

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The directors have declared an interim cash dividend of HK13.8 cents per share for the six months ended 30th June 2003 (2002: HK11.0 cents per share). The interim dividend will be payable on 23rd October 2003 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 16th October 2003.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 13th October 2003 to Thursday, 16th October 2003, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrars, Secretaries Limited of Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 10th October 2003.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Overall Results

Profit attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 30th June 2003 amounted to US\$73,608,000, representing an increase of 5.4% compared with US\$69,843,000 for the corresponding period in the previous year. Earnings per share were US3.4284 cents compared with US3.2556 cents for the corresponding period in the previous year. The change in accounting policy on deferred taxation as a result of the adoption of the revised SSAP 12 during the period resulted in provision for net deferred taxation charge of US\$6,100,000 for the six months ended 30th June 2003 (corresponding period of 2002: US\$3,073,000). During the period, the outbreak of SARS affected the economic growth in individual areas but the Group was not seriously affected. The Group's container leasing and container terminal businesses performed satisfactorily.

Financial Review

Turnover for the first half of 2003 amounted to US\$125,756,000 (corresponding period of 2002: US\$116,004,000), up 8.4%, which was mainly due to an increase of 8.3% in turnover of the container leasing business to US\$116,526,000 (corresponding period of 2002: US\$107,558,000). During the period, container fleet increased by 12.8% to 755,043 TEUs (corresponding period of 2002: 669,265 TEUs). Turnover of Zhangjiagang Win Hanverky Container Terminal Co., Ltd. increased 21.2% to US\$4,581,000 (corresponding period of 2002: US\$3,780,000) as a result of increase in throughput of 15.6% to 123,689 TEUs, whereas the turnover from container handling and storage businesses amounted to US\$4,649,000 (corresponding period of 2002: US\$4,666,000).