

e-Kong Group Limited

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FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

RESULTS

The board of directors (the “Board”) of e-Kong Group Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2001, together with comparative figures for the corresponding year in 2000, as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

		Year ended 31 December	
		2001	2000
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	1	263,896	100,125
Cost of sales		(214,038)	(72,570)
Gross profit		49,858	27,555
Interest income and investment income		4,216	28,861
Other net income	2	–	99,908
Distribution costs		(22,370)	(6,086)
Business promotion and marketing expenses		(31,166)	(43,623)
Operating and administrative expenses		(176,615)	(86,180)
Other operating expenses		(76,688)	(6,286)
(Loss)/Profit from operations		(252,765)	14,149
Finance costs		(1,216)	(140)
Intangible assets and goodwill written off		(114,795)	–
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities		(72,021)	(8,904)
Unrealized holding loss on other investments		(240,476)	–
Share of results of associates		(752)	(1,110)
(Loss)/Profit before taxation		(682,025)	3,995
Taxation	3	–	(739)
(Loss)/Profit after taxation		(682,025)	3,256
Minority interests		710	(1,954)
Net (loss)/profit attributable to shareholders		(681,315)	1,302
(Loss)/Earnings per share	4		
Basic		(35.12 cents)	0.08 cent
Diluted		N/A	0.07 cent

Notes:

1. Turnover and Segmental Information By activities:

	Turnover		Contribution to operating profit/(loss)	
	Year ended 31 December 2001	2000	Year ended 31 December 2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Telecommunication services income	224,162	63,740	(163,391)	(76,864)
Corporate management services income	34,912	1,284	(22,612)	(9,777)
Sales of animated films	–	23,473	–	5,383
Others	4,822	11,628	(16,107)	(7,990)
	263,896	100,125	(202,110)	(89,248)
Other operating income and expenses			(50,655)	103,397
			(252,765)	14,149
Finance costs			(1,216)	(140)
Intangible assets and goodwill written off			(114,795)	–
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities			(72,021)	(8,904)
Unrealized holding loss on other investments			(240,476)	–
Share of results of associates			(752)	(1,110)
(Loss)/Profit before taxation			(682,025)	3,995

By geographical location:

	Turnover		Contribution to operating profit/(loss)	
	Year ended 31 December 2001	2000	Year ended 31 December 2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Asia Pacific	150,319	67,603	(105,181)	(78,681)
North America	113,577	32,522	(96,929)	(10,567)
	263,896	100,125	(202,110)	(89,248)
Other operating income and expenses			(50,655)	103,397
			(252,765)	14,149
Finance costs			(1,216)	(140)
Intangible assets and goodwill written off			(114,795)	–
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities			(72,021)	(8,904)
Unrealized holding loss on other investments			(240,476)	–
Shares of results of associates			(752)	(1,110)
(Loss)/Profit before taxation			(682,025)	3,995

2. Other net income

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gain realized on disposal of investments	–	76,051
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	–	23,210
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	–	311
Others	–	336
	–	99,908

3. Taxation Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided as the Group incurred a loss for taxation purposes for the year.

Taxation charge of HK\$739,000 for the year ended 31 December 2000 represented People's Republic of China income tax calculated at the prevailing rate.

4. (Loss)/Earnings per share

(a) *Basic (loss)/earnings per share*
The calculation of basic loss per share for the year ended 31 December 2001 is based upon the loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$681,315,000 (2000: profit of HK\$1,302,000) and on the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 1,940,200,731 (2000: 1,731,573,250) in issue during the year.

(b) *Diluted earnings per share*
The fully diluted loss per share for 2001 is not shown because the potential ordinary shares would decrease the loss per share and would be regarded as anti-dilutive. The calculation of diluted earnings per share for 2000 is based upon the profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1,302,000 and on the weight average number of ordinary shares of 1,825,717,799 after adjusting for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

The comparative amounts of the earnings per share and diluted earnings per share have been adjusted for the effect of the rights issue of 3,139,294,672 shares of the Company during the year 2001.

5. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board has not recommended the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2001. (2000: Nil)

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 25 June 2002 to Friday, 28 June 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

In order to determine entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting, all share transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited of 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong for registration by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 24 June 2002.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

During this year the Group suffered considerable reductions in the valuation of its investments made in a number of technology and internet-related companies. These losses were prompted by declines in the worldwide equity markets, negative sentiment towards the technology sector and continuing difficulties encountered by “new economy” businesses. The Group has therefore taken a prudent approach to provision for diminution of its investments and has also either written off or substantially written down most of its non-listed investments. The Group's investments in publicly-listed securities, originally deemed as long-term investments have been appraised at current market values.

Nevertheless, the Group's flagship IDD and telecom business ZONE, continues to experience steady and consistent growth. In the United States, ZONE completed the acquisition of certain assets of Furst Group Inc. in February 2001 and commercially launched its nationwide domestic long-distance and international telecommunications services in June 2001 under two brand names, viz. “ZoneLD” targeted at individuals and small businesses and “ZoneCMS” targeted at large corporations and enterprises. During this year, distribution relationships were also established with key on-line marketing partners in the US. Some of the on-line marketing sites promoting “ZoneLD” services to individuals and small businesses are Yahoo!, Priceline.com and MSN. In-house sales team and external value-added resellers are used to penetrate the large corporation and enterprise markets. ZONE's US operations accounted for 43% of the Group's total revenue for this year and this is expected to increase further in the coming year.

In Hong Kong, ZONE1511's switch facilities were upgraded in August 2001 to accommodate the increase in International Direct Dial (IDD) traffic and to enable the introduction of new value-added services such as virtual global calling card and call-forwarding services. ZONE1511's website (www.zone1511.com) underwent extensive enhancements and incorporated additional self-service and on-line support functions. ZONE1511 has replaced a number of reseller partners with world-class carriers such as KDDi, SingTel, Teleglobe and Equant. ZONE1511 will strive to increase its market share, improve its gross margins and strengthen its business through further development of more innovative value added services, through the expansion of its distribution channels and focus on forging strategic partnerships.

ZONE1511's Singapore operation continued to grow in a highly competitive environment. ZONE1511 has remained competitive by maintaining lower operating costs while providing customers with choice, quality, reliability and value.

EventClicks, the Group's corporate management subsidiary, which operates within the travel- and hospitality-related industries, whereby global air-travel and hotel occupancy suffered drastic declines since the events in the US on September 11, 2001. A number of corporate clients postponed their business events and incentive trips due to safety concerns, resulting in a drop in booked revenue for the fourth quarter of 2001. However, we expect conference and events bookings to rebound and materialize during the second and third quarter of 2002.

speed*insure*, the Group's on-line insurance services subsidiary, faced tough challenges while introducing its novel direct on-line approach into an agent-centric and tradition-bound market. As a result, speed*insure* scaled down its business in an effort to reduce operating costs. By sustaining a steady stream of on-line business, speed*insure* has managed to operate self-sufficiently whilst maintaining good quality service standards for their new and repeat customers.

The Group will continue to capitalize on its distinct advantages, a key factor being the Group's use of technology to provide effective and efficient innovative solutions within each of our chosen businesses. Concurrently, as we grow our businesses, the Group will also enforce internal financial and management diligence to maintain and operate our businesses in a resourceful and cost-effective manner.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Financial Results

The Group's turnover recorded for the year was approximately HK\$263,896,000, an 164% increase as compared to HK\$100,125,000 for last year. 85% of the turnover were contributed by revenue from the ZONE telecommunication businesses during the year.

The operating loss of HK\$252,765,000 was due mainly to the costs incurred during the growth and expansion phase of the Group's businesses. The consolidated net loss attributable to shareholders was HK\$681,315,000 (2000: profit of HK\$1,302,000). The significant increase in the loss was mainly attributable to the non-recurring losses of HK\$427,292,000 from write-offs of goodwill and intangible assets as well as unrealized holding losses and provisions for diminution in value of the Group's investments.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Funding

The Group has managed to maintain a stable liquidity with cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$118,456,000 (2000: HK\$412,988,000). The Group's liabilities under equipment lease financing amounted to HK\$16,257,000 (2000: HK\$582,000). The Group's overall gearing level was approximately 3% (2000: N/A). In addition, the Group had pledged deposits amounting to HK\$7,107,000 (2000: HK\$68,680,000). No bank borrowings were recorded during the year under review.

In December 2001, the Company raised net proceeds of approximately HK\$128,000,000 through a Rights Issue of 3,139,294,672 rights shares of HK\$0.02 each at a price of HK\$0.0425 per rights share. The net proceeds are being used for general working capital purposes, mainly for financing the ZONE businesses.

During the year, the Group mainly relied on its internal resources for its funding requirements. With the net proceeds raised from the Rights Issue, sufficient working capital will be provided for its present requirements.

Employee Remuneration Policy

As of 31 December, 2001, the Group employed about 226 staff in Hong Kong and overseas, compared to 225 in 2000. The Group's remuneration policies continued to be in line with prevailing market practices and are formulated on the basis of the performance and experience of individual employees.

In addition to salary payment, other fringe benefits including training subsidies, provident fund and medical insurance are also offered to the employees. The Company had also granted share options to certain directors of the Company and certain employees of the Group to motivate their performance and contribution to the Group.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Code of Best Practice

In the opinion of the directors, save and except that the independent non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the year.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

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

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

PUBLICATION OF FURTHER INFORMATION

The annual report of the Company containing all information required by paragraph 45(1) to 45(3) inclusive of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on both the website of the Stock Exchange and the website of the Company in due course.

APPRECIATION

I would like to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to all my colleagues for their loyalty and full support to the Group during the year.

By Order of the Board
Richard John Siemens
Chairman

Hong Kong, 3 April 2002

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of e-Kong Group Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Suite 2101-3, K. Wah Centre, 191 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28 June 2002 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:–

- To receive and consider the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 and the reports of directors and of the auditors thereon;
- To re-elect retiring directors and to fix their remuneration;
- To re-appoint auditors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration;

Ordinary Resolutions

- As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as an ordinary resolution:–

“**THAT:**–

- subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each in the capital of the Company, or securities convertible into shares, options, warrants, or similar rights to subscribe for any shares and to make or grant offers, agreements, options or warrants which would or might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options or warrants which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to issue of shares as a result of:
 - a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
 - any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares, in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company, pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company from time to time; or
 - the exercise of any option granted under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted and approved by the shareholders of the Company for the grant or issue to the employees of the Company or other defined scheme participants and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or
 - the exercise of redemption or conversion rights attaching to the non-cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of the Company; or
 - the exercise of subscription rights or conversion rights attaching to any warrants or any other securities convertible into shares which may be issued by the Company

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- for the purpose of this Resolution:–

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- the date on which the authority given under this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to the holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or any class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company).”

- As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as an ordinary resolution:–

“**THAT:**–

- subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to purchase issued ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose (“Recognized Stock Exchange”), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and/or the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and, if applicable, of any Recognized Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- for the purpose of this Resolution:–

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- the date on which the authority given under this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

- As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as an ordinary resolution:–

“**THAT** conditional upon Resolutions 4 and 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed of which this Resolution forms part (the “Notice”), the aggregate nominal amount of the number of the shares in the capital of the Company which are purchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution 5 set out in the Notice shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company that may be allotted, issued, and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with by the directors of the Company pursuant to Resolution 4 set out in the Notice, provided that such amount of shares shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution.”

Special Resolutions

- As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as a special resolution:–

“**THAT** the Bye-laws of the Company be altered in the following manner:–

- by adding the following definition in Bye-law 1 immediately after the definition “dollars” and “\$”:–

“electronic communication”	A communication sent by electronic transmission in any form through any medium.
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- by deleting Bye-law 2(e) in its entirety and substituting the following in its place:–

“expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a visible form or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form.”
- by adding the following as paragraph (k) in Bye-law 2:–

“References to a document being executed include references to its being executed under hand or under seal or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, by electronic signature or by any other method. References to a document, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, include references to any information in visible form whether having physical substance or not.”
- by deleting Bye-law 153 in its entirety and substituting the following in its place:–

“153. (A) Subject to Section 88 of the Act and Bye-law 153(B), the Company will, in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, deliver or send to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and to every other person who is entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company under the provisions of the Statutes or of these presents a copy of the relevant financial documents in respect of the Company or a copy of the summary financial report in place of a copy

of the relevant financial documents from which the report is derived not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the general meeting of the Company (or such other time as is permitted under the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations). Provided that this Bye-law shall not require a copy of these documents to be sent to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures or to any member of, or any holder of debentures of, the Company who is not entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company and of whose address the Company is unaware, but any member or holder of debentures of the Company to whom a copy of these documents has not been sent shall be entitled to receive a copy of these documents free of charge on application to the Company.

- Where an entitled person under Bye-law 153(A) has, in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, agreed to his having access to the relevant financial documents and/or the summary financial report in respect of the Company on the Company’s computer network as mentioned in Bye-law 160(v) or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations in any other manner (including by any other form of electronic communication) instead of being sent the documents or report, as the case may be (an “Assenting Person”), the publication or making available by the Company, in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, on the Company’s computer network referred to above of the relevant financial documents and/or the summary financial report throughout the period beginning not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the general meeting of the Company and ending on such date in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations (or such other period or time as is permitted under the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations) or in such other manner shall be treated as having sent a copy of the relevant financial documents or a copy of the summary financial report to an Assenting Person in satisfaction of the Company’s obligations under Bye-law 153(A).”

- by deleting Bye-laws 160 to 161 in their entirety and substituting the following as new Bye-laws:–

“160.

Any notice or document, whether or not to be given or issued under the Statutes, other applicable laws, rules and regulations or these presents from the Company, may be served or delivered by the Company upon any member of, and any holder of debentures of, the Company and to any other person who is entitled to receive notices under the provisions of the Statutes and these presents:

- personally;
- by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to such person at his registered address;
- by advertisement in English in at least one English language newspaper and in Chinese in at least one Chinese language newspaper being in each case a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in Hong Kong and specified or permitted for this purpose by the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, and for such period as the Directors shall think fit to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- by sending or transmitting it as an electronic communication to such person at any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or electronic address or computer network or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notice or document from the Company to him to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- by publishing it on the Company’s computer network and giving to such person notice in accordance with the Statutes, other applicable laws, rules and regulations stating that the notice or other document is available there (a “Notice of Availability”) to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Notice of Availability may be given to such person by any of the means set out in Bye-law 160(i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (vi); or
- by sending or otherwise making available to such person through such means to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the Statutes and their applicable laws, rules and regulations.

161.

(A) Any notice or other document:

- if served or delivered by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is posted, and, in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid, addressed and put into the post. A certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board, that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or other document was so prepaid, addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- if sent or transmitted as an electronic communication in accordance with Bye-law 160(iv) or through such means in accordance with Bye-law 160(vi), shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of the relevant dispatch or transmission. A notice or document published on the Company’s computer network in accordance with Bye-law 160(v) shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which a Notice of Availability is sent to the entitled person. In proving such service or delivery, a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, dispatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- if served or delivered in person, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery, and in proving such service or delivery, a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the notice or document was so served or delivered shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- if served by advertisement in newspapers in accordance with Article 160(iii), shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which such notice or document is published.

(B) Where a person has in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations consented to receive notices and other documents from the Company in the English language only or the Chinese language only but not both, it shall be sufficient for the Company to serve on or deliver to him any notice of revocation or amendment of such consent given or deemed to have been given by such person to the Company in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations which shall have effect in respect of any notice or document to be served on or delivered to such person subsequent to the giving of such notice of revocation or amendment.

162.

All notices or other documents with respect to shares standing in the names of joint holders shall be served on or delivered to whichever of such persons is named first in the register of members and any notice or document so served or delivered shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the holders of such shares.”

- by renumbering the existing Bye-laws 162 to 168 as Bye-laws 163 to 169.

- To transact any other business.

By Order of the Board
Wang Poey Foon, Angela
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 3 April 2002

Notes:

- A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice (or at any adjournment thereof) is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A member may appoint a proxy in respect of part only of his/her holding of shares in the Company. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- To be valid, the form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Company’s branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited, at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).
- Completion and delivery of a form of proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened, if the member so desires and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- An explanatory statement containing further details regarding resolutions 4 to 6 above will be sent to members and other persons who are entitled thereto together with the Company’s 2001 Annual Report.
- Amendments to the Bye-laws are being made to reflect the recent changes to the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. An explanatory statement containing information regarding, inter alia, the amendments to the Bye-laws of the Company will be sent to the members together with the Company’s 2001 Annual Report.
- The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 25 June 2002 to Friday, 28 June 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

In order to determine entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting, all share transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company’s branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited of 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong for registration by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 24 June 2002.