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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

		For the six months ended 31 December			
		2008	2007		
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Revenue	3	719,870	682,566		
Cost of sales		(576,048)	(532,200)		
Gross profit		143,822	150,366		
Other income		6,745	8,400		
Selling and distribution expenses		(32,548)	(29,915)		
General and administrative expenses		(92,334)	(87,809)		
Provision and impairment losses	4	(21,951)			
Other expenses	5	(9,219)	_		
Finance costs		(103)	(231)		
(Loss) profit before taxation	6	(5,588)	40,811		
Income tax expense	7	(5,035)	(7,458)		
(Loss) profit for the period		(10,623)	33,353		
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		(10,457)	36,134		
Minority interests		(166)	(2,781)		
		(10,623)	33,353		
Dividend paid	8		32,289		
Interim dividend	8	_	16,128		
(Loss) earnings per share	9				
Basic		(1.0 cent)	3.4 cents		

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2008

	Notes	At 31 December 2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 30 June 2008 (Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Prepaid lease payments Prepaid rental payments Interest in an associate Deferred tax assets	10	163,816 1,909 5,453 - 3,690	171,627 1,965 6,113 - 4,030
Current assets Inventories Debtors, deposits and prepayments Bills receivable Prepaid lease payments Bank balances and cash	11 12	230,300 192,121 22,162 112 200,110	230,210 189,381 16,255 112 211,659 647,617
Current liabilities Creditors and accrued charges Taxation Bank borrowings and other liabilities	13	150,108 91,436	133,769 102,567
<ul><li>due within one year</li><li>Obligations under finance leases</li><li>due within one year</li></ul>	14	4,277	5,018
Net current assets		398,863	241,519 406,098
Total assets less current liabilities		573,731	589,833

	Notes	At 31 December 2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 30 June 2008 (Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities Bank borrowings and other liabilities – due after one year	14	-	23
Obligations under finance leases – due after one year Retirement benefit obligations Deferred tax liabilities		192 5,646 4,267	262 5,762 6,933
		10,105	12,980
		563,626	576,853
Capital and reserves			
Share capital Reserves	15	107,519 438,076	107,519 450,899
Equity attributable to equity holders of			
the Company		545,595	558,418
Minority interests		18,031	18,435
		563,626	576,853

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

Attributable	to	equity	holders	of	the	Company	
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			Capital						
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000		Special reserve HK\$'000 (note)	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 July 2007 (audited)	107,630	1,499	122	7,139	10,801	419,079	546,270	22,384	568,654
Exchange difference arising on translation of overseas operations recognised directly in equity Profit for the period		- -			(101)	36,134	(101) 36,134	577 (2,781)	476 33,353
Total recognised income and expense for the period					(101)	36,134	36,033	(2,204)	33,829
Repurchase of shares Dividend paid to minority shareholders	(111)	-	111	-	-	(950)	(950)	-	(950)
of a subsidiary Dividend paid			-		-	(32,289)	(32,289)	(675)	(32,289)
At 31 December 2007 (unaudited)	107,519	1,499	233	7,139	10,700	421,974	549,064	19,505	568,569
Exchange difference arising on translation of overseas operations recognised directly in equity Profit for the period		-		- -	3,650	21,832	3,650 21,832	776 (1,846)	4,426 19,986
Total recognised income and expense for the period					3,650	21,832	25,482	(1,070)	24,412
Dividend paid						(16,128)	(16,128)		(16,128)
At 30 June 2008 (audited)	107,519	1,499	233	7,139	14,350	427,678	558,418	18,435	576,853
Exchange difference arising on translation of overseas operations recognised directly in equity Loss for the period	- -	-	_ 	-	(2,366)	(10,457)	(2,366) (10,457)	(238) (166)	(2,604) (10,623)
Total recognised expense for the period					(2,366)	(10,457)	(12,823)	(404)	(13,227)
At 31 December 2008 (unaudited)	107,519	1,499	233	7,139	11,984	417,221	545,595	18,031	563,626

Note: Special reserve represents the difference between the nominal amount of the share capital issued by the Company in exchange for the nominal amount of share capital of companies forming the Group, pursuant to the group reorganisation in 1991.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

	For the six months ended 31 December		
	2008 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2007 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	169	(1,736)	
Net cash used in investing activities: Purchase of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from disposal of property,	(6,757)	(10,751)	
plant and equipment	146	3	
	(6,611)	(10,748)	
Net cash used in financing activities: Repayment of borrowings Repayment of obligations under finance leases New borrowings raised Dividend paid Payment for repurchase of shares Dividend paid to minority shareholders of a subsidiary	(8,342) (114) 7,578 - - - - (878)	(8,739) (267) 9,995 (32,289) (950) (675)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(7,320)	(45,409)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	211,659	256,435	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(4,229)	(1,935)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period, represented by bank balances and cash	200,110	209,091	

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

# 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated 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 (the "Stock Exchange") and with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The accounting policies used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new standards, amendments and interpretations (the "new HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Group's accounting year beginning 1 July 2008. The adoption of these new HKFRSs has had no material effect on the results or financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been recognised.

HKAS 39 & HKFRS 7	Reclassification of Financial Assets
(Amendments)	
HK(IFRIC) – Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements
HK(IFRIC) – Int 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes
HK(IFRIC) - Int 14	HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum
	Funding Requirements and their Interaction

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKFRSs (Amendments) Improvements to HKFRSs<sup>1</sup>

HKAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements<sup>2</sup>

HKAS 23 (Revised) Borrowing Costs<sup>2</sup>

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements<sup>3</sup>

HKAS 32 & 1 Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on

(Amendments) Liquidation<sup>2</sup>

HKAS 39 (Amendment) Eligible hedged items<sup>3</sup>

HKFRS 1 & HKAS 27 Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled

(Amendments) Entity or Associate<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 2 (Amendment) Vesting Conditions and Cancellations<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 3 (Revised) Business Combinations<sup>3</sup> HKFRS 8 Operating Segments<sup>2</sup>

HK(IFRIC) – Int 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate<sup>2</sup> HK(IFRIC) – Int 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation<sup>4</sup>

HK(IFRIC) – Int 17 Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners<sup>3</sup>

HK(IFRIC) – Int 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers<sup>5</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 except the amendments to HKFRS 5, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- 2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for transfer on or after 1 July 2009

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management reporting purposes, the Group's operations are currently organised into manufacturing business and brand business. Segment information in respect of these activities is as follows:

# **Business segments**

Six months ended 31 December 2008

	Manufacturing business HK\$'000	Brand business HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue External sales Inter-segment sales	709,130	10,740	-	719,870
(note 1)	3,561		(3,561)	
Total sales	712,691	10,740	(3,561)	719,870
Results Segment results (note 2)	36,206	(27,144)		9,062
Unallocated corporate expenses (note 3) Interest income Finance costs				(16,325) 1,778 (103)
Loss before taxation Income tax expense				(5,588) (5,035)
Loss for the period				(10,623)

#### Six months ended 31 December 2007

	Manufacturing business HK\$'000	Brand business HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue External sales Inter-segment sales	673,183	9,383	-	682,566
(note 1)	3,913		(3,913)	
Total sales	677,096	9,383	(3,913)	682,566
Results Segment results	48,891	(3,716)		45,175
Unallocated corporate expenses Interest income Finance costs				(8,362) 4,229 (231)
Profit before taxation Income tax expense				40,811 (7,458)
Profit for the period				33,353

#### Notes:

- 1. Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.
- Included in the segment results of brand business is the provision and impairment losses of approximately HK\$21,951,000. Details are set out in note 4.
- 3. The amount included professional fees and other expenses amounting to approximately HK\$9,219,000. Details are set out in note 5.

# **Geographical segments**

The Group's manufacturing operations are principally located in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Thailand. Brand business is principally carried out in Hong Kong and the PRC.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical market, irrespective of origin of the goods:

Six months ended 31 December

	Revenue by geographical market		
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	
United States of America and Canada Europe Australia and New Zealand Asia (excluding Hong Kong) Hong Kong	496,718 166,197 22,294 27,590 7.071	432,610 183,910 38,915 21,170 5.664	
South Africa		297	
	719,870	682,566	

#### 4. PROVISION AND IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

Following the decision made to exit the brand business, a provision and impairment losses of HK\$21,951,000 have been recognised during the period. The nature of provision and impairment losses is as follows:

	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Impairment losses recognised in respect of inventories Provision for exit costs Impairment losses recognised in respect of property,	16,109 5,240
plant and equipment	602
	21,951

#### 5. OTHER EXPENSES

On 26 July 2008, Top Form (B.V.I.) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a conditional share acquisition agreement ("Share Acquisition Agreement") to acquire the entire issued share capital of Ace Style Intimate Apparel Limited, Elkhorn Enterprise Limited, Tavistock Springs (H.K.) Limited and Carina Apparel Inc. (the "Vendors") from Ace Style International Limited.

On 24 November 2008, the Vendors, the Company and the subsidiary entered into an agreement to terminate the Share Acquisition Agreement with effect from the same date.

As a result, professional fees and other expenses amounting to HK\$9,219,000, relating to this aborted acquisition were charged to the income statement during the period.

# 6. (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

		For the six months ended 31 December		
	<b>2008</b> ( <b>Unaudited)</b> (Una <b>HK\$'000</b> H			
(Loss) profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of prepaid lease payments Cost of textile quota entitlements Loss on disposal of property,	12,055 56 2,178	16,238 56 5,879		
plant and equipment and after crediting:	526	175		
Quota income Interest income	2,127 1,778	2,001 4,229		

#### 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	4,611	4,430
Other jurisdictions	2,776	4,485
	7,387	8,915
(Over)underprovision in prior year		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	(26)	6,409
Taxation in other jurisdictions		(585)
	(26)	5,824
Deferred tax:		
Credit for the period	(2,326)	(7,281)
	5,035	7,458

Hong Kong Profits Tax is recognised based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual tax rate used is 16.5% for the six months ended 31 December 2008 (six months ended 31 December 2007: 17.5%).

During the year ended 30 June 2008, the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department (the "IRD") initiated a tax audit on certain subsidiaries of the Company for the years of assessment from 2001/02 to 2006/07. The IRD has requested information and documents of certain subsidiaries of the Group for the purpose of the tax audit. As the tax audit is still at the fact finding stage, the scope and outcome cannot be ascertained at the current stage. No additional provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is considered necessary at this stage.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is recognised based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual tax rate used is 20% for the six months ended 31 December 2008 (six months ended 31 December 2007: 17%) calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

The Group has recognised deferred tax assets in relation to the unused tax losses of a subsidiary.

#### 8. DIVIDENDS

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Dividend paid:		
2007 final dividend paid: HK\$0.03 per share on 1,076,298,125 shares		32,289
Dividend proposed:		
Interim dividend (Note)		16,128

Note: No interim dividend (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$0.015 per share on 1,075,188,125 shares) has been declared by the directors of the Company.

# 9. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic (loss) earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

	For the six months ended		
	31 December		
	2008	2007	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
(Loss) profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company for the purpose of			
basic (loss) earnings per share	(10,457)	36,134	
	Number o	of shares	
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic (loss)			
earnings per share	1,075,188,125	1,076,079,158	

No diluted (loss) earnings per share has been presented because there are no potential dilutive ordinary shares for both periods.

# 10. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, additions of property, plant and equipment amounted to HK\$6,757,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$10,751,000).

# 11. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

Included in the balance are trade debtors of HK\$164,500,000 (at 30 June 2008: HK\$154,872,000). The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to its trade customers.

An aged analysis of trade debtors at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	At 31 December 2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 30 June 2008 (Audited) HK\$'000
0 – 30 days 31 – 60 days 61 – 90 days Over 90 days	159,165 3,676 1,080 579	150,617 3,261 911 83 154,872

#### 12. BILLS RECEIVABLE

Included in the balance is an amount of HK\$22,162,000 (at 30 June 2008: HK\$14,156,000) aged within 30 days, with no balance (at 30 June 2008: HK\$2,099,000) aged within 31 to 60 days.

#### 13. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

Included in the balance are trade creditors of HK\$65,934,000 (at 30 June 2008: HK\$71,225,000).

An aged analysis of trade creditors at the balance sheet date is as follows:

60,553 4,244 858 279	60,365 7,603 1,624 1,633 71,225
	4,244 858

# 14. BANK BORROWINGS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

				ecember 2008 naudited) HK\$'000	At 30 June 2008 (Audited) HK\$'000
	Bank borrowings – trust re import loans Other unsecured liabilities			4,256 21	4,919 122
	Less: Amount due within as current liabilitie	,		4,277 (4,277)	5,041 (5,018)
	Amount due after one yea	ar		_	23
15.	SHARE CAPITAL				
		31 December 2008 Number of shares	30 June 2008 Number of shares	31 December 2008 HK\$'000	30 June 2008 HK\$'000
	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each				
	Authorised: At beginning and end of the period/year	1,500,000,000	1,500,000,000	150,000	150,000
	Issued and fully paid: At beginning of the period/year Repurchase of shares	1,075,188,125	1,076,298,125	107,519	107,630
	during the period/year		(1,110,000)		(111)
	At end of the period/year	1,075,188,125	1,075,188,125	107,519	107,519

#### 16. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2008, the Group had outstanding commitments under noncancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings, which fall due as follows:

	At 31 December 2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 30 June 2008 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within one year In the second to fifth year inclusive Over five years	14,903 5,850 3,274	17,612 8,038 3,848
	24,027	29,498

Leases are negotiated for lease terms of one to seven years with fixed rental over the terms of the relevant leases.

# 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) During the period, the Group sold finished products of approximately HK\$23,008,000 (for the six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$20,422,000) to a related company, Van de Velde N.V. ("VdV").

Messrs. Herman Van de Velde and Lucas A.M. Laureys, directors of the Company, are beneficial owners of VdV which held an effective interest of 23.31% in the Company as at 31 December 2008.

As at 31 December 2008, the balance of trade receivables from VdV amounted to approximately HK\$1,720,000 (at 30 June 2008: HK\$917,000) was included in debtors, deposits and prepayments.

#### (b) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the period was as follows:

	For the six months ended	
	31 December	
	<b>2008</b> 20	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	6,104	7,962
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	18	24
	6,122	7,986

The remuneration of directors and key executives is determined by the remuneration committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Group recorded a loss after taxation of HK\$10.6 million compared with a profit of HK\$33.4 million in the same period last year. Whilst sales revenue increased to HK\$719.9 million in the current period compared to HK\$682.6 million in the corresponding period last year, representing a 5% increase, the earnings attributable to our core OEM manufacturing business were not sufficient to nullify the effect of the impairment provisions we made as a result of our decision to close down our Brand business together with the write-off of professional fees incurred in an aborted acquisition.

As a consequence of the above, a Profit Warning was announced on 5 February 2009.

During the period sales attributable to our core OEM business amounted to 24.4 million units of brassieres compared to 25.1 million units in the corresponding period last year. Our first quarter accounted for 12.3 million units (2008: 12.2 million units) and our second quarter 12.1 million units (2008: 12.9 million units). The third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2008 accounted for 11.2 and 13.1 million units respectively.

Gross margins came under pressure due to the worsening economic downturn and the continued deterioration in the manufacturing environment.

In response to these pressures we have continued our efforts to improve the structure of our facilities

During the period 65% of our sales were to the US market compared to 59% in our first half last year. The EU accounted for 23%, (27% in the corresponding period last year) and the rest of the world 12% (14% in the same period last year).

The system of joint import surveillance which tracked the issue of export licenses for exports from China to the EU expired at the end of calendar 2008 and has not been extended. The quota agreement with the US expired at the end of calendar 2008. Usage did not reach maximum agreed levels in that year and these are currently no quota arrangements in place.

Revenue for the period in our Brand business was HK\$10.7 million compared to HK\$9.4 million in the corresponding period last year. Trading losses for the period totalled HK\$5.2 million. As at 31 December 2008 we maintained 20 sales counters in department stores in Shenzhen and one in Chengdu. In addition we operated one Marguerite Lee shop in Hong Kong.

The strategic development of this business segment has been closely monitored by the Board and senior management. In view of the performance and prospects of the segment, taking into account the need to safeguard resources in the current economic climate, a decision has been taken to exit the Brand business. Our plan is to totally exit the business within the current financial year. Impairment and other related provisions amounting to HK\$22 million have been made as at 31 December 2008.

On 24 November 2008, it was announced that a subsidiary within the Group would not be proceeding with the acquisition contemplated in a Share Acquisition Agreement dated 26 July 2008 and announced on 30 July 2008. On 24 November 2008, the Vendors (as defined in the Share Acquisition Agreement), the Company and the subsidiary entered into an agreement to terminate the Share Acquisition Agreement with effect from the same date. As a consequence of this decision the Group profit and loss account was charged with professional fees relating to the aborted transaction. These would otherwise have been capitalized as a component of the cost of acquisition.

The financial position of the Group remains healthy with shareholders funds standing at HK\$545.6 million at 31 December 2008. Credit facilities available to the Group amounted to HK\$150 million of which HK\$4.3 million had been utilized.

Capital expenditure for the period amounted to HK\$6.8 million compared with HK\$10.8 million in the corresponding period last year.

Your Board of Directors, having considered the need to conserve cash in the current and anticipated adverse business climate for the foreseeable future, has decided that it would be imprudent to pay an interim dividend. An interim dividend of HK\$0.015 per share was paid last year.

There has been some stabilization in the operating environment in the region as a result of governmental initiatives in China aiming to help its industries in the global economic crisis, including a freeze on minimum wage levels and an increase in the tax rebate on imported materials for processing and exports of textile and garment products. The currency appreciation of the PRC Rmb and Thai Baht against the US Dollar has eased during the period.

The global financial turmoil, however, is having a severe knock-on effect on the Group's markets and there are no signs of this abating in the coming months, but rather worsening. The effects are seen in the shrinking demand. Customers are either delaying current purchases or cutting back on future production needs for 2009.

The difficult decisions which we have taken during the first six months of the fiscal year have severely impacted the results of the Group. We remain confident, however, that the actions we are taking will see us emerge stronger at the end of these uncertain times.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

As at 31 December 2008, the interests and short positions of the Directors in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, were as follows:

#### LONG POSITIONS:

# Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of issued ordinary shares held	Percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Fung Wai Yiu	Beneficial owner and interests held by spouse and trust (note 1)	43,308,521	4.03%
Wong Chung Chong, Eddie	Beneficial owner and interests held by spouse and trust (note 2)	195,272,118	18.16%
Marvin Bienenfeld	Beneficial owner	770,521	0.07%
Chow Yu Chun, Alexander	Beneficial owner	3,400,521	0.32%
Leung Churk Yin, Jeanny	Beneficial owner	70,521	0.01%
Leung Ying Wah, Lambert	Beneficial owner	400,000	0.04%
Lucas A.M. Laureys	Interests held by controlled corporation (note 3)	250,599,544	23.31%
Herman Van de Velde	Interests held by controlled corporation (note 3)	250,599,544	23.31%

#### Notes:

- 2,126,521 shares were beneficially owned by Mr. Fung Wai Yiu ("Mr. Fung") whereas 216,000 shares
  were held by the spouse of Mr. Fung. 40,966,000 shares were registered in the name of Fung On
  Holdings Limited ("Fung On") or its nominee. The shares of Fung On were held by a family trust of
  which Mr. Fung and his family were eligible beneficiaries.
- 2. 18,580,521 shares were beneficially owned by Mr. Wong Chung Chong, Eddie ("Mr. Wong"), or his nominees whereas 1,100,000 shares were held by the spouse of Mr. Wong and 175,591,597 shares were registered in the name of High Union Holdings Inc. the trustee of a unit trust whereas the unit trust were held by a family trust of which the family members of Mr. Wong were eligible beneficiaries.
- 3. 250,599,544 shares were registered in the name of Van de Velde N.V. of which Mr. Lucas A.M. Laureys and Mr. Herman Van de Velde were beneficial owners

Certain nominee shares in the Company's subsidiaries were held by Mr. Wong in trust for the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2008.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors nor their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

As at 31 December 2008, the interests and short positions of the persons (other than the Directors) in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO were as follows:—

#### LONG POSITIONS:

# Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company

Name of shareholder	Capacity	Number of issued ordinary shares held	Percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Van de Velde N.V.	Beneficial owner	250,599,544	23.31%
High Union Holdings Inc.	Beneficial owner	175,591,597	16.33%
V.F. Corporation	Beneficial owner	106,000,000	9.86%
Dresdner VPV N.V. ("VPV")	Investment manager (note 1)	80,227,000	7.46%

#### Note:

These shares were registered in the name of VPV, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft, which in turn, was 81.10% indirectly owned by Allianz SE.

#### **SHARE OPTIONS**

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme"), was adopted pursuant to a resolution passed on 22 November 2001 for the primary purpose of providing incentives or rewards to the Directors, employees or any other persons at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and the Scheme will expire on 21 November 2011. Under the Scheme, the Board of Directors of the Company may grant options to any employees, including executives or officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and any other persons at the discretion of the Board to subscribe for shares in the Company.

The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme is not permitted to exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. The number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual in any one year is not permitted to exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. Options granted to substantial shareholders or independent non-executive directors in excess of 0.1% of the Company's share capital and with a value in excess of HK\$5 million must be approved in advance by the Company's shareholders.

Options granted must be taken up within 14 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per grant. Options may generally be exercised at any time from the second anniversary of the date of acceptance to the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. In each grant of options, the Board of Directors of the Company may at their discretion determine the specific exercise period. The exercise price is determined by the Directors of the Company, and will not be less than the highest of the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant and the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant and the nominal value of the shares.

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, no options were granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Scheme.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the six months ended 31 December 2008.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has resolved not to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2008 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$0.015 per share).

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee comprises Mr. Marvin Bienenfeld, Mr. Chow Yu Chun, Alexander, Ms. Leung Churk Yin, Jeanny, Mr. Leung Ying Wah, Lambert and Mr. Lin Sun Mo, Willy, all of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters.

The Company's unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2008 has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, auditor of the Company.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations:

#### CODE PROVISIONS A.4.1 AND A.4.2

Code A.4.1 provides, inter alia, that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election.

Non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term. However, they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company at least once every three years in accordance with the Company's Byelaws.

Code A.4.2 also provides that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Under the Company's Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office provided that notwithstanding anything herein, the Chairman and the Group Managing Director shall not, whilst holding such office, be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire in each year. In the opinion of the Board, it is important for the stability and growth of the Company that there is, and is seen to be, continuity of leadership in the roles of Chairman and Group Managing Director and, in consequence, the Board is of the view that both should not be subject to retirement by rotation or hold office for a limited term at the present time.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the "Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers" (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. Based on specific enquiry of all its Directors, the Company considers that the Directors complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the period under review.

Employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price sensitive information of the Company are also subject to compliance with guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

As at 31 December 2008, the Group has approximately 11,505 employees (30 June 2008: approximately 12,836 employees). The remuneration policy and package of the Group's employees are structured by reference to market terms and statutory requirements as appropriate. In addition, the Group also provides other staff benefits such as medical insurance, mandatory provident fund and a share option scheme to its employees.

On behalf of the Board

Top Form International Limited

Fung Wai Yiu

Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 February 2009