter and taking into consideration (i) that the prices of the Old Shares have been on a declining trend since attaining their highest level of HK\$0.035 per Old Share in May 2005 and trading has since retreated to between HK\$0.021 to HK\$0.027 per Old Share from 4th July, 2005 and up to the Last Trading Day; (ii) the possible decrease in price of Old Shares after the Announcement; and (iii) the willingness of the Underwriter to underwrite the Rights Shares, the Directors consider the terms of the Rights Issue, including the subscription price, to be fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders.

Basis of provisional allotment

The basis of the provisional allotment is 4 Rights Shares for each Share, held by Qualifying Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date, being 210,175,944 Rights Shares at a price of HK\$1.00 per Rights Share. Acceptance of all or any part of a Qualifying Shareholder's provisional allotment should be made by completing the PAL and lodging the same with a remittance for the Rights Shares being accepted.

Status of the Rights Shares

The Rights Shares, when allotted and fully paid, will rank pari passu in all respects with the Shares currently in issue. Holders of fully-paid Rights Shares will be entitled to receive all dividends and distributions which are declared, made or paid after the date of allotment of the Rights Shares.

Share certificates and refund cheques for Rights Shares

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue, share certificates for all fully-paid Rights Shares will be posted on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005 to those who have accepted or, where applicable, applied and paid for the Rights Shares by ordinary post at their own risk. Refund cheques in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications for excess Rights Shares (if any) are expected to be posted on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005 by ordinary post to the applicants at their own risk.

Application for excess Rights Shares

Qualifying Shareholders may apply, by way of excess application, for any unsold entitlements of the Non-Qualifying Shareholders and for any Rights Shares provisionally allotted but not accepted.

Applications for excess Rights Shares may be made by completing an EAF and lodging the same with a separate remittance for the excess Rights Shares being applied for. The Directors will allocate the excess Rights Shares at their discretion on a fair and equitable basis but will give preference to the topping-up of odd lots to whole board lots.

Listing and dealings of Rights Shares

The Company has applied to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of and permission to deal in the Rights Shares, in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms.

No part of the share capital of the Company is listed or dealt in and no listing or permission to deal is being or is proposed to be sought on, any other stock exchange.

Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in the Rights Shares in both their nilpaid and fully-paid forms on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Rights Shares in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement dates of dealings in the Rights Shares in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms or

such other dates as may be determined by HKSCC. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second trading day thereafter. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

Shareholders should seek advice from their licensed securities dealer or other professional adviser for details of those settlement arrangements and how such arrangements will affect their rights and interests.

Dealings in the Rights Shares in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms will be subject to the payment of stamp duty in Hong Kong.

Rights of Non-Qualifying Shareholders

The Prospectus Documents have not been and will not be registered under the applicable securities legislation of any jurisdiction other than Hong Kong.

Based on the register of members of the Company as at the Record Date, there were 3 Shareholders with registered addresses in New Zealand, 4 Shareholders with registered addresses in Singapore, 3 Shareholders with registered addresses in Macau, 1 Shareholder with a registered address in Australia, 1 Shareholder with a registered address in Canada and 1 Shareholder with a registered address in the United States of America. The Board has made enquiries as to whether the issue of Rights Shares to such Overseas Shareholders may contravene the applicable securities legislation of the relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any relevant regulatory body or stock exchange pursuant to Rule 13.36(2)(a) of the Listing Rules.

Based on the opinions of legal advisers in Macau, New Zealand and Singapore, there is no restriction on extending the Rights Issue to the Shareholders in Macau, New Zealand and Singapore and they are thus being offered Rights Shares and are not Non-Qualifying Shareholders.

In respect of the Shareholders in Australia, Canada and the United States of America, based on opinions of legal advisers in the relevant jurisdiction, the Directors have formed the view that the offer of the Rights Shares to the Shareholders with addresses in such jurisdictions will require registration of the Prospectus and/or subject to legal restrictions and/or relevant regulatory requirements. In light of the time and costs involved, the Directors have determined that the Rights Issue will not be extended to Shareholders with registered addresses in Australia, Canada and the United States of America who are thus Non-Qualifying Shareholders. Accordingly, no provisional allotment of Rights Shares has been made to these Non-Qualifying Shareholders. The Company has sent the Prospectus to Non-Qualifying Shareholders for information only and will not send the PAL or EAF to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders.

Arrangements will be made for Rights Shares which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders to be sold in the market in their nil-paid form as soon as practicable after dealings in the nil-paid Rights Shares commence, if a premium (net of expenses) can be obtained. The proceeds of such sale, less expenses, of more than HK\$100 will be paid pro rata to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders. The Company will retain individual amounts of HK\$100 or less for the benefits of the Company. Any unsold entitlements of Non-Qualifying Shareholders, together with any Rights Shares provisionally allotted but not accepted, are available for excess application on EAFs by Qualifying Shareholders.

CONDITIONS OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE

The Rights Issue was conditional, among other things, on each of the following conditions being fulfilled:

- (i) the approval of the Capital Reorganisation by Shareholders at the EGM and the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective thereafter;
- (ii) the passing of the relevant resolutions by the Shareholders (other than Mr. Chu, Supervalue and their associates) approving the Rights Issue at the EGM;
- (iii) the posting of the Prospectus Documents to the Qualifying Shareholders; and
- (iv) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange agreeing to grant listings of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms either unconditionally or subject to such conditions which the Company accepts and the satisfaction of such conditions (if any) by no later than the dates specified in such approval and not having withdrawn or revoked such listings and permission on or before 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date.

As at the date of this Prospectus, conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) have been fulfilled.

If the remaining condition of the Rights Issue under the Underwriting Agreement is not fulfilled by the date and time specified in the Underwriting Agreement (or, in each case, such later date or time as the Underwriter may agree in writing with the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement), then all liabilities of the parties thereto shall cease and terminate and neither party shall have any claim against the other (except in respect of any antecedent breaches and any matters or things arising out of or in connection with the Underwriting Agreement) and the irrevocable undertaking by Supervalue to accept its entitlement under the Rights Issue will lapse. The Rights Issue will not proceed accordingly.

UNDERWRITING ARRANGEMENTS

Underwriting agreement dated 8th August, 2005

The Underwriter has agreed to fully underwrite up to 185,349,384 Rights Shares, which represent approximately 67.48% of the issue share capital of the Company as enlarged by the issue of the Rights Shares, other than Rights Shares which Supervalue has undertaken to subscribe (being 219,743,944 Rights Shares, assuming all outstanding Convertible Notes are converted and all Share Options are exercised before the Record Date, less the 34,394,560 Rights Shares to be issued to and accepted by Supervalue). The Underwriter and its ultimate beneficial controlling shareholder do not have any shareholding in the Company and are not connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, details of which are set out under the paragraph headed "Shareholdings in the Company" below.

Commission

The Company will pay the Underwriter an underwriting commission of 1.5% of the aggregate subscription price of the Rights Shares underwritten by it, out of which the Underwriter may pay sub-underwriting fees. The Directors are of the view that the underwriting commission accords with market rates and is fair and reasonable to the Company.

Undertaking from Supervalue

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Supervalue, which is wholly owned by Mr. Chu, was interested in 859,864,000 Old Shares, representing approximately 16.36% of the total issued share capital of the Company before the Capital Reorganisation. Supervalue has irrevocably undertaken to the Company and the Underwriter that the Old Shares beneficially owned by it will not be disposed of or transferred and will remain registered in its name from the date of the undertaking, being 8th August, 2005, to the close of business on the Record Date and that it will take up its entitlement in full, representing 34,394,560 Rights Shares. Supervalue will not apply for any excess Rights Shares.

Termination of the Underwriting Agreement

The Underwriter may terminate the arrangements set out in the Underwriting Agreement by notice in writing given by the Underwriter to the Company at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date:

1. if there occurs:

- (a) an introduction of any new law or regulation or any change in existing law or regulation (or the judicial interpretation thereof); or
- (b) any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before, and/or after the date of the Underwriting Agreement) of a political, military, financial, economic or currency (including a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to the currency of the United States of America) or other nature (whether or not such are of the same nature as any of the foregoing) or of the nature of any local, national or international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities market; or
- (c) any act of God, war, riot, public disorder, civil commotion, fire, flood, explosion, epidemic, terrorism, strike or lock-out;

and in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriter, such change would have a material and adverse effect on the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or the success of the Rights Issue or make it inadvisable or inexpedient to proceed with the Rights Issue; or

- 2. if, at or prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date following the Acceptance Date:
 - (a) the Company commits any material breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings expressed to be assumed by it under the Underwriting Agreement which breach or omission will have a material and adverse effect on its business, financial or trading position; or
 - (b) the Underwriter receives the relevant notification pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement upon the Company becoming aware of any untrue or inaccurate representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement, or shall otherwise become aware of, the fact that any of the representations or warranties contained in the Underwriting Agreement was, when given, untrue or inaccurate or would be untrue or inaccurate if repeated as provided in the Underwriting Agreement, and the Underwriter, shall, in its reasonable opinion, determine that any such untrue representation or warranty represents or is likely to represent a material adverse change in the business, financial or trading position or prospects of the Group taken as a whole or is otherwise likely to have a materially prejudicial effect on the Rights Issue; or
 - (c) the Prospectus Documents when published, contain information which would be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect and the Company has failed to promptly send out any announcements or circulars (after the despatch the Prospectus Documents), in such manner (and as appropriate with such contents), as the Underwriter may reasonably request for the purpose of preventing the creation of a false market in the securities of the Company.

Upon the giving of notice of termination, all obligations of the Underwriter under the Underwriting Agreement shall cease and neither party shall have any claim against the other party in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the Underwriting Agreement provided that the Company shall remain liable to pay to the Underwriter such fees as may then be agreed by the relevant parties. If the Underwriter exercises such right, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

WARNING OF THE RISKS OF DEALING IN SHARES AND NIL-PAID RIGHTS SHARES

Dealings in the Rights Shares in nil-paid form will take place from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (both dates inclusive). If the remaining condition of the Rights Issue is not fulfilled or the Underwriting Agreement is terminated, the Rights Issue will not proceed.

Any Shareholders or other persons contemplating selling or purchasing Shares or Rights Shares in their nil-paid form during the period from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (both dates inclusive), who are in any doubt about their position are recommended to consult their professional advisers. Any Shareholders or other persons dealing in the Shares up to the date on which the remaining condition to which the Rights Issue is subject is fulfilled (and the date on which the Underwriter's right of termination of the Underwriting Agreement ceases) and any persons dealing in the nil-paid Rights Shares during the period from Tuesday, 4th October, 2005 to Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 (both dates inclusive) will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

SHAREHOLDINGS IN THE COMPANY

The shareholdings in the Company immediately before and after the completion of the Rights Issue are as follows:

| | before con | Immediately before completion of the Rights Issue | | apletion nts Issue all Rights e taken alifying lders) | After com of the Righ (assuming a Shares ar up by Qu Sharehold than Supe | nts Issue no Rights re taken alifying ers other |
|--|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Shares | % | Shares | % | Shares | % |
| Supervalue Underwriter (Note) Public | 8,598,640 — 43,945,346 | 16.36 — 83.64 | 42,993,200 — 219,726,730 | 16.36 | 42,993,200 175,781,384 43,945,346 | 16.36 66.91 16.73 |
| Total | 52,543,986 | 100.00 | 262,719,930 | 100.00 | 262,719,930 | 100.00 |

Note:

The Underwriter has confirmed that it has sub-underwritten its underwriting obligations under the Rights Issue to sub-underwriters such that each of the Underwriter, sub-underwriters and parties acting in concert with any of them will not own 30% or more of the issued share capital of the Company after completion of the Rights Issue.

The Underwriter is wholly-owned by Get Nice Incorporated, which in turn is wholly-owned by Get Nice Holdings Limited (stock code: 64) ("Get Nice Holdings"), a company listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. According to the Underwriter, Get Nice Holdings is owned as to approximately 30.36% by Honeylink Agents Limited, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and as to approximately 69.64% by the public as at the Latest Practicable Date. The Underwriter and its ultimate controlling shareholder are independent third parties and are not parties acting in concert with Supervalue. The sub-underwriters and their ultimate beneficial owners are independent third parties and are not parties acting in concert with Supervalue and the Underwriter.

In the event that the Underwriter and the sub-underwriters are required to take up the Rights Shares pursuant to their underwriting obligations, the Underwriter and the sub-underwriters shall procure independent placees to take up such number of Rights Shares as necessary to ensure that the public float requirements under Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules are complied with.

The Stock Exchange has stated that it will closely monitor trading in the Shares following the completion of the Rights Issue. If less than 25% (or such lower percentage as may be allowed under the Listing Rules) of the Shares are held by the public, it will constitute a breach of the Listing Rules, and if the Stock Exchange believes that:

- a false market exists or may exist in the trading in the Shares; or
- there are too few Shares in public hands to maintain an orderly market,

then it will consider exercising its discretion to suspend trading in the Shares until a sufficient public float is attained.

REASONS FOR THE RIGHTS ISSUE AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The Group has been actively seeking investment opportunities in the property sector in general, both in Hong Kong and Macau, in order to expand its property portfolio. The Directors believe that appropriate investment opportunities may arise at any time and investment decisions may have to be made within a short period of time. They are therefore of the view that sufficient cash resources will be necessary for the Group to secure any suitable investment opportunities in a timely and cost effective manner, without resorting to high-cost borrowings. The Directors have considered other ways of fund raising such as debt financing and placing of new shares of the Company, and the Directors are of the opinion that in order to save interest costs associated with debt financing and in view of the dilution effect on the interests of the Shareholders in the case of placing of new shares of the Company, it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to enlarge the capital base and increase the liquidity of shares of the Company through the Rights Issue, as the enlarged capital base will support the continuing development and daily operation of the Group and at the same time allow the Group to invest in any potential property investment projects in a timely manner. The Rights Issue also allows Shareholders (other than Non-Qualifying Shareholder(s)) to participate in the growth and future development of the Group on equal terms.

The estimated net proceeds of the Rights Issue are approximately HK\$205.8 million. The Company plans to use the net proceeds as follows: (a) as to approximately HK\$200 million for investments in the property sector in general, both in Hong Kong and Macau, in order to expand its property portfolio; and (b) as to the balance of approximately HK\$5.8 million as general working capital of the Company. The Company is currently reviewing several potential property projects. Nevertheless, negotiations are preliminary. Announcements will be made by the Company, if deemed appropriate under the Listing Rules by the Directors, if there is further progress to these reviews and negotiations requiring announcement. The Company will make announcements if there is any change in the use of proceeds of the Rights Issue as and when appropriate.

PREVIOUS FUND RAISING EXERCISES OF THE COMPANY

The fund raising exercises conducted by the Company in the past 12 months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date are set out below:

| Date of announcement | Description | Net proceeds | Intended use of net proceeds as announced | Actual use of proceeds |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|---|
| 5th January, 2005 (i) | Placing of 650,000,000 Old Shares and top-up subscription of 650,000,000 Old Shares at HK\$0.0265 per Old Share | HK\$16.8 million | The aggregate net proceeds of approximately HK\$52.4 million are designated for property development and investment in | The net proceeds have not been used and are temporarily deposited with banks |
| (ii | Notes in the aggregate principal amount of HK\$36.4 million | HK\$35.6 million | Macau including retail shops and commercial buildings | |

The Directors are of the view that the Company will have sufficient funds to meet its current working capital requirements after the Rights Issue and they have no present intention to issue further new Shares to raise funds. The Group may however raise further funds in future when they are required or the Directors consider it desirable to increase liquidity, including if opportunities for new businesses or investments arise.

PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OR TRANSFER

A PAL is enclosed with this Prospectus which entitles you to subscribe for the number of Rights Shares indicated on the PAL. If you wish to exercise your right to subscribe for all the Rights Shares specified in the enclosed PAL, you must lodge the PAL in accordance with the instructions printed thereon, together with a remittance for the full amount payable on acceptance of the number of Rights Shares provisionally allotted to you, with the Registrar no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 17th October, 2005. All remittances must be made in Hong Kong dollars and cheques or cashier's orders must be drawn on a bank account in Hong Kong and made payable to "Capital Estate Limited — Provisional Allotment Account" and crossed "Account Payee Only".

It should be noted that unless the PAL, together with the appropriate remittance, has been lodged to the Registrar by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 17th October, 2005, whether by the original allottee or any person in whose favour the rights have been transferred, that provisional allotment and all rights thereunder will be deemed to have been declined and will be cancelled.

If you wish to accept only part of your provisional allotment or transfer a part of your rights to subscribe for the Rights Shares provisionally allotted under the PAL or to transfer all of your rights, the entire PAL must be surrendered by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 6th October, 2005 to the Registrar who will cancel the original PAL and issue a new PAL in the denominations required. The PALs contain full information regarding the procedures to be followed if you wish to accept only part of your provisional allotment or if you wish to transfer all or part of your provisional allotment.

All cheques and cashier's orders will be presented for payment following receipt and any interest earned on such monies will be retained for the benefit of the Company. Any PAL in respect of which a cheque or cashier's order is dishonoured on first presentation are liable to be rejected and in that event the provisional allotment of Rights Shares and all rights thereunder will be deemed to have been declined all will be cancelled. If the Underwriter exercises the right to terminate its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th October, 2005, being the second Business Day following the Acceptance Date, the monies received in respect of the relevant provisional allotment of Rights Shares will be returned to the relevant person without interest, by means of cheques to be despatched by the ordinary post at the risk of the relevant applicants on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXCESS RIGHTS SHARES

Qualifying Shareholders may apply for any unsold entitlements of the Non-Qualifying Shareholders and any Rights Shares provisionally allotted but not accepted.

Application for excess Rights Shares can be made only by completing the EAF. The Directors will allocate the excess Rights Shares on a fair and equitable and reasonable basis, but will give preference to the topping-up odd lots to whole board lots.

If you wish to apply for any Rights Shares in addition to your provisional allotment, you must complete and sign the enclosed EAF as indicated thereon and lodge it, together with a separate remittance for the amount payable on application in respect of the excess Rights Shares applied for, with the Registrar no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 17th October, 2005. All remittances must be made in Hong Kong dollars and cheques or cashier's orders must be drawn on a bank account in Hong Kong and made payable to "Capital Estate Limited — Excess Application Account" and crossed "Account Payee Only". The Registrar will notify you of any allotment of excess Rights Shares made to you.

If no excess Rights Shares are allotted to you, the amount tendered on application is expected to be refunded in full on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005. If the number of excess Rights Shares allotted to you is less than that applied for, the surplus application monies are also expected to be refunded to you on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005. If the Underwriter exercises the right to terminate its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th October, 2005, being the second Business Day following the Acceptance Date, the monies received in respect of the relevant applications for excess Rights Shares will be returned to the relevant person without interest, by means of cheques to be despatched by the ordinary post at the risk of the relevant applicants on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005.

All cheques and cashier's orders will be presented for payment following receipt and any interest earned on such monies will be retained for the benefit of the Company. Any EAF in respect of which a cheque or cashier's order is dishonoured on first presentation is liable to be rejected.

The EAF is for use only be the person(s) named in it and is not transferable. All documents, including cheques or cashier's orders for refund, will be sent by ordinary post at the risk of the persons entitled thereto to their registered addresses by no later than Thursday, 20th October, 2005.

SHARE CERTIFICATES

It is expected that certificates for the fully-paid Rights Shares will be posted to those entitled thereto at their own risk by the Registrar on or before Thursday, 20th October, 2005.

Where entitlements to Rights Shares exceed one board lot, it is proposed, so far as is practicable, to issue share certificates in integral multiples of board lots of 2,000 Shares each, with a certificate for the balance.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The Company is principally engaged in property rental, financial investment, property development, property sales, provision of estate agency services, and investments. According to the annual report of the Company for the financial year ended 31st July, 2004, the Group recorded an audited consolidated turnover of approximately HK\$22.6 million (2003: approximately HK\$41.3 million), net loss of approximately HK\$2.86 million (2003: net loss of approximately HK\$44.0 million), and had net tangible asset value of approximately HK\$95.9 million (2003: approximately HK\$79.1 million) as at 31st July, 2004. The Directors attributed such improvement in results to a decrease in deficit on revaluation of investment properties, decrease in allowance for loan receivables and decrease in administration expenses following the disposal of a sale of silk products business.

As evidenced by the interim report of the Company for the six months ended 31st January, 2005, the Group has managed to turn around its financial performance and a net profit of approximately HK\$13.7 million was recorded compared to a net loss of approximately HK\$1.0 million for the same period in 2004. The Directors attributed such improvement to the continued improvement in the local economy and the recent surges in local property prices and transaction volume, and the continuing benefit to the retail sectors brought about by increasing number of mainland visitors travelling under individual travel permits granted by PRC local provinces.

The Group strives to identify appropriate property investments that satisfy the Group's stringent investment criteria in terms of risks and returns, and continues to seek appropriate investment opportunities which may arise in these areas. There have been ongoing discussions on potential investment opportunities, but they are preliminary and are subject to further negotiations. The Company will make further announcements in relation to the progress of any potential investment opportunities as and when deemed necessary and appropriate by the Directors, to ensure compliance with Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

GENERAL

All documents, including cheque for amount due, will be sent by post at the risk of the persons entitled thereto to their registered addresses.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in Appendix I to III to this Prospectus.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of Capital Estate Limited Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen Executive Chairman

1. DIRECTORS

Particulars of Directors

Name Address

Executive Directors:

Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen 5th Floor, Block A, 43 Barker Road, Peak,

Hong Kong

Chu Nin Wai, David 8006 Tai Po Road, Woodcrest Hill No. 8,

Tai Wai, New Territories, Hong Kong

Lau Chi Kan, Michael 28 Shouson Hill Road, Hong Kong

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Li Sze Kuen, Billy Apartment 4B, 1 Holly Road, Happy Valley,

Hong Kong

Wong Kwong Fat 14C, Ficus Gardan, 11 Lok King Street, Fotan,

Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong

Leung Kam Fai A1, 11/F, Block A, Dragon Court, Dragon Terrace,

Tin Hau, Hong Kong

Executive Directors

Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen, aged 48, is an executive Director, Chairman of the Company. He was appointed to the Board in May 2005. He has over 25 years business and management experience in the electronics industry in Hong Kong, and was a director and shareholder of a company listed overseas principally engaged in the manufacture and distribution of electronic products. During the past 5 years, he has been focusing on property investment and development in Macau. Mr. Stephen Chu was a 1994 Awardee Member of Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council Limited, and a director of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals for the year 2001/02.

Chu Nin Wai, David, aged 51, is an executive Director, Deputy Chairman of the Company. He was appointed to the Board in May 2005. He has over 20 years' extensive experience in the electronic industry in Hong Kong and overseas, and also has experience in property development and investment. He is the elder brother of the Executive Chairman and the substantial shareholder of the Company, Mr. Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen.

Lau Chi Kan, Michael, aged 49, graduated from Simon Frasier University, Vancouver, Canada in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Mr. Lau has over 20 years' business and management experience in the clothing industry. He owns and manages a garment merchandising and trading company in Hong Kong and an apparel importing company in the U.S. with annual turnover of approximately HK\$220 million and USD 80 million respectively. Mr. Lau is also the major shareholder of a number of companies in Hong Kong and overseas, which are engaged in garment manufacturing, importing, warehousing, apparel design or merchandizing.

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Li Sze Kuen, Billy, aged 58, was appointed to the Board in May, 2005. He has extensive professional experience in audit and accounting, and is currently a director of a CPA firm in Hong Kong. Mr. Li is a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He graduated from the University of Manitoba, Canada, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Wong Kwong Fat, aged 50, was appointed to the Board in June, 2005. He is a seasoned manager of an insurance broking company in Hong Kong. He is responsible for staff management and training, the provision of individual financial advice to clients and the marketing of a wide range of products including life and general insurance, package fund and mandatory provident fund. Mr. Wong has over 20 years' specialised knowledge and experience in the insurance industry, and is a Fellow Chartered Financial Practitioner of the Life Underwriter Association of Hong Kong.

Leung Kam Fai, aged 44, was appointed to the Board in June, 2005. He is a solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong. Mr. Leung currently is a partner solicitor in civil and criminal practice with Messrs. Patrick Wong & Co., Solicitors, and has extensive experience in litigation, conveyancing, commercial and probate matters. Mr. Leung graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a bachelor of laws degree, and was awarded the Sir Man Kam Lo/Jardine Scholarship and Downey Book Prize in 1989. He also holds a bachelor of arts degree in Economics & Political Science from the University of Washington in the U.S.A. and a postgraduate certificate in laws from the University of Hong Kong.

2. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Registered office Unit 1901

19th Floor

Asia Orient Tower, Town Place 33 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai

Hong Kong

Principal place of business Unit 1901

19th Floor

Asia Orient Tower, Town Place 33 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai

Hong Kong

Company secretary Hung Yat Ming

CPA, CA

Qualified Accountant Hung Yat Ming

CPA, CA

Authorised representatives Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen

Hung Yat Ming

Legal adviser to the Company Richards Butler

20th Floor

Alexandra House 16-20 Chater Road

Hong Kong

Auditors Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certificate Public Accountants 26th Floor, Wing On Centre 111 Connaught Road Central

Hong Kong

Registrar and transfer office

in Hong Kong

Computershare Hong Kong Investor

Services Limited Rooms 1712-1716

17th Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East

Hong Kong

Principal bankers Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

UBS AG

Wing Hang Bank, Limited

1. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP

The following table summarises the results, assets and liabilities of the Group for the last three financial years ended 31st July, 2004 and the six months ended 31st January, 2005.

The Company's auditors have not issued any qualified opinion on the Group's financial statements for the three preceding years.

Results

| | | | | For the six onths ended 1st January, |
|---|----------|--------------|-----------|--|
| | For the | year ended 3 | 1st July, | 2005 |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | (unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Turnover | 37,580 | 41,273 | 22,622 | 12,431 |
| Profit/(Loss) before taxation | (98,764) | (46,008) | (2,880) | 13,807 |
| Taxation | (52) | (24) | (2) | |
| Profit/(Loss) before minority interests | (98,816) | (46,032) | (2,882) | 13,807 |
| Minority interests | | 2,078 | 21 | (110) |
| Net profit/(loss) for the year/period | (98,816) | (43,954) | (2,861) | 13,697 |

The Group does not have any extraordinary or exceptional items for each of the three years ended 31st July, 2004 and the six months ended 31st January, 2005.

Financial position

| | | | | For the six onths ended 1st January, |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| | | At 31st July, | | 2005 |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | (unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Total assets | 139,924 | 101,168 | 120,842 | 151,525 |
| Total liabilities | (37,331) | (20,684) | (19,621) | (16,730) |
| Minority interests | (2,570) | (601) | (885) | (994) |
| Shareholders' funds | 100,023 | 79,883 | 100,336 | 133,801 |

2. AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 2004

The financial information set out below is an extract from pages 15 to 56 of the annual report of the Company for the financial year ended 31st July, 2004. All information in this paragraph should be read in conjunction with the audited accounts which are included in the annual report of the Company for the financial year ended 31st July, 2004.

Consolidated Income Statement

For the year ended 31st July, 2004

| | Notes | 2004 HK\$'000 | 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|---|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Turnover | 4 | 22,622 | 41,273 |
| Cost of sales | | (1,589) | (8,947) |
| Direct cost on property rental | | (1,589) | (1,867) |
| Direct cost of sales of properties | | (4,024) | (19,818) |
| Direct cost on estate agency services | | (1,015) | |
| Direct cost on trading securities sold | | (7,141) | |
| Reversal of allowance for (allowance for) | | | |
| properties held for sale | | 3,954 | (2,225) |
| Gross profit | | 11,218 | 8,416 |
| Other operating income | | 1,882 | 4,121 |
| Surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investment properties | | 1,615 | (8,885) |
| Administrative expenses | | (14,369) | (27,269) |
| Loss on disposal of investment properties | | (620) | (567) |
| Loss on disposal of other securities | | | (160) |
| Allowance for loan receivables | | | (11,003) |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on | | | |
| acquisition of subsidiaries | | (494) | (2,071) |
| Unrealised holding loss on trading securities | | (739) | (3,635) |
| Loss from operations | 5 | (1,507) | (41,053) |
| Finance costs | | (577) | (1,286) |
| Share of results of an associate | | | (411) |
| (Loss) gain on disposal of discontinuing operations | | (734) | 261 |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | | (62) | (3,519) |
| Loss before taxation | | (2,880) | (46,008) |
| Taxation | 10 | (2) | (24) |
| Loss before minority interests | | (2,882) | (46,032) |
| Minority interests | | 21 | 2,078 |
| Net loss for the year | | (2,861) | (43,954) |
| Loss per share | | | |
| Basic | 11 | (0.11 cents) | (5.35 cents) |

Consolidated Balance Sheet

At 31st July, 2004

| | Notes | 2004 HK\$'000 | 2003 HK\$'000 |
|--|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Investment properties | 12 | 19,780 | 23,165 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 13 | 104 | 79 |
| Deferred tax assets | 29 | 17 | |
| Goodwill | 14 | 4,419 | 762 |
| Other securities | 16 17 | | 22.000 |
| Promissory note receivables | 17 | | 22,000 |
| | | 24,320 | 46,006 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Properties held for sale | 18 | 35,580 | 25,341 |
| Trade and other receivables | 19 | 6,281 | 5,503 |
| Loan receivables | 20 | | |
| Inventories | | | 1,260 |
| Trading securities | 16 | 8,392 | 1,952 |
| Promissory note receivables | 17 | 22,000 | |
| Bank balances and cash | | 24,269 | 21,106 |
| | | 96,522 | 55,162 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 21 | 7,124 | 3,119 |
| Taxation payable | | 20 | 1 |
| Promissory note payables | 22 | | 3,051 |
| Bank borrowings — due within one year | 23 | 1,234 | 1,546 |
| | | 8,378 | 7,717 |
| Net current assets | | 88,144 | 47,445 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 112,464 | 93,451 |
| Minority interests | | 885 | 601 |
| Non-assument lightilities | | | |
| Non-current liabilities Pank horrowings due after one year | 22 | 9 242 | 12.067 |
| Bank borrowings — due after one year Convertible note payables | 23 25 | 8,243 3,000 | 12,967 |
| Convertible note payables | 23 | | |
| | | 11,243 | 12,967 |
| | | 100,336 | 79,883 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Share capital | 26 | 32,694 | 20,814 |
| Reserves | | 67,642 | 59,069 |
| | | 100,336 | 79,883 |
| | | | |

Balance Sheet

At 31st July, 2004

| | Notes | 2004 HK\$'000 | 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Investment properties | 12 | 1,480 | 1,340 |
| Interests in subsidiaries | 15 | 74,386 | 53,243 |
| Other securities | 16 | _ | |
| Promissory note receivables | 17 | | 22,000 |
| | | 75,866 | 76,583 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Properties held for sale | 18 | 206 | 206 |
| Trade and other receivables | | 1,567 | 464 |
| Promissory note receivables | 17 | 22,000 | _ |
| Bank balances and cash | | 141 | 4,019 |
| | | 23,914 | 4,689 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 799 | 688 |
| Bank borrowings — due within one year | 23 | 67 | 65 |
| | | 866 | 753 |
| Net current assets | | 23,048 | 3,936 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 98,914 | 80,519 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Amount due to a subsidiary | 24 | 700 | |
| Bank borrowings — due after one year | 23 | 571 | 638 |
| Convertible note payables | 25 | 3,000 | |
| | | 4,271 | 638 |
| | | 94,643 | 79,881 |
| | | | |
| Capital and reserves Share capital | 26 | 32,694 | 20,814 |
| Reserves | 28 | 61,949 | 59,067 |
| | | | |
| | | 94,643 | 79,881 |

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31st July, 2004

| | | | | Capital | Capital | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| | Share | Share | Capital | reduction | redemption | Accumulated | |
| | capital | premium | reserve | reserve | reserve | losses | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | | |
| At 31st July, 2002 | 192,960 | 250,952 | 157 | _ | 268 | (344,314) | 100,023 |
| Capital reduction (note 26a) | (188,136) | (250,952) | _ | 170,583 | _ | 268,505 | |
| Issue of shares on private | (100,130) | (230,732) | | 170,505 | | 200,303 | |
| placements (note 26b) | 2,114 | 8,174 | | | | | 10,288 |
| Issue of shares on rights | 2,114 | 0,174 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 10,200 |
| • | 12 076 | | | | | | 12 076 |
| issue (note 26c) | 13,876 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 13,876 |
| Expenses incurred in connection | | (250) | | | | | (250) |
| with issue of shares | _ | (350) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (350) |
| Net loss for the year | | | | | | (43,954) | (43,954) |
| At 31st July, 2003 | 20,814 | 7,824 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (119,763) | 79,883 |
| Conversion of convertible notes | | | | | | | |
| (note 26d) | 2,500 | 2,500 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 5,000 |
| Issue of shares on private | , | , | | | | | , |
| placements (note 26e) | 9,380 | 9,380 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 18,760 |
| Expenses incurred in connection | . , | ,,,,,,, | | | | | -, |
| with issue of shares | _ | (446) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (446) |
| Net loss for the year | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (2,861) | (2,861) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st July, 2004 | 32,694 | 19,258 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (122,624) | 100,336 |

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st July, 2004

| | Notes | 2004 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|--|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Loss from operations | | (1,507) | (41,053) |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| Loss on disposal of properties held for sale | 32 | | 74 |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition | | | |
| of subsidiaries | | 494 | 2,071 |
| Release of negative goodwill arising on | | | |
| acquisition of an associate | | | (187) |
| Interest income | | (1,529) | (1,684) |
| (Surplus) deficit on revaluation of investment properties | S | (1,615) | 8,885 |
| Depreciation | | 38 | 890 |
| Allowance for bad and doubtful debts | | | 724 |
| Loss on disposal of other securities | | | 160 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 2 | 176 |
| Loss on disposal of investment properties | | 620 | 567 |
| Allowance for loan receivables | | | 11,003 |
| (Reversal of allowance for) allowance for | | | |
| properties held for sale | | (3,954) | 2,225 |
| Unrealised holding loss on trading securities | | 739 | 3,635 |
| Operating cash flows before movements in working capital | ıl | (6,712) | (12,514) |
| (Increase) decrease in properties held for sale | | (8,685) | 5,091 |
| Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables | | 6,935 | (3,827) |
| Decrease in inventories | | 371 | 5,287 |
| Increase in trading securities | | (7,179) | (5,587) |
| (Decrease) increase in trade and other payables | | (1,898) | 866 |
| Cash used in operations People's Republic of China, other than Hong Kong | | (17,168) | (10,684) |
| Income Tax paid | | | (333) |
| NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | (17,168) | (11,017) |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | Notes | 2004 HK\$'000 | 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|--|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net cash inflow from disposal of interests in subsidiaries | 31 | 2,793 | 7,885 |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment properties | | 4,380 | 363 |
| Interest received | | 1,529 | 1,684 |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | 30 | (5,899) | _ |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | (68) | (29) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | | | 519 |
| Proceeds from disposal of other securities | | | 40 |
| Increase in loan receivables | | | (10,003) |
| Purchase of other securities | | | (200) |
| NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | 2,735 | 259 |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Proceeds from issue of shares | | 18,760 | 24,164 |
| Proceeds from issue of convertible notes | | 8,000 | _ |
| Repayment of promissory note payables | | (3,051) | (12,478) |
| Repayment of bank loans | | (5,097) | (3,972) |
| Interest paid | | (577) | (1,286) |
| Expenses paid in connection with the issue of shares | | (446) | (350) |
| New bank loans obtained | | | 15,665 |
| NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | 17,589 | 21,743 |
| INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | 3,156 | 10,985 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT | | | |
| BEGINNING OF THE YEAR | | 20,847 | 9,862 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END | | | |
| OF THE YEAR | | 24,003 | 20,847 |
| ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | | |
| Bank balances and cash | | 24,269 | 21,106 |
| Bank overdrafts | | (266) | (259) |
| | | 24,003 | 20,847 |

Notes to the Financial Statement

For the year ended 31st July, 2004

1. GENERAL

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

The Company acts as a property and investment holding company. The activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 15.

2. ADOPTION OF HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRS(S)")

In the current year, the Group has adopted for the first time, the revised Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 12 "Income Taxes", which is one of HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). The term of HKFRS is inclusive of SSAPs and Interpretations approved by HKICPA. The principal effect of the implementation of SSAP 12 (Revised) is in relation to deferred tax. 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 amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, with limited exceptions. In the absence of any specific transitional requirements in SSAP 12 (Revised), the new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. The adoption of this revised SSAP has had no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st July each year.

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

All significant inter-company transactions and balances between group enterprises are eliminated on consolidation.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet.

Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition over the cost of acquisition.

Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1st August, 2001 remained in reserves continues to be held in reserves and will be credited to income at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary.

Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1st August, 2001 is presented as deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

Investment properties

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

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

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

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

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment, over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold improvements Over the term of the relevant lease

Furniture, fixtures and equipment 20%

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Inventories

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

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are included in the Company's balance sheet at cost less any identified impairment loss.

Investments in securities

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

All securities other than held-to-maturity debt securities are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value.

Where securities are held for trading purposes, unrealised gains and losses are included in net profit or loss for the period. For other securities, unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in equity, until the security is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is included in net profit or loss for the year.

Properties held for sale

Properties held for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes professional fees and other direct costs attributable to such properties. Net realisable value is determined by reference to estimated sales proceeds less selling expenses.

Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has been passed.

Sales of trading securities are recognised when the related bought and sold notes are executed.

Commissions and service charges are recognised when services are provided.

Revenue from estate agency services is recognised when the services are rendered.

For completed properties which were acquired for resale, revenue is recognised on the execution of a binding agreement.

Rental income from properties under operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

Taxation

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

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

Taxation (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

Foreign currencies

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

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

Operating leases

Rentals expenses under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Retirement benefit scheme contributions

Payments to defined contribution scheme and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme") are charged as an expense as they fall due.

4. TURNOVER, BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

Turnover and business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into five operating divisions — property rental, financial investment, property sale, estate agency and other investment. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Principal activities are as follows:

Property rental — leasing of properties

Financial investment — trading of listed securities and provision of financial services

Property sale — sale of properties held for sale

Estate agency — provision of estate agency services

Other investment — investment in other securities

In March 2004 and June 2003, the sale of silk products business and the tourist business, respectively, were discontinued and disposed of (see notes 9 and 31).

Turnover and business segments (Cont'd)

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to operating results by business segments is as follows:

| Property Property | | | Cont | inuing eneration | g. | | Discontinuing operations | | |
|--|--|---------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| TURNOVER TURNOVER | _ | rental | Financial investment | Property sale | Estate agency | investment | Sale of silk products | | |
| External sales | | | | | | | | | |
| Canalicated corporate income | | 767 | 7,645 | 4,380 | 1,981 | | 7,849 | | 22,622 |
| Laus from operations | SEGMENT RESULT | (1,563) | 749 | 3,747 | 380 | | (498) | | 2,815 |
| Capital additions | | | | | | | | | |
| Cass before taxation Cass Cass | Finance costs Loss on disposal of discontinuing | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (734) | _ | (577) |
| Cash | Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | (62) | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (62) |
| Minority interests | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | | | | |
| Act Sist July, 2004 Segment assets 21,822 8,874 35,623 10,522 - - 76,841 44,00 | Net loss for the year | | | | | | | | (2,861) |
| Segment assets 21,822 8,874 35,623 10,522 - | | | | | | | | | |
| LIABILITIES Segment liabilities 3,934 - 323 4,073 8,330 11,291 11,291 11,291 12,91 | Segment assets | 21,822 | 8,874 | 35,623 | 10,522 | _ | _ | _ | |
| Segment liabilities | Consolidated total assets | | | | | | | | 120,842 |
| OTHER INFORMATION For the year ended 31st July, 2004 Capital additions — — 68 — — — 68 Depreciation — — 2 35 — — 1 38 Reversal of allowance for properties held for sale — — — — — — — 3,954 Surplus on revaluation of investment properties 1,615 — — — — — — 1,615 Loss on disposal of investment properties 620 — — — — — — 620 Additions of goodwill — — — — — — 4,532 Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries — — — — 494 — — — 494 | Segment liabilities | 3,934 | _ | 323 | 4,073 | _ | _ | _ | |
| For the year ended 31st July, 2004 Capital additions | Consolidated total liabilities | | | | | | | | 19,621 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | | | | |
| held for sale — 3,954 — — 3,954 Surplus on revaluation of investment properties 1,615 — — — — 1,615 Loss on disposal of investment properties 620 — — — — — 620 Additions of goodwill — — — 4,532 — — — 4,532 Amortisation of subsidiaries — — — 494 — — — 494 Unrealised holding loss on trading — — — — 494 — — — 494 | Depreciation | _ | | $\frac{}{2}$ | | | | <u> </u> | |
| properties 1,615 — — — — — 1,615 Loss on disposal of investment properties 620 — — — — — 620 Additions of goodwill — — — 4,532 — — — 4,532 Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries — — — 494 — — — 494 Unrealised holding loss on trading — — — 494 — — — 494 | held for sale | _ | _ | 3,954 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 3,954 |
| properties 620 — — — — — 620 Additions of goodwill Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries — — — 494 — — 494 Unrealised holding loss on trading | properties | 1,615 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1,615 |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries — — 494 — — 494 Unrealised holding loss on trading | properties | | _ | _ | 4,532 | _ | _ | _ | |
| Unrealised holding loss on trading | Amortisation of goodwill arising on | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ | _ | |
| | Unrealised holding loss on trading | | 739 | | | | | | 739 |

Turnover and business segments (Cont'd)

| | Continuing operations | | Discontinuing operations | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| _ | Property rental HK\$'000 | Financial investment HK\$'000 | Property sale HK\$'000 | Other investment HK\$'000 | Sale of silk products HK\$'000 | Tourism HK\$'000 | Unallocated HK\$'000 | Consolidated HK\$'000 |
| INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended 31st July, 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| TURNOVER External sales | 1,914 | | 19,854 | | 18,910 | 595 | | 41,273 |
| SEGMENT RESULT | (13,236) | (15,528) | (1,395) | (160) | (6,241) | (692) | _ | (37,252) |
| Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (3,932) |
| Loss from operations Finance costs Share of result of an associate Gain on disposal of discontinuing | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (411) | (41,053) (1,286) (411) |
| operations Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 261 — | (3,519) | (3,519) |
| Loss before taxation Taxation | | | | | | | | (46,008) (24) |
| Loss before minority interests Minority interests | | | | | | | | (46,032) 2,078 |
| Net loss for the year | | | | | | | | (43,954) |
| BALANCE SHEET At 31st July, 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| ASSETS Segment assets Unallocated corporate assets | 23,528 | 1,990 | 25,341 | _ | 3,333 | - | _ | 54,192 46,976 |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | | | | | 101,168 |
| LIABILITIES Segment liabilities Unallocated corporate liabilities | 1,879 | _ | 9 | - | 569 | - | _ | 2,457 18,227 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | | | | | | | | 20,684 |
| OTHER INFORMATION For the year ended 31st July, 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| Capital additions Depreciation Allowance for properties held for sale Deficit on revaluation of | 2 48 — | 97 — | 2,225 | _ _ _ | 745 — | _ _ _ | 27 — | 29 890 2,225 |
| investment properties Loss on disposal of other securities | 8,885 | _ | _ | 160 | _ | _ | _ | 8,885 160 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | _ | 136 | 40 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 176 |
| Loss on disposal of investment properties | 567 | | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 567 |
| Allowance for loan receivables Allowance for bad and doubtful debts | _ | 11,003 | 65 | _ | 659 | _ | _ | 11,003 724 |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries Unrealised holding loss on | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 2,071 | 2,071 |
| trading securities | | 3,635 | | | | | | 3,635 |

Geographical segments

The Group's current operations are mainly located in Hong Kong and Japan. The Group's property rental businesses are carried out in Hong Kong. Financial investment is located in Hong Kong and property sale division is located in Hong Kong and Japan. Estate agency division is located in Hong Kong. Other investment is located in Hong Kong.

In prior year, the Group's property rental businesses were carried out in the People's Republic of China, other than Hong Kong (the "PRC") and Hong Kong.

Segment information about geographic markets is presented below:

| | Turnove | r by | Loss | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|--|
| | geographica | l market | from operation | | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Hong Kong | 22,615 | 20,678 | (1,125) | (35,857) | |
| The PRC | 7 | 20,595 | _ | 354 | |
| Japan | | | 3,940 | (1,749) | |
| | 22,622 | 41,273 | 2,815 | (37,252) | |
| Unallocated corporate income | | | 106 | 131 | |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | (4,428) | (3,932) | |
| Loss from operations | | | (1,507) | (41,053) | |

Revenue from the Group's discontinued sale of silk products operations of HK\$7,849,000 (2003: HK\$18,910,000) was derived principally from Hong Kong.

$\textbf{Geographical segments} \ (Cont'd)$

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets, and additions to property, plant and equipment and goodwill, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

| | | | Addition | is to |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | | | property, | plant |
| | Carrying a | mount | and equip | ment |
| | of segment | assets | and good | lwill |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Hong Kong | 89,944 | 72,859 | 4,600 | 29 |
| The PRC | _ | 5,575 | _ | _ |
| Japan | 26,688 | 22,734 | _ | |
| Overseas | 4,210 | | | |
| | 120,842 | 101,168 | 4,600 | 29 |

5. LOSS FROM OPERATIONS

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Loss from operations has been | | |
| arrived at after charging (crediting): | | |
| Directors' remuneration (note 7) | 1,781 | 1,285 |
| Other staff costs | 3,745 | 4,257 |
| Retirement benefit scheme contributions, excluding directors | 255 | 150 |
| Total staff costs | 5,781 | 5,692 |
| Auditors' remuneration: | | |
| Current year | 631 | 525 |
| Underprovision in prior years | 80 | 192 |
| Depreciation | 38 | 890 |
| Allowance for bad and doubtful debts | _ | 724 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 2 | 176 |
| Bank and other interest income | (79) | (33) |
| Release of negative goodwill arising on acquisition of | | |
| an associate (included in other operating income) | _ | (187) |
| Interest income on promissory note receivables | (1,103) | (1,142) |
| Interest income on trading securities | (347) | |
| Interest income on loan receivables | | (509) |

6. FINANCE COSTS

| | | 2004 HK\$'000 | 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|----|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Interest on: | | |
| | Borrowings wholly repayable within five years: | | |
| | Bank borrowings | 85 | _ |
| | Promissory notes | 6 | 779 |
| | Convertible notes | 77 | |
| | | 168 | 779 |
| | Borrowings not wholly repayable within five years: | | |
| | Bank borrowings | 409 | 507 |
| | | 577 | 1,286 |
| 7. | DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS | | |
| | | 2004 | 2003 |
| | | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | πηφ σσσ | $HK\phi 000$ |
| | Faces | πηφ σσσ | ΠΚΦ 000 |
| | Fees: | | |
| | Executive directors | 100 | 100 |
| | | | |
| | Executive directors Non-executive | 100 200 | 100 — 200 |
| | Executive directors Non-executive | 100 | 100 — |
| | Executive directors Non-executive | 100 200 | 100 — 200 |
| | Executive directors Non-executive Independent non-executive directors | 100 200 | 100 — 200 |
| | Executive directors Non-executive Independent non-executive directors Other emoluments paid to executive directors: | 100 — 200 — 300 | 100 — 200 300 |
| | Executive directors Non-executive Independent non-executive directors Other emoluments paid to executive directors: Salaries and other benefits | 100 — 200 — 300 | 100 — 200 300 |

The emoluments of each of the directors were below HK\$1,000,000 for both years.

8. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

Of the five highest (2003: seven) individuals with the emoluments in the Group, four (2003: five) were directors of the Company whose emoluments are included in note 7 above. The emoluments of the remaining one employee (2003: two employees) are as follows:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Salaries and other benefits | 150 | 448 |
| Retirement benefit scheme contributions | | 16 |
| | 150 | 464 |

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the five (2003: seven) highest paid individuals, including directors, as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. During the years ended 31st July, 2004 and 2003, no directors waived any emoluments.

The emoluments of each of these employees were below HK\$1,000,000.

9. DISCONTINUING OPERATIONS

In March 2004, the Group ceased its operations in the provision of sale of silk products after the disposal of a subsidiary, Marcello Asia Limited ("Marcello").

The results of the discontinuing operations are as follows:

| | Period ended | | |
|--|--------------|----------|--|
| | 30th March, | | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Turnover | 7,849 | 18,910 | |
| Cost of sales | (1,589) | (8,345) | |
| | 6,260 | 10,565 | |
| Other operating income | 91 | 58 | |
| Administrative expenses | (6,849) | (16,864) | |
| Loss for the period up to date of discontinuance | (498) | (6,241) | |

During the year, Marcello had a net cash inflow of HK\$218,000 (2003: outflow of HK\$69,000) attributable to the Group's net cash used in operating activities.

9. **DISCONTINUING OPERATIONS** (Cont'd)

The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of Marcello at the date of disposal and at 31st July, 2003 are as follows:

| | At 30th March, 2004 | At 31st July, 2003 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Total assets | 1,684 | 2,571 |
| Total liabilities | 180 | 569 |

Loss on disposal of discontinuing operations of HK\$734,000 arose on the disposal of Marcello, being the proceeds of disposal less the carrying amount of the subsidiary's net assets as referred to note 31.

In June 2003, the Group ceased its operations in the provision of tourist services after the disposal of a subsidiary, Great Prospect Limited ("Great Prospect").

The results of the discontinuing operations were as follows:

| | Period ended |
|--|--------------|
| | 30th June, |
| | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 |
| Turnover | 595 |
| Cost of sales | (601) |
| | (6) |
| Administrative expenses | (686) |
| Loss for the period up to date of discontinuance | (692) |

During the year ended 31st July, 2003, Great Prospect had a net cash outflow of HK\$692,000 attributable to the Group's net cash used in operating activities.

9. **DISCONTINUING OPERATIONS** (Cont'd)

The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of Great Prospect at the date of disposal were as follows:

| | At 30th June, 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|-------------------|---|
| Total assets | 1 |
| Total liabilities | 372 |

Gain on disposal of discontinuing operations of HK\$261,000 arose on the disposal of Great Prospect, being the proceeds of disposal less the carrying amount of the subsidiary's net assets as referred to note 31.

10. TAXATION

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| The charge comprises: | | |
| | | |
| Current tax: | | |
| Hong Kong | 19 | _ |
| The PRC | _ | 24 |
| | | |
| | 19 | 24 |
| Deferred tax (note 29) | (17) | _ |
| | | |
| | 2 | 24 |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdiction.

10. TAXATION (Cont'd)

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the loss per the income statement as follows:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Loss before taxation | (2,880) | (46,008) |
| Tax at the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 17.5% | (504) | (8,050) |
| Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose | 2,615 | 8,120 |
| Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose | (2,908) | (4,806) |
| Tax effect of tax losses not recognised | 804 | 2,913 |
| Tax effect of deferred tax assets not recognised | 94 | 1,802 |
| Effect of different tax rate of a subsidiary operating | | |
| in other jurisdictions | _ | 69 |
| Utilisation of tax loss previously not recognised | (99) | (24) |
| Tax effect | 2 | 24 |

11. LOSS PER SHARE

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

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| | HK\$ | HK\$ |
| | | |
| Net loss for the year | 2,861,000 | 43,954,000 |
| | | |
| Weighted average number of shares | | |
| for the purpose of basic loss per share | 2,531,048,941 | 821,427,141 |

No diluted loss per share for the year ended 31st July, 2004 has been presented as the exercise price of the Company's options was higher than the average market price of shares during the year and the conversion of the Company's outstanding convertibles notes would result in a decrease in net loss per share.

There was no dilutive potential shares outstanding during the year ended 31st July, 2003.

12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

| | THE GROUP | | THE COM | IPANY |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| VALUATION | | | | |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 23,165 | 32,980 | 1,340 | 1,450 |
| Disposals | (5,000) | (930) | _ | _ |
| Surplus (deficit) arising | | | | |
| on revaluation | 1,615 | (8,885) | 140 | (110) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 19,780 | 23,165 | 1,480 | 1,340 |
| Comprising: | | | | |
| Investment properties held | | | | |
| in Hong Kong under: | | | | |
| Long leases | 1,440 | 1,300 | _ | _ |
| Medium-term leases | 18,340 | 21,865 | 1,480 | 1,340 |
| | 19,780 | 23,165 | 1,480 | 1,340 |

The investment properties of the Group and the Company are held for rental purposes under operating leases and were revalued at 31st July, 2004 on an open market value basis by independent firms of professional valuers, Chung, Chan & Associates and CS Surveyors Limited, chartered surveyors.

The surplus arising on revaluation of the Group's and the Company's investment properties at 31st July, 2004 amounted to HK\$1,615,000 (2003: deficit of HK\$8,885,000) and HK\$140,000 (2003: deficit of HK\$110,000), respectively, have been credited to the income statement.

13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | | Furniture, | |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------|
| | Leasehold | fixtures and | |
| | improvements | equipment | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE GROUP | | | |
| COST | | | |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 3,094 | 649 | 3,743 |
| Additions | _ | 68 | 68 |
| Upon acquisition of subsidiaries | 376 | 152 | 528 |
| Disposals | _ | (3) | (3) |
| Disposal of subsidiaries | (3,094) | (646) | (3,740) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 376 | 220 | 596 |
| DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 3,094 | 570 | 3,664 |
| Provided for the year | 10 | 28 | 38 |
| Upon acquisition of subsidiaries | 354 | 103 | 457 |
| Eliminated on disposals | _ | (1) | (1) |
| Eliminated on disposal of subsidiaries | (3,094) | (572) | (3,666) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 364 | 128 | 492 |
| NET BOOK VALUES | | | |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 12 | 92 | 104 |
| At 31st July, 2003 | | 79 | 79 |

14. GOODWILL

| | THE GROUP HK\$'000 |
|---|--------------------|
| COST | |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 1,143 |
| Arising on acquisitions of subsidiaries | 4,532 |
| Disposals | (1,143) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 4,532 |
| AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT | |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 381 |
| Provided for the year | 494 |
| Eliminated on disposals | (762) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 113 |
| NET BOOK VALUES | |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 4,419 |
| At 31st July, 2003 | 762 |

The amortisation period adopted for goodwill ranges from 3 to 20 years.

15. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

| | THE COMPANY | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| | 2004 200 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Unlisted investments, at cost | 31,539 | 31,539 | |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries | 224,373 | 195,955 | |
| | 255,912 | 227,494 | |
| Allowance | (181,526) | (174,251) | |
| | 74,386 | 53,243 | |

The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. In the opinion of the directors, the amounts will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date.

15. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries at 31st July, 2004 are as follows:

| | Proportion of | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|------------------------|
| | Place of | Issued and | | l value of | |
| | incorporation/ | paid up | | pital held | |
| Name of subsidiary | operation | share capital | - | Company | Principal activities |
| | | | Directly | Indirectly | |
| | | | % | % | |
| Adrian Realty Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$1,000,000 | 100 | _ | Property investment |
| Ahead Company Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | _ | Trading of securities |
| | | | | | and investment holding |
| Century 21 Hong Kong Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$3,880,000 | _ | 82.5 | Provision of estate |
| | | | | | agency services |
| Chadbury International | British Virgin | US\$1 | _ | 100 | Property investment |
| Limited | Islands/Japan | υ 5ψ1 | | 100 | Troperty investment |
| | D 's' L W' ' | TIGO10 | | 00 | I () () 1 1 2 |
| Consecutive Profits Limited ("CPL") | British Virgin Islands | US\$10 | _ | 80 | Investment holding |
| | | | | | |
| Evergood Management Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | _ | Investment holding |
| Hegel Trading Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | _ | Property investment |
| High Cheong Developments | British Virgin | US\$1 | 100 | _ | Investment holding |
| Limited ("High Cheong") | Islands | 0391 | 100 | _ | investment notding |
| ou m to the | | тиуфа | | 100 | D |
| Silver Tower Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | _ | 100 | Property investment |
| Top Mount Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | _ | 100 | Investment holding |
| Top Universal Management | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | _ | Investment holding |
| Limited | | | | | Č |

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results or assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

16. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

| | | | THE GR | OUP | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Trading sec | curities | Other secu | urities | Total | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Equity securities: | | | | | | |
| Listed | | | | | | |
| At cost | 4,840 | 5,587 | _ | _ | 4,840 | 5,587 |
| Unrealised holding loss | (658) | (3,635) | | | (658) | (3,635) |
| At fair value | 4,182 | 1,952 | | | 4,182 | 1,952 |
| Unlisted | | | | | | |
| At cost | _ | _ | 701 | 701 | 701 | 701 |
| Unrealised holding loss | | | (701) | (701) | (701) | (701) |
| At fair value | | | | | | |
| , | 4,182 | 1,952 | | | 4,182 | 1,952 |
| Listed debt securities: | | | | | | |
| At cost | 4,291 | _ | _ | _ | 4,291 | _ |
| Unrealised holding loss | (81) | | | | (81) | |
| At fair value | 4,210 | | | | 4,210 | |
| Total: | | | | | | |
| Listed | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 4,182 | 1,952 | _ | _ | 4,182 | 1,952 |
| Elsewhere | 4,210 | | | | 4,210 | |
| | 8,392 | 1,952 | | | 8,392 | 1,952 |
| Market value of listed | | | | | | |
| securities, reported | | | | | 0 | |
| as current | 8,392 | 1,952 | | | 8,392 | 1,952 |

16. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (Cont'd)

| | THE COMPANY Other securities | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--|
| | | | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Unlisted equity securities: | | | |
| At cost | 700 | 700 | |
| Unrealised holding loss | (700) | (700) | |
| At fair value | | | |

17. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLES

| | THE GROUP AND THE COMPANY | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------|--|
| | | | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Principal | 22,000 | 22,000 | |
| Less: Amount due within one year shown under current assets | (22,000) | | |
| Amount due after one year | | 22,000 | |

The promissory note receivables are unsecured, bear interest at 5% per annum and receivable on 27th February, 2005.

18. PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

| | THE GROUP | | THE COM | PANY |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Properties in Hong Kong | 8,892 | 206 | 206 | 206 |
| Properties in Japan | 26,688 | 22,735 | _ | _ |
| Properties in the PRC | | 2,400 | | |
| | 35,580 | 25,341 | 206 | 206 |

Included above of the Group are properties in Japan of HK\$26,688,000 (2003: in Japan and in the PRC of HK\$25,135,000) carried at net realisable value.

19. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

At 31st July, 2004, the balance of trade and other receivables included trade receivables of HK\$4,450,000 (2003: of HK\$714,000). An aged analysis of trade receivables is as follows:

| | THE GROUP | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| 0 to 60 days | 2,402 | 52 |
| 61 to 90 days | 146 | 3 |
| 91 days or above | 1,902 | 659 |
| | 4,450 | 714 |

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to its trade customers.

20. LOAN RECEIVABLES

| | THE GROUP | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|--|
| | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Principal | 10,500 | 10,500 | |
| Interest receivables | 503 | 503 | |
| Less: Allowance | (11,003) | (11,003) | |
| | _ _ | <u> </u> | |

The loans were unsecured and bore interest at prevailing market rate.

21. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

At 31st July, 2004, the balance of trade and other payables included trade payables of HK\$2,382,000 (2003: of HK\$446,000). An aged analysis of trade payables is as follows:

| | THE GROUP | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| 0 to 60 days | 1,589 | 2 | |
| 61 to 90 days | 491 | _ | |
| 91 days or above | 302 | 444 | |
| | 2,382 | 446 | |

22. PROMISSORY NOTE PAYABLES

| | THE GRO | THE GROUP | | |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--|--|
| | 2004 | 2003 | | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | | |
| Principal | | 3,051 | | |

At 31st July, 2003, the promissory note payables were unsecured and bore interest at Hong Kong best lending rate. The amount was fully settled during the year ended 31st July, 2004.

23. BANK BORROWINGS

| | THE GROUP | | THE COMPANY | |
|---|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Unsecured bank overdrafts | 266 | 259 | _ | _ |
| Secured bank loans — | 9,211 | 14,254 | 638 | 703 |
| _ | 9,477 | 14,513 | 638 | 703 |
| The maturity profile of the above loans and overdrafts is as follows: | | | | |
| Within one year or upon demand | 1,234 | 1,546 | 67 | 65 |
| More than one year but | | | | |
| not exceeding two years | 1,008 | 1,343 | 70 | 67 |
| More than two years but | | | | |
| not exceeding five years | 3,263 | 4,386 | 226 | 218 |
| More than five years — | 3,972 | 7,238 | 275 | 353 |
| | 9,477 | 14,513 | 638 | 703 |
| Less: Amount due within one year shown as | | | | |
| current liabilities | (1,234) | (1,546) | (67) | (65) |
| Amount due after one year | 8,243 | 12,967 | 571 | 638 |

24. AMOUNT DUE TO A SUBSIDIARY

The amount is unsecured, interest free and has no fixed repayment terms. The subsidiary agreed that the amount will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and accordingly, the amount is classified as non-current.

25. CONVERTIBLE NOTE PAYABLES

THE GROUP
AND
THE COMPANY

2004 2003 *HK\$'000 HK\$'000*

Principal 3,000 —

The convertible note payables represents the HK\$3,000,000 2% redeemable convertible notes due 2005. The convertible notes carry interest at 2% per annum and are redeemable on 15th October, 2005. The holders of the convertible notes have the options to convert the convertible notes into shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company at any time during the period from 16th October, 2003 to 15th October, 2005 at a conversion price of HK\$0.02 per share.

26. SHARE CAPITAL

| | Number of | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | ordinary shares | Amount HK\$'000 |
| Ordinary shares | | |
| Authorised: | | |
| At 1st August, 2002 at HK\$0.40 each | 2,250,000,000 | 900,000 |
| Capital reduction (note a) | _ | (877,500) |
| Increase in authorised share capital (note a) | 10,000,000,000 | 100,000 |
| At 31st July, 2003 and 31st July, 2004, at HK\$0.01 each | 12,250,000,000 | 122,500 |
| Issued and fully paid: | | |
| At 1st August, 2002 at HK\$0.40 each | 482,399,556 | 192,960 |
| Capital reduction (note a) | _ | (188,136) |
| Issue of shares on private placements on: | | |
| — 6th December, 2002 (note b) | 96,400,000 | 964 |
| — 24th March, 2003 (note b) | 115,000,000 | 1,150 |
| Issue of shares on rights issue (note c) | 1,387,599,112 | 13,876 |
| At 31st July, 2003, at HK\$0.01 each | 2,081,398,668 | 20,814 |
| Conversion of convertible notes (note d) | 250,000,000 | 2,500 |
| Issue of shares on private placements on: | | |
| — 13th February, 2004 (note e) | 400,000,000 | 4,000 |
| — 29th April, 2004 (note e) | 538,000,000 | 5,380 |
| At 31st July, 2004, at HK\$0.01 each | 3,269,398,668 | 32,694 |

26. SHARE CAPITAL (Cont'd)

Notes:

(a) On 10th October, 2002, an order of petition (the "Order") was granted by the High Court of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the "High Court"). Pursuant to the Order, the reduction of the share capital and the cancellation of the share premium account of the Company as resolved and effected by a special resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 2nd September, 2002, be and the same was confirmed in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Companies Ordinance.

The High Court approved the minute set forth in the schedule 2 of the Order (the "Minute"). Pursuant to the Minute, the capital of the Company was by virtue of special resolutions of the Company with the sanction of the Order reduced from HK\$900,000,000 divided into 2,250,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.40 each (of which 482,399,556 shares had been issued and were fully paid up or credited as fully paid) to HK\$22,500,000 divided into 2,250,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each. The Company further by ordinary resolution provided that forthwith upon such reduction of capital taking effect, the authorised share capital of the Company would be increased from HK\$22,500,000 to HK\$122,500,000 by the creation of additional 10,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.01 each. Accordingly, on the registration of the Minute, the authorised share capital of the Company was HK\$122,500,000 divided into 12,250,000,000 shares of HK\$0.01 each, of which 482,399,556 shares had been issued and were fully paid up or credited as fully paid and the remaining shares are unissued. The sum of HK\$250,952,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company was reduced and cancelled against the accumulated losses of the Company.

In addition, the Company gave the undertaking set forth in the schedule 1 of the Order (the "Undertaking"). Pursuant to the Undertaking, the Company undertook that out of the capital by which the Company sought to be reduced, a sum of HK\$170,583,000 would be credited to a capital reduction reserve in the books of account of the Company to be designated as capital reduction reserve account (the "Capital Reduction Reserve Account") which would not be treated as realised profits and should be treated as a reserve of the Company, which should not be distributable until or unless the creditors of the Company as at the date of the sanction of the reduction of capital (the "Creditors") were fully settled, provided for by the Company or the remaining Creditors and each of them did consent by which time the Capital Reduction Reserve Account would be cancelled and provided that prior to the cancellation of the Capital Reduction Reserve Account, the Company might apply it in paying up unissued shares of the Company to be issued to members as fully paid bonus shares and the audited accounts of the Company would contain a note recording this undertaking.

- (b) On 6th December, 2002 and 24th March, 2003, arrangements were made for private placements to independent investors of 96,400,000 and 115,000,000 new shares of the Company of HK\$0.01 each at placing prices of HK\$0.059 and HK\$0.04 per share, representing a discount of approximately 19.2% and 21.57% to the closing market price of the Company's shares on 20th November, 2002 and 28th February, 2003, respectively. The net proceeds had been used to finance the Group's general working capital for operating activities. These shares were issued under the general mandates granted to the directors at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 2nd September, 2002 and 30th December, 2002, respectively, and rank pari passu with other shares in issue in all respects.
- (c) In order to finance the Group's operating activities of property investment, the Company issued 1,387,599,112 rights shares of HK\$0.01 each, at a subscription price of HK\$0.01 per share. The allocation was made on 6th June, 2003 to existing shareholders, on the basis of two rights shares for every one ordinary share then held. The new shares rank pari passu with the existing shares in all respects.
- (d) On 30th January, 2004, the HK\$5,000,000 2% redeemable convertible notes due 2005 were converted into 250,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.02 per share. The new shares rank pari passu with the existing shares in all respects.
- (e) On 13th February, 2004 and 29th April, 2004, arrangements were made for private placements to independent investors of 400,000,000 and 538,000,000 new shares of the Company of HK\$0.01 each at placing prices of HK\$0.02 per share, representing a discount of approximately 13.04% to the closing market price of the Company's shares on 6th February, 2004 and 24th March, 2004, respectively. The net proceeds have been used to finance the Group's general working capital for operating activities, property investments and real estate franchising and agency business. The 400,000,000 and 538,000,000 new shares were issued under the general mandates granted to the directors at the annual general meeting and extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 18th December, 2003 and 22nd April, 2004, respectively. The new shares rank pari passu with other shares in issue in all respects.

27. SHARE OPTIONS

Scheme adopted on 7th March, 1997 (the "1997 Scheme")

The 1997 Scheme was adopted on 7th March, 1997 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees and would expire on 6th March, 2007. Under the 1997 Scheme, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") might grant options to eligible employees, including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company for a consideration of HK\$1 per lot of share options granted. Options granted should be accepted within 28 days from the date of offer of the options.

The exercise price was determined by the directors of the Company, and should be equal to the higher of the nominal value of the Company's shares or 80 percent of the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant. The maximum number of shares in respect of which options might be granted under the 1997 Scheme should not exceed 10 percent of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time.

No option shall be granted to any one person which if exercised in full would result in the total number of shares already issued and issuable to him under all the options previously granted to him and the said option exceeding 25 percent of the number of shares issued and issuable under all the options which might be granted under the 1997 Scheme at the time it is proposed to grant the said option to that person.

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the 1997 Scheme at any time after the date upon which the option is granted and prior to the expiry of ten years from that date. The period during which an option might be exercised would be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion, save that no option might be exercised more than 10 years after it has been granted or 10 years from the date of the adoption of the 1997 Scheme, whichever is earlier. No option might be granted more than 10 years after the date of approval of the 1997 Scheme.

Pursuant to a resolution passed on 30th December, 2002, the 1997 Scheme was terminated.

No share options of the 1997 Scheme were granted or exercised during the year ended 31st July, 2004 and 2003. At 31st July, 2004 and 2003, there was no option outstanding under the 1997 Scheme.

Scheme adopted on 30th December, 2002 (the "2002 Scheme")

Following the termination of the 1997 Scheme in December 2002, the 2002 Scheme was adopted pursuant to a resolution passed on 30th December, 2002 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors, employees and eligible participants and will expire on 29th December, 2012.

27. SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

Scheme adopted on 30th December, 2002 (the "2002 Scheme") (Cont'd)

Under the 2002 Scheme, the Board may grant options to executive directors, employees of the Company and its subsidiaries and such eligible participants at the discretion of the Board pursuant to the terms of the 2002 Scheme, to subscribe for shares of the Company at a price per share not less than the highest of i) the closing price of a share of the Company listed on the Stock Exchange at the date of grant of the option; ii) the average of the closing price of a share of the Company on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option; and iii) the nominal value of a share of the Company.

The maximum number of shares in respect of which options shall be granted under the 2002 Scheme shall not exceed 10% in aggregate of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of its adoption. No director, employee or eligible participant may be granted options under the 2002 Scheme which will enable him or her if exercise in full to subscribe for exceeding 1% of the issued share capital of the Company in any 12-month period. The option period for which the options granted can be exercisable, shall be such period as notified by the Board, save that it shall not be more than 10 years from the date of grant subject to the terms of the 2002 Scheme. Nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of each grant and the share options granted shall be accepted within 28 days from the date of grant.

At 31st July, 2004, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the 2002 Scheme was 125,200,000, representing 3.8% of the shares of the Company in issue at that date. Total consideration of HK\$15 (2003: Nil) was received by the Company during the year on acceptance of the grants.

No share option of the 2002 Scheme was granted or exercised during the year ended 31st July, 2003. At 31st July, 2003, there was no option outstanding under the 2002 Scheme.

The following table discloses details of the 2002 Scheme and movements in such holdings during the year ended 31st July, 2004:

| Date of grant | Exercisable period | Exercise price HK\$ | Outstanding at 1.8.2003 | Granted during the year | Outstanding at 31.7.2004 |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20.11.2003 17.3.2004 | 20.11.2003 — 29.12.2012 17.3.2004 — 29.12.2012 | 0.0234 0.0240 | | 41,600,000 83,600,000 | 41,600,000 83,600,000 |
| | | | | 125,200,000 | 125,200,000 |

27. SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

Scheme adopted on 30th December, 2002 (the "2002 Scheme") (Cont'd)

Details of the options held by the directors included in the above table are as follows:

| Date of grant | Exercisable period | Exercise price HK\$ | Outstanding at 1.8.2003 | Granted during the year | Outstanding at 31.7.2004 |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20.11.2003 17.3.2004 | 20.11.2003 — 29.12.2012 17.3.2004 — 29.12.2012 | 0.0234 0.0240 | | 20,800,000 61,100,000 | 20,800,000 61,100,000 |
| | | | | 81,900,000 | 81,900,000 |

No share option was exercised by the above directors to subscribe for shares in the Company during the year.

The financial impact of share options granted is not recorded in the Company's or the Group's balance sheet until such time as the options are exercised, and no charge is recognised in the income statement in respect of the value of options granted in the year. Upon the exercise of the share options, the resulting shares issued are recorded by the Company as additional share capital at the nominal value of the shares, and the exercise price per share over the nominal value of the shares is recorded by the Company in the share premium account. Options which lapse or are cancelled prior to their exercise date are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

28. RESERVES

| | | | Capital | Capital | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| | Share | Capital | reduction | redemption | Accumulated | |
| | premium | reserve | reserve | reserve | losses | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE COMPANY | | | | | | |
| At 1st August, 2002 | 250,952 | 2,127 | _ | 268 | (346,303) | (92,956) |
| Capital reduction (note 26a) | (250,952) | _ | 170,583 | _ | 268,505 | 188,136 |
| Issue of shares on private | | | | | | |
| placements (note 26b) | 8,174 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 8,174 |
| Expenses incurred in connection | | | | | | |
| with issue of shares | (350) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (350) |
| Net loss for the year | | | | | (43,937) | (43,937) |
| At 31st July, 2003 | 7,824 | 2,127 | 170,583 | 268 | (121,735) | 59,067 |
| Conversion of convertible notes | | | | | | |
| (note 26d) | 2,500 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 2,500 |
| Issue of shares on private | | | | | | |
| placements (note 26e) | 9,380 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 9,380 |
| Expenses incurred in connection | | | | | | |
| with issue of shares | (446) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (446) |
| Net loss for the year | | | | | (8,552) | (8,552) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 19,258 | 2,127 | 170,583 | 268 | (130,287) | 61,949 |

Under the capital reduction exercise carried out in October 2002, the Company undertook to maintain a capital reduction reserve account. This account would not be treated as realised profits and should be treated as reserve of the Company, which should not be distributable until or unless the creditors of the Company as at the date of the sanction of the reduction of capital (the "Creditors") were fully settled, provided for by the Company or the remaining Creditors and each of them did consent by which time the account would be cancelled and provided that prior to the cancellation of the account, the Company might apply it in paying up unissued shares of the Company to be issued to members as fully paid bonus shares.

At 31st July, 2004 and 2003, the Company had no reserve available for distribution to the shareholders.

29. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods.

| | Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000 | Tax losses HK\$'000 | Total <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| THE GROUP | | | |
| At 1st August, 2002 | | | |
| — as previously reported | _ | _ | _ |
| — adjustment on adoption of SSAP 12 | | | |
| (Revised) | 913 | (913) | |
| — as restated | 913 | (913) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 219 | (219) | _ |
| | | | |
| At 31st July, 2003 | 1,132 | (1,132) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 116 | (133) | (17) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 1,248 | (1,265) | (17) |
| THE COMPANY | | | |
| At 1st August, 2002 | | | |
| — as previously reported | | _ | _ |
| — adjustment on adoption of SSAP 12 | | | |
| (Revised) | 37 | (37) | |
| — as restated | 37 | (37) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 11 | (11) | |
| At 31st July, 2003 | 48 | (48) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 8 | (8) | _ |
| charge (crossly to meome statement | | | |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 56 | (56) | _ |

At 31st July, 2004, the Group and the Company had unused tax losses of HK\$47,648,000 (2003: HK\$53,579,000) and HK\$9,562,000 (2003: HK\$8,842,000), respectively, available for offset against future profits and deductible temporary differences of HK\$232,000 (2003: HK\$2,634,000) and HK\$19,000 (2003: HK\$24,000), respectively, in respect of accelerated tax depreciation. A deferred tax assets of the Group and the Company have been recognised in respect of HK\$7,229,000 (2003: HK\$6,468,000) and HK\$324,000 (2003: HK\$276,000) of such losses, respectively. No deferred tax assets of the Group and the Company have been recognised in respect of the remaining unused losses of HK\$40,419,000 (2003: HK\$47,111,000) and HK\$9,238,000 (2003: HK\$8,566,000), respectively, and the deductible temporary differences due to unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

30. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 30th January, 2004, the Group acquired 80% interest in CPL and its subsidiaries for a consideration of HK\$6,000,000. This acquisition has been accounted for by the acquisition method of accounting. The amount of goodwill arising as a result of the acquisition was HK\$4,532,000.

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Net assets acquired: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 71 | _ |
| Trade and other receivables | 8,318 | _ |
| Bank balances and cash | 115 | _ |
| Trade and other payables | (6,212) | _ |
| Bank overdrafts | (14) | _ |
| Bank borrowings | (54) | _ |
| Minority interests | (756) | _ |
| Net assets | 1,468 | |
| Goodwill arising on acquisition | 4,532 | _ |
| Goodwin arising on acquisition | 4,332 | |
| | 6,000 | |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| Cash consideration paid | 6,000 | _ |
| Analysis of net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the purchase of subsidiaries: | | |
| Cash consideration paid | (6,000) | _ |
| Bank balances and cash acquired | 115 | _ |
| Bank overdrafts acquired | (14) | |
| Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents | (5,899) | |

The subsidiaries acquired during the year contributed HK\$1,981,000 to the Group's turnover, and HK\$380,000 to the Group's profit from operations.

31. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES

In August, 2003, the Group disposed of its subsidiary, Kan Hock Investment and Developments Limited ("Kan Hock"). As referred to in note 9 in March 2004, the Group discontinued its operations in the provision of sale of silk products at the time of disposal of its subsidiary, Marcello. The net assets of Kan Hock and Marcello at the dates of disposal and at 31st July, 2004 were as follows:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Net assets disposed of: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 74 | _ |
| Other securities | _ | 4,005 |
| Properties held for sale | 2,400 | _ |
| Inventories | 889 | _ |
| Trade and other receivables | 605 | 912 |
| Bank balances and cash | 300 | 116 |
| Trade and other payables | (309) | (1,486) |
| | 3,959 | 3,547 |
| Goodwill released | 381 | 7,603 |
| Minority interests | (451) | 109 |
| (Loss) gain on disposal of discontinuing operations | (734) | 261 |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | (62) | (3,519) |
| | 3,093 | 8,001 |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| Cash consideration received | 3,093 | 8,001 |

Analysis of the net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the disposal of subsidiaries:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Cash consideration received | 3,093 | 8,001 |
| Bank balances and cash disposed of | (300) | (116) |
| Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents | 2,793 | 7,885 |

The subsidiaries disposed of did not contribute significantly to the Group's cash flows or operating results for both years.

32. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended 31st July, 2003, the Group disposed of certain properties held for sale of HK\$14,650,000 for a total consideration of HK\$14,576,000. The consideration was satisfied by the transfer of portion of the promissory note payables, accrued promissory note interest, rental deposits and rental receivables of HK\$14,743,000, HK\$168,000, HK\$281,000 and HK\$616,000, respectively. A loss on disposal of HK\$74,000 was resulted and included in the income statement.

33. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31st July, 2004, investment properties of the Group and the Company amounting to HK\$17,780,000 (2003: HK\$23,165,000) and HK\$1,480,000 (2003: HK\$1,340,000), respectively, had been pledged to banks to secure credit facilities to the extent of HK\$10,750,000 (2003: HK\$16,665,000) and HK\$750,000 (2003: HK\$750,000) granted to the Group and the Company of which HK\$9,163,000 (2003: HK\$14,254,000) and HK\$638,000 (2003: HK\$703,000) were utilised by the Group and the Company, respectively.

34. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

Prior to 1st December, 2000, the Group operated defined contribution retirement benefit schemes ("Defined Contribution Schemes") for its qualifying employees in Hong Kong. The assets of the schemes were held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of independent trustees. Where there are employees who leave the Defined Contribution Schemes prior to vesting fully in the contributions, the amount of the forfeited contributions would be used to reduce future contributions payable by the Group. The Defined Contribution Schemes were terminated on 1st December, 2000.

Effective on 1st December, 2000, the Group has joined the MPF Scheme for all of its employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance in Hong Kong. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rule of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at rate specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme.

The retirement benefit scheme contributions arising from the MPF Scheme charged to the income statement represent contributions payable to the scheme by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the scheme. For the year ended 31st July, 2004, contributions of the Group under the MPF Scheme amounted to HK\$325,000 (2003: HK\$156,000).

Forfeited contributions in respect of unvested benefits of employees leaving the Group under the Defined Contribution Schemes cannot be used to reduce ongoing contributions after their termination. At 31st July, 2003, the Group had forfeited contributions of HK\$176,000 arising upon employees leaving the Defined Contribution Schemes.

35. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

The Group as lessee

Minimum lease payments paid under operating leases for premises during the year was HK\$850,000 (2003: HK\$994,000).

At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

| | THE | THE GROUP | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|--|
| | 2004 | 2003 | | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | | |
| Within one year | 151 | 720 | | |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | | 720 | | |
| | 151 | 1,440 | | |

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain of its office premises. Leases are negotiated and rentals are fixed for an average term of one year (2003: two and half years).

At 31st July, 2004, the Company had no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases (2003: Nil).

The Group as lessor

Property rental income earned by the Group during the year was HK\$767,000 (2003: HK\$1,914,000) before deduction of outgoings of HK\$275,000 (2003: HK\$441,000). Certain of the Group's properties are held for rental purposes and are expected to generate rental yields of 3% (2003: 6%), on an ongoing basis. The properties of the Group held for rental purposes have committed tenants for an average term of two years (2003: one year).

At the balance sheet date, the Group and the Company had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

| | THE G | ROUP | THE COMPANY | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Within one year In the second to | 368 | 618 | 120 | 100 | |
| fifth year inclusive | 229 | 65 | 220 | | |
| | 597 | 683 | 340 | 100 | |

36. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31st July, 2004, the Company has outstanding guarantees issued in favour of a bank in respect of banking facilities made available to a subsidiary amounting to HK\$8,525,000 (2003: HK\$9,380,000).

At 31st July, 2003, the Company had also given guarantees to promissory note holders to secure the payment of outstanding principal and interest of promissory note payables of HK\$3,051,000 issued by its subsidiaries. The promissory note was fully repaid by its subsidiaries and the guarantees were released during the year ended 31st July, 2004.

37. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

- (a) During the year, the Group reimbursed HK\$2,630,000 (2003: HK\$210,000) and HK\$599,000 (2003: HK\$189,000) for administrative expenses with CSI Investment Limited ("CSI") and Mark Well Investment Limited ("Mark Well"), respectively. During the year ended 31st July, 2003, the Group also reimbursed HK\$649,000 for administrative expenses with Capital Strategic Investment (BVI) Limited ("CSI (BVI)"). Mr. Choo Yeow Ming, Ms. Ma Wai Man, Catherine and Mr. Chow Hou Man, the directors of the Company, are also directors of these companies. CSI, Mark Well and CSI (BVI) are subsidiaries of Capital Strategic Investment Limited ("Capital Strategic"), a listed company of the Stock Exchange. The amounts were negotiated by reference to prevailing market rates.
- (b) On 5th September, 2003, High Cheong, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a sale and purchase agreement with On Glory Holdings Limited (the "Agreement"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capital Strategic which is listed on the Stock Exchange and is a substantial shareholder of the Company. Pursuant to the Agreement, High Cheong acquired from On Glory Holdings Limited the entire 80% of the issued share capital of CPL, at a cash consideration of HK\$6,000,000. The principal asset of CPL is 82.5% equity interest in Century 21 Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Ng Kai Man, Luke, the deputy chairman and an executive director of the Company, is the minority shareholder who owns the remaining 20% of the issued share capital of CPL.
- (c) During the year ended 31st July, 2003, the Group reimbursed a sum of HK\$560,000 for administrative expenses with Cheung Tai Hong, Limited ("CTH"), a company in which Mr. Ding Chung Keung, Vincent was also a director. Ms. Lin Fung Yi and Mr. Tse Cho Tseung, ex-directors of the Company, were directors of CTH. CTH was a subsidiary of Cheung Tai Hong Holdings Limited, a listed company of the Stock Exchange. The amount was negotiated by reference to prevailing market rates.

Six months ended

3. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GROUP FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 2005

The financial information set out below is an extract from pages 1 to 12 of the unaudited interim report of the Company for the six months ended 31st January, 2005.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 31st January, 2005

| | | Six mont | is ended | |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|--|
| | 31st Ja | | nuary, | |
| | | 2005 | 2004 | |
| | Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | ivotes | | | |
| | | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | |
| Turnover | 3 | 12,431 | 14,464 | |
| Cost of sales | | (1,123) | (1,191) | |
| Direct cost of sales of properties | | (8,808) | _ | |
| Direct cost on property rental | | (777) | (794) | |
| Direct cost on trading securities sold | | (111) | | |
| Direct cost on trading securities sold | | | (7,140) | |
| Gross profit | | 1,723 | 5,339 | |
| Other operating income | | 2,975 | 3,764 | |
| Administrative expenses | | (3,725) | (8,971) | |
| Loss on disposal of investment properties | | | (620) | |
| Unrealised holding gain (loss) on | | | (020) | |
| investments in securities | | 13,140 | (41) | |
| | | 13,140 | (41) | |
| Amortization of goodwill arising on | | (112) | (100) | |
| acquisition of subsidiaries | | (113) | (190) | |
| Profit(loss) from operations | 4 | 14,000 | (719) | |
| Finance costs | | (193) | (361) | |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | | _ | (62) | |
| Loss on disposar of substances | | | | |
| Profit(loss) before taxation | | 13,807 | (1,142) | |
| Taxation | 5 | · <u>—</u> | | |
| | | | | |
| Profit(loss) before minority interests | | 13,807 | (1,142) | |
| Minority interests | | (110) | 120 | |
| • | | i | | |
| Net profit(loss) for the period | | 13,697 | (1,022) | |
| | | | | |
| Earnings(loss) per share | 6 | | | |
| — Basic | | 0.41 cents | (0.05) cents | |
| | | | | |
| — Diluted | | 0.40 cents | (0.04) cents | |
| | | | | |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31st January, 2005

| | Notes | 2005 31st January, 2005 HK\$'000 (unaudited) | 2004 31st July, 2004 HK\$'000 (audited) |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| Non-Current Assets Investment properties Property, plant and equipment Deferred tax assets Goodwill | 7 14 | 19,780 123 17 4,306 | 19,780 104 17 4,419 |
| Current Assets Properties held for sale Trade and other receivables Investments in securities Promissory note receivables Tax recoverable Bank balances and cash | 8 10 9 | 29,257 5,932 25,131 20,000 79 46,900 | 24,320 35,580 6,281 8,392 22,000 24,269 96,522 |
| Current Liabilities Trade and other payables Tax payable Bank borrowings — due within one year | 11 12 | 7,996 ——————————————————————————————————— | 7,124 20 1,234 8,378 |
| Net Current Assets Total assets less current liabilities | | 118,314 | 88,144 |
| Minority Interests | | 994 | 885 |
| Non-Current Liabilities Bank borrowings — due after one year Convertible note payables | 12 13 | 7,745 | 8,243 3,000 |
| | | 7,745 133,801 | 11,243 |
| Capital and Reserves Share capital Reserves | 15 | 40,694 93,107 133,801 | 32,694 67,642 100,336 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 31st January, 2005

| | Share capital | Share premium | Capital reserve | Capital reduction reserve | Capital redemption reserve | Accumulated losses | Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | | |
| At 1st August, 2003 Conversion of | 20,814 | 7,824 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (119,763) | 79,883 |
| convertible notes | 2,500 | 2,500 | | | _ | _ | 5,000 |
| Net loss for the period | | | | | | (1,022) | (1,022) |
| At 31st January, 2004 | | | | | | | |
| and 1st February, 2004 | 23,314 | 10,324 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (120,785) | 83,861 |
| Issue of shares | 0.200 | 0.200 | | | | | 10.760 |
| on private placement Expenses incurred in connection | 9,380 | 9,380 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 18,760 |
| with issue of shares | _ | (446) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (446) |
| Net loss for the period | | | | | | (1,839) | (1,839) |
| A 21 - I-l- 2004 | | | | | | | |
| At 31st July, 2004 and 1st August, 2004 | 32,694 | 19,258 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (122,624) | 100,336 |
| Conversion of convertible notes (note 15(a)) | 1,500 | 1,500 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 3,000 |
| Issue of shares on private placement (note 15(b)) | 6,500 | 10,725 | | _ | _ | _ | 17,225 |
| Expenses incurred in connection | 0,500 | 10,723 | | | | | 17,225 |
| with issue of shares | _ | (457) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (457) |
| Net profit for the period | | | | | | 13,697 | 13,697 |
| At 31st January, 2005 | 40,694 | 31,026 | 157 | 170,583 | 268 | (108,927) | 133,801 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 31st January, 2005

| | Six months ended 31st January, | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Net cash from (used in) operating activities | 7,559 | (1,828) |
| Tax paid | (98) | (1) |
| | 7,461 | (1,829) |
| Net cash used in investing activities: | | |
| Acquisition of investment in securities | (3,503) | |
| Other investment cash flows | 842 | 208 |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment properties Net cash inflow from disposal | _ | 4,380 |
| of interests in subsidiaries | _ | 2,392 |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | _ | (5,908) |
| Purchase of investment properties | | (1,674) |
| | (2,661) | (602) |
| Net cash from (used in) from financing activities: | | |
| Net proceeds from issue of shares | 16,768 | |
| Receipt of promissory note receivables | 2,000 | |
| Repayment of bank loans | (478) | (4,625) |
| Other financing cash flows | (193) | (361) |
| Proceeds from issue of convertible notes | | 8,000 |
| Repayment of promissory note payables | | (3,051) |
| | 18,097 | (37) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 22,897 | (2,468) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 24,003 | 20,847 |
| Cash and cash equivalent at end of the period, | | |
| representing bank balances and cash | 46,900 | 18,379 |

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31st January, 2005

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practices 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st July, 2004.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Business segments

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to operating results by business segments is as follows:

For the six months ended 31st January, 2005

| | Property rental HK\$'000 | Financial investment HK\$'000 | Property sale HK\$'000 | Estate agency HK\$'000 | Consolidated HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TURNOVER | | | | | |
| External sales | 234 | | 10,050 | 2,147 | 12,431 |
| SEGMENT RESULT | (274) | 11,550 | 2,093 | 323 | 13,692 |
| Unallocated corporate income | | | | | 469 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | (161) |
| Profit from operations | | | | | 14,000 |

For the six months ended 31st January, 2004

| | Cor | ntinuing opera | tions | Discontinuin operations | g |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Property rental HK\$'000 | Financial investment HK\$'000 | Property sale HK\$'000 | Sale of silk products HK\$'000 | Consolidated HK\$'000 |
| TURNOVER | | | | | |
| External sales | 455 | 7,645 | | 6,364 | 14,464 |
| SEGMENT RESULT | (507) | 542 | 3,501 | (400) | 3,136 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | (3,855) |
| Loss from operations | | | | | (719) |

4. PROFIT (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS

Profit (loss) from operations for the six months ended 31st January, 2005 has been arrived at after charging depreciation of HK\$24,000 (six month ended 31st January, 2004: HK\$2,000) in respect of the Group's property, plant and equipment.

5. TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Group had no assessable profit for the period.

6. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share is based on the following data:

| | Six months ended | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| | 31st January, | | |
| | 2005 | 2004 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Earnings (loss) for the purpose | | | |
| of basic earnings (loss) per share | 13,697 | (1,022) | |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: | | | |
| Interest on convertible notes | 12 | 47 | |
| Earnings (loss) for the purposes | | | |
| of diluted earnings (loss) per share | 13,709 | (975) | |
| | Number of shares | Number of shares | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary | | | |
| shares for the purposes | | | |
| of basic earnings (loss) per share | 3,334,072,581 | 2,082,757,364 | |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: | | | |
| Convertible notes | 131,250,000 | 233,423,913 | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary | | | |
| shares for the purposes of diluted | | | |
| earnings (loss) per share | 3,465,322,581 | 2,316,181,277 | |

7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The investment properties of the Group are held for rental purposes under operating leases and were revalued at 31st July, 2004 on an open market value basis by an independent firm of professional valuers, chartered surveyors.

At 31st January, 2005, the directors have considered the carrying amount of the Group's investment properties and have estimated that the carrying amount does not differ significantly from that would be determined using fair values at that date.

8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group allows a credit period from 30 to 90 days to its trade customers. At 31st January, 2005, the balance of trade and other receivables included trade receivables of HK\$3,762,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$4,450,000). An aging analysis of trade receivables at the reporting date is as follows:

| | 31st January, 2005 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 31st July, 2004 HK\$'000 |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 0 to 60 days | 1,174 | 2,402 |
| 61 to 90 days | 512 | 146 |
| 91 days or above | 2,076 | 1,902 |
| | 3,762 | 4,450 |

9. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLES

The promissory note receivables are unsecured, bear interest at 5% per annum and due on 27th February, 2005.

During the six months ended 31st January, 2005, promissory note receivables of HK\$2,000,000 were received.

10. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

During the six months ended 31st January, 2005, the Group acquired investment in securities of HK\$3,503,000 and recognized an unrealized holding gain of HK\$13,140,000.

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

At 31st January, 2005, the balance of trade and other payables included trade payables of HK\$2,363,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$2,382,000). An aged analysis of trade payables at the reporting date is as follows:

| | 31st January, | 31st July, |
|------------------|---------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| 0 to 60 days | 741 | 1,589 |
| 61 to 90 days | 464 | 491 |
| 91 days or above | 1,158 | 302 |
| | 2,363 | 2,382 |

12. BANK BORROWINGS

During the six months ended 31st January, 2005, the Group settled bank loans of approximately HK\$478,000. The loans bear interest at prevailing market rates and are repayable in instalments over the remaining period of 8 years.

13. CONVERTIBLE NOTE PAYABLES

During the six months ended 31st January, 2005, all convertible notes were converted into 150,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company at conversion price of HK\$0.02 per share as set out in note 15.

14. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

The followings are the major deferred tax (assets) liabilities recognised by the Group and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods:

| | Accelerated tax | Tax | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | depreciation | losses | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| At 1st August, 2003 | 1,132 | (1,132) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 66 | (66) | |
| At 31st January, 2004 | 1,198 | (1,198) | _ |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 50 | (67) | (17) |
| At 31st July, 2004 | 1,248 | (1,265) | (17) |
| Charge (credit) to income statement | 67 | (67) | |
| At 31st January, 2005 | 1,315 | (1,332) | (17) |

At 31st January, 2005, the Group had unused tax losses of HK\$50,049,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$47,648,000) available for offset against future profits and deductible temporary difference of HK\$214,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$232,000) in respect of accelerated tax depreciation. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of HK\$7,613,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$7,229,000) of such losses. No deferred tax assets have been recognized in respect of the remaining unused losses of HK\$42,436,000 (31st July, 2004: HK\$40,419,000) and the deductible temporary differences due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

15. SHARE CAPITAL

| | Number of ordinary shares | Amount HK\$'000 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Authorised: | | |
| At 31st July, 2004 and 31st January, 2005, | | |
| at HK\$0.01 each | 12,250,000,000 | 122,500 |
| Issued and fully paid: | | |
| At 1st August, 2004, at HK\$0.01 each | 3,269,398,668 | 32,694 |
| Conversion of convertible notes (note a) | 150,000,000 | 1,500 |
| Issue of shares on private placement on: | | |
| 19th January, 2005 (note b) | 650,000,000 | 6,500 |
| At 31st January, 2005, at HK\$0.01 each | 4,069,398,668 | 40,694 |

- (a) In January 2005, the HK\$3,000,000 2% redeemable convertible notes due 2005 were converted into 150,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.02 per share. The new shares rank pari passu with the existing shares in all respects.
- (b) On 5th January, 2005, arrangement was made for private placements to independent investors of 650,000,000 new shares of the Company at HK\$0.01 each at placing price of HK\$0.0265 per share, representing a discount of approximately 5.4% to the closing market price of the Company's share on 19th January, 2005. The net proceeds have been used to finance the Group's general working capital for operating activities, property investments and real estate franchising and agency business. The 650,000,000 new shares were issued under the general mandate granted to the directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 16th December, 2004. The new shares rank pari passu with other shares in issue in all respects.

16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- (a) On 5th January, 2004, the Company entered into a conditional placing agreement (the "CB Placing Agreement") with Kingston Securities Limited (the "Placing Agent") in relation to the convertible notes to be issued by the Company in an aggregate principal amount of HK\$36.4 million (the "Convertible Notes"). Pursuant to the CB Placing Agreement, the Placing Agent agreed to place, on a fully underwritten basis, to not fewer than six independent corporate or individual investors. The Convertible Notes which carry a right to convert into new ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.028 per share. The placing of the Convertible Notes was conditional upon, among other things, the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited having granted listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued upon the exercise of the conversion rights attached to the Convertible Notes and the passing of the relevant resolution for the approval of the issue of the Convertible Notes at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company. The placing of the Convertible Notes was completed on 7th March. 2005.
- (b) On 4th April, 2005, the Group entered into a provisional sale and purchase agreement with an independent third party to dispose of an investment property at a consideration of HK\$2,900,000 and a net gain of approximately HK\$1,362,000. The transaction will be completed on or before 30th May, 2005.

4. INDEBTEDNESS

Borrowings and debts

At the close of business on 31st July, 2005, being the latest practicable date for the purpose of this statement of indebtedness prior to the printing of this Prospectus, the Group had total outstanding borrowings of approximately HK\$11.38 million, comprising (i) secured bank borrowings of HK\$7.64 million of which approximately HK\$0.87 million are repayable within one year and approximately HK\$6.77 million are repayable after one year; (ii) unsecured convertible note payables of approximately HK\$3.22 million which are repayable after one year; (iii) obligations under finance leases of approximately HK\$0.04 million of which approximately HK\$0.01 million are repayable within one year and approximately HK\$0.03 million are repayable after one year; and (iv) unsecured bank overdrafts of approximately HK\$0.48 million.

The bank borrowings of HK\$7.64 million at the close of business on 31st July, 2005 were secured by the Group's certain investment properties with net book values of approximately HK\$16.3 million as at 31st January, 2005. The net book values of the Group's property, plant and equipment held under finance leases were approximately HK\$0.04 million as at 31st January, 2005.

Contingent liabilities

At the close of business on 31st July, 2005, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

Disclaimer

Save as disclosed above and apart from intra-group liabilities, the Group did not have any loan capital issued and outstanding or agreed to be issued, bank overdrafts, borrowings or other similar indebtedness, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, debentures, mortgages, charges, hire purchase or finance lease commitments, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities as at the close of business on 31st July, 2005.

The Directors have confirmed that there has been no material change in the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the Group since 31st July, 2005 and up to the Latest Practicable Date.

5. WORKING CAPITAL

Taking into account the existing cash and bank balances and the estimated net proceeds from the Rights Issue, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group will have sufficient working capital for its present requirements in the absence of unforeseen circumstances.

6. MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors were not aware of any material adverse change in the financial or trading position of the Group since 31st July, 2004, the date to which the latest audited financial statements of the Company were made up, save as publicly disclosed.

7. STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS OF THE GROUP

Unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets

The unaudited pro forma financial information prepared in accordance with Rule 4.29 of the Listing Rules is set out below to illustrate the effect of the Rights Issue on the net tangible assets of the Group as if the Rights Issue had taken place on 31st January, 2005.

The pro forma financial information has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its nature, it may not give a true picture of the financial position of the Group following the Rights Issue.

The following statement of unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets of the Group is based on the unaudited consolidated net tangible assets of the Group as at 31st January, 2005, as shown in the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31st January, 2005, and adjusted to reflect the effect of the Rights Issue as follows:

| | Unaudited consolidated share capital and reserves of the Group as at 31st January, 2005 (HK\$'000) | Less: Goodwill (HK\$'000) | Unaudited consolidated net tangible assets of the Group as at 31st January, 2005 (HK\$'000) | Estimated net proceeds from the Rights Issue (HK\$'000) | Unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets of the Group after the Rights Issue (HK\$'000) |
|---|---|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Based on the subscription price of HK\$1 per Rights Share | 133,801 | (4,306) | 129,495 | 205,800 (1) | 335,295(2) |

Unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets per Share after the Rights Issue

(HK\$)

Based on 262,719,930 Shares in issue after the Rights Issue

 $1.28^{(3)}$

Notes:

- 1. The estimated net proceeds from the Rights Issue are based on the price of HK\$1 per Rights Share and 210,175,944 Rights Shares expected to be issued under the Rights Issue, after deducting the estimated expenses directly attributable to the Rights Issue.
- 2. This does not include the net proceeds of HK\$33,180,000 from the conversion of 1,185,000,000 Convertible Notes placed in March 2005 by the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.028 each as it was not directly attributable to the Rights Issue.
- 3. Based on the 262,719,930 Shares in issue after the Rights Issue.

8. LETTER ON THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS OF THE GROUP

Deloitte. 德勤

30th September, 2005

The Board of Directors Capital Estate Limited Unit 1901, 19th Floor Asia Orient Tower, Town Place 33 Lockhart Road Wanchai Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

We report on the unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets of Capital Estate Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 75 to 76 of Appendix II to the prospectus dated 30th September, 2005 (the "Prospectus") in connection with the proposed rights issue on the basis of four rights shares for every consolidated share held (the "Rights Issue"), which has been prepared, for illustrative purposes only, to provide information about how the Rights Issue might have affected the financial information presented as at 31st January, 2005 and any future date.

Responsibilities

It is the sole responsibility of the directors of the Company to prepare the pro forma financial information in accordance with paragraph 29 of Chapter 4 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

It is our responsibility to form an opinion, as required by paragraph 29(7) of Chapter 4 of the Listing Rules, on the pro forma financial information and to report our opinion to you. We do not accept any responsibility for any reports previously given by us on any financial information used in the compilation of the pro forma financial information beyond that owed to those to whom those reports were addressed by us at the dates of their issue.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work with reference to the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards and Bulletin 1998/8 "Reporting on pro forma financial information pursuant to the listing rules" issued by the Auditing Practices Board in the United Kingdom, where applicable. Our work, which involved no independent examination of any of the underlying financial information, consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, considering the evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the proforma financial information with the directors of the Company.

Our work does not constitute an audit or a review in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, we do not express any such assurance on the pro forma financial information.

The pro forma financial information has been prepared on the basis set out on pages 75 to 76 of Appendix II to the Prospectus for illustrative purpose only and, because of its nature, it may not give an indicative financial position of the Group as at 31st January, 2005 or at any future date.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated;
- b) such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the Group; and
- c) the adjustments are appropriate for the purposes of the pro forma financial information as disclosed pursuant to paragraph 4.29 of the Listing Rules.

Yours faithfully, **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

HK\$

1. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This Prospectus includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Group. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Prospectus and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

2. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND SHARE OPTIONS

(a) Share capital

The authorised and issued share capital of the Company as at (i) the Latest Practicable Date; (ii) after Share Consolidation and Capital Reorganisation; and (iii) immediately following the Rights Issue were and are expected to be as follows:

| Authorised | | , |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| 12,250,000,000 | Old Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date | 122,500,000 |
| 422 700 000 | Shares upon the Share Consolidation | HK\$ |
| 122,500,000 | becoming effective | 122,500,000 |
| 2,000,000,000 | Shares after Capital Reorganisation | 2,000,000,000 |
| Issued and fully pa | id | |
| 5,254,398,668 | Old Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date | 52,543,986 |
| 52,543,986 | Shares in issue upon the Share Consolidation became effective | 52,543,986 |
| 210,175,944 | Rights Shares to be issued pursuant to the Rights Issue | 210,175,944 |
| 262,719,930 | Shares in issue immediately following the Rights Issue | 262,719,930 |

All of the Shares currently in issue rank pari passu in all respects with each other, including, in particular, as to dividends, voting rights and capital. The Shares in issue are listed on the Stock Exchange.

All of the Rights Shares rank and will rank pari passu in all respect with each other, including, in particular, as to dividends, voting rights and capital, and with all other Shares in issue as at the date of allotment and issue of the Rights Shares.

No part of the share capital or any other securities of the Company is listed or dealt in on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange and no application is being made or is currently proposed or sought for the Shares or Rights Shares or any other securities of the Company to be listed or dealt in on any other stock exchange.

Dealings in the shares of the Company may be settled through CCASS and you should consult your stockbroker or other registered dealer of securities, bank manager, solicitors, professional accountant or other professional adviser for details of these settlement arrangements and how such arrangements may affect your rights and interest.

(b) Convertible Notes

On 5th January, 2005, the Company entered into a conditional placing agreement for the issue of the Convertible Notes amounting to HK\$36.4 million to certain independent third parties. The placing of the Convertible Notes was completed on 7th March, 2005. The Convertible Notes carry rights to convert into Old Shares at the conversion price of HK\$0.028 per Old Share, which is subject to adjustment for the dilutive events including, amongst other matters, sub-division or consolidation of the Company's shares, bonus issues and rights issues. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has outstanding Convertible Notes convertible into 115,000,000 Old Shares upon full conversion (equivalent to 1,150,000 Shares upon completion of the Capital Reorganisation.)

Each holder may convert the whole or part of the principal amount of the relevant Convertible Notes (in multiple of HK\$100,000) into new Shares as determined by dividing the principal amount of the relevant Convertible Notes outstanding at the time of conversion by the conversion price.

Each of the holders of the Convertible Notes has the right at any time after the date of issue of the relevant Convertible Note to convert all or part of the principal amount of the relevant Convertible Note outstanding at any time into Old Shares at the conversion price of HK\$0.028 per Old Share provided that an integral multiple of HK\$100,000 be converted at any time and save that if the outstanding principal amount of the relevant Convertible Notes is less than HK\$100,000, the whole (but not part only) of the outstanding principal amount of the relevant Convertible Notes must be converted.

(c) Share Options

Details of outstanding Share Options granted by the Company at the Latest Practicable Date are as follows:

| Grantee | Date of grant | Exercise period | Exercise price HK\$ | Number of Old Shares to be allotted and issued upon exercise of the outstanding Share Options |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Former Directors/ employees | 20th November, 2003 | 20th November, 2003 to 29th December, 2012 | 0.0234 | 41,600,000 |
| | 17th March, 2004 | 17th March, 2004 to 29th December, 2012 | 0.0240 | 82,600,000 |
| | | | Total | 124,200,000 |

Save for the Convertible Notes and the Share Options disclosed above, the Company did not have any other options, warrants and other convertible securities or rights affecting the shares of the Company and no capital of any member of the Group was under option, or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option at the Latest Practicable Date.

The Capital Reorganisation and the Rights Issue may lead to an adjustment to the subscription price and/or the number of Shares to be issued upon conversion of the outstanding Convertible Notes and exercises of the Share Options. The Company will consult its auditors about the required adjustment and make an appropriate announcement as soon as practicable.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the interests and short positions of the Directors and their respective associates in the shares, underlying shares and debentures (as the case may be) of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange

pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of the Listed Issuers in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules are as follows:

Interests in issued Old Shares

| Name of Director | Nature of interest | Number of issued Old Shares (long position) | Approximate percentage of interest |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Mr. Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen (Note) | Interest of controlled corporation | 859,864,000 | 16.36% |

Note: The 859,864,000 Old Shares were beneficially owned by Supervalue. As Supervalue is wholly-owned by Mr. Chu, Mr. Chu is deemed to be interested in the 859,864,000 Old Shares held by Supervalue under the SFO. The principal activity of Supervalue is the holding of the shares in the Company.

Interests in unissued Shares

| Name of Director | Nature of interest | Number of unissued Shares (long position) | Approximate percentage of interest |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Mr. Chu Nin Yiu, Stephen (Note) | Interest of controlled corporation | 34,394,560 | 16.36% |

Note: The 34,394,560 Shares are the Rights Shares which Supervalue has undertaken to accept in respect of its pro rata entitlement under the Rights Issue. Supervalue is wholly-owned by Mr. Chu. Therefore, Mr. Chu is deemed to be interested in the 34,394,560 Shares to be taken up by Supervalue under the Rights Issue pursuant to the SFO. The principal activity of Supervalue is the holding of the shares in the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors and their respective associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures (as the case may be) of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which he is taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of the Listed Issuers.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors had any direct or indirect interest in any assets which had been, since 31st July, 2004 (the date to which the latest published audited accounts of the Company were made up), (i) acquired or disposed of by; or (ii) leased to; or (iii) proposed to be acquired or disposed of by; or (iv) proposed to be leased to any member of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors and proposed directors of the Company (if any) had any interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO.

4. SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as was known to the Directors, the persons (other than the Directors) who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or who were, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meeting of any other members of the Group, or had any options in respect of such capital are set out below:

Interest in issued Old Shares

| Name of substantial Shareholder | Nature of interest | Number of issued Old Shares (long position) | Approximate percentage of interest |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Supervalue (Note) | Beneficial owner | 859,864,000 | 16.36 |

Note: The 859,864,000 Old Shares were beneficially owned by Supervalue, which in turn was wholly-owned by Mr. Chu. The principal activity of Supervalue is the holding of such the shares in the Company.

Interests in unissued Shares

| Name of substantial Shareholder | Nature of interest | Number of unissued Shares (long position) |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| | | |
| Supervalue (Note 1) | Beneficial owner | 34,394,560 |
| Get Nice Holdings Limited (Note 2) | Interest in controlled corporation | 185,349,384 |
| Get Nice Incorporated (Note 2) | Interest in controlled corporation | 185,349,384 |
| Honeylink Agents Limited (Note 2) | Interest in controlled corporation | 185,349,384 |
| Cheer Union Securities Limited (Note 3) | Other | 52,848,418 |
| Kingston Securities Limited (Note 4) | Other | 52,848,418 |
| Chu Yuet Wah (Note 4) | Interest in controlled corporation | 52,848,418 |
| Ma Siu Fong (Note 4) | Interest in controlled corporation | 52,848,418 |
| Poon Jing (Note 5) | Beneficial owner | 52,848,418 |
| Poon Jing (Note 5) | Interest in controlled corporation | 8,280,000 |

Notes:

- 1. The 34,394,560 Shares are the Rights Shares which Supervalue has undertaken to accept in respect of its pro rata entitlement under the Rights Issue. Supervalue is wholly-owned by Mr. Chu. The principal activity of Supervalue is the holding of the shares in the Company.
- 2. The 185,349,384 Shares are the Rights Shares which the Underwriter has underwritten in respect of the Rights Issue (assuming all the outstanding Convertible Notes are converted and all Share Options are exercised before the Record Date). The Underwriter is wholly-owned by Get Nice Incorporated, which in turn is wholly-owned by Get Nice Holdings Limited. Get Nice Holdings Limited is owned as to approximately 30.36% by Honeylink Agents Limited.
- 3. The 52,848,418 Shares are the Rights Shares which Cheer Union Securities Limited has sub-underwritten in respect of the Rights Issue (assuming all the outstanding Convertible Notes are converted and all Share Options are exercised before the Record Date) from the Underwriter.

- 4. The 52,848,418 Shares are the Rights Shares which Kingston Securities Limited has sub-underwritten in respect of the Rights Issue (assuming all the outstanding Convertible Notes are converted and all Share Options are exercised before the Record Date) from the Underwriter. The issued share capital of Kingston Securities Limited is owned as to 51% by Chu Yuet Wah and as to 49% by Ma Siu Fong respectively. Each of Chu Yuet Wah and Ma Siu Fong is therefore deemed to be interested in the 52,848,418 Shares held by Kingston Securities Limited under the SFO.
- 5. The 52,848,418 Shares are the Rights Shares which a sub-underwriter has sub-underwritten to Mr. Poon Jing, an independent third party, in respect of the Rights Issue (assuming all the outstanding Convertible Notes are converted and all Share Options are exercised before the Record Date) from the sub-underwriter. The 8,280,000 Shares are the Rights Shares to be taken up by an existing Shareholder, Finnex Limited, which is indirect wholly-owned by Asia Orient Holdings Limited, a listed company on the main board of the Stock Exchange, under the Rights Issue. As Mr. Poon Jing is interested in approximately 31.45% of Asia Orient Holdings Limited, Mr. Poon Jing is deemed to be interested in the 8,280,000 Shares to be undertaken by Finnex Limited pursuant to the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who were, directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group or had any options in respect of such capital.

5. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following contracts (not being contracts in the ordinary course of business) have been entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries within the two years immediately preceding the date of this Prospectus and are or may be material:

- (a) a placing and subscription agreement dated 6th February, 2004 entered into between the Company, Success Field Group Limited, as vendor, which ultimately wholly-owned by Capital Strategic Investment Limited, being the then substantial Shareholder, and Kingsway Financial Services Group Limited, as the placing agent in relation to the placing of 400,000,000 shares of the Company at HK\$0.02 per placing share, details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 6th February, 2004;
- (b) a placing agreement dated 24th March, 2004 entered into between the Company and Kingston Securities Limited in relation to the placing of 538,000,000 new shares of the Company at HK\$0.02 per placing share, details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 25th March, 2004;

- (c) a top-up subscription agreement dated 5th January, 2005 entered into between Success Field Group Limited and the Company in relation to a subscription of 650,000,000 new shares of the Company at HK\$0.0265 per share, details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 5th January, 2005;
- (d) a conditional placing agreement dated 5th January, 2005 entered into between the Company and Kingston Securities Limited in relation to the placing of the Convertible Notes in aggregate principal amount of HK\$36.4 million at the conversion price of HK\$0.028 per share (subject to adjustment), details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 5th January, 2005; and
- (e) the Underwriting Agreement.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the Directors is materially interested in any contract or arrangement subsisting at the Latest Practicable Date which is significant in relation to the business of the Group.

6. LITIGATION

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was no litigation or claim of material importance pending or threatened against any member of the Group.

7. SERVICE CONTRACTS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors had any existing or proposed service contract with the Company or any member of the Group which is not expiring or terminable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

8. QUALIFICATION OF EXPERT AND CONSENT

The following is the qualification of the professional adviser who has given opinion or advice contained in this Prospectus:

Name Qualification

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this Prospectus with the inclusion herein of its report and letter (if any), as the case may be, or references to its name in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

9. EXPERT'S INTERESTS IN ASSETS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu:

- (a) was not interested, directly or indirectly in any assets which have been, since 31st July, 2004 (being the date to which the latest published audited accounts of the Company were made up), (i) acquired or disposed of by; or (ii) leased to; or (iii) proposed to be acquired or disposed of by; or (iv) proposed to be leased to, any member of the Group; and
- (b) did not have any shareholding interest in any member of the Group or any right (whether legally enforceable or not) to subscribe for or to nominate persons to subscribe for securities in any member of the Group.

10. EXPENSES

The expenses in connection with the Rights Issue, including financial advisory fees, underwriting commission, printing, registration, translation, legal and accountancy charges are estimated to amount to approximately HK\$4.4 million and are payable by the Company.

11. DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

Copies of the provisional allotment letter and the form of application for excess Rights Shares attached to the copy of the Prospectus and the written consent of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu have been registered by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong pursuant to Section 342C of the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

The English texts of this Prospectus, the PAL and the EAF shall prevail over the Chinese texts in the case of inconsistency.

13. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection during normal business hours at the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong up to and including 19th October, 2005:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the Company;
- (b) the material contracts referred to in the section headed "Material Contracts" in this appendix;
- (c) the annual reports of the Company for the two years ended 31st July, 2004;
- (d) the interim report of the Company for the six months ended 31st January, 2005;
- (e) the report regarding the unaudited pro forma consolidated net tangible assets of the Group from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the text of which is set out on pages 77 to 78;
- (f) the letter of consent referred to in the section headed "Qualification of Expert and Consent" in this appendix; and
- (g) copy of the circular of the Company dated 12th September, 2005.