### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors are pleased to present shareholders with the annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Group's principal activities during the year are development, investment and operation of infrastructure businesses in Hong Kong, the Mainland, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the Philippines.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

Results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2008 are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 109.

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.838 per share which, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.297 per share paid on 26th September, 2008, makes the total dividend of HK\$1.135 per share for the year.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD LAND

Movements in the Group's property, plant and equipment and leasehold land during the year are set out in notes 17 and 19 to the consolidated financial statements on pages 136 to 138.

#### **RESERVES**

Details of changes in the reserves of the Group are set out in note 34 to the consolidated financial statements on page 160.

#### **GROUP FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Results, assets and liabilities of the Group for the last ten years are summarised on pages 2 and 3.

#### **PROPERTIES**

Particulars of major properties held by the Group are set out in Appendix 4 on page 172.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report are listed on page 182 and their biographical information is set out on pages 30 to 35.

On 11th February, 2008, Mr. Man Ka Keung, Simon was appointed as Alternate Director to Mr. Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond, Deputy Chairman and Executive Director of the Company, and Ms. Eirene Yeung was appointed as Alternate Director to Mr. Kam Hing Lam, Group Managing Director of the Company.

In accordance with the Company's Bye-laws, the Directors of the Company (including Non-executive Directors) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Mr. Fok Kin Ning, Canning, Mr. Tso Kai Sum, Mr. Cheong Ying Chew, Henry and Mr. Barrie Cook will retire from office and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Each of the Independent Non-executive Directors has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The Company is of the view that all Independent Non-executive Directors meet the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and are independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31st December, 2008, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors adopted by the Company (the "Model Code"), to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

#### (1) Long Positions in Shares

				Nun	nber of Ordinar	y Shares		
Name of Company	Name of Director	Capacity	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	Approximate % of Shareholding
Company	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Beneficiary of trusts	-	-	-	1,912,109,945 (Note 1)	1,912,109,945	84.82%
	Kam Hing Lam	Beneficial owner	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	0.004%
Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporations & beneficiary of trusts	-	-	1,086,770 (Note 3)	2,141,698,773 (Note 2)	2,142,785,543	50.26%
	Kam Hing Lam	Beneficial owner & interest of child or spouse	60,000	40,000	-	-	100,000	0.002%
	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	4,310,875 (Note 5)	-	4,310,875	0.10%
	Chow Woo Mo Fong, Susan	Beneficial owner	150,000	-	-	-	150,000	0.003%
	Frank John Sixt	Beneficial owner	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	0.001%
	Lan Hong Tsung, David	Beneficial owner	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	0.0004%
	Lee Pui Ling, Angelina	Beneficial owner	38,500	-	-	-	38,500	0.0009%
	George Colin Magnus	Beneficial owner, interest of child or spouse & founder & beneficiary of a discretionary trust	40,000	9,900	-	950,100 (Note 6)	1,000,000	0.02%
	Man Ka Keung, Simon	Beneficial owner & interest of child or spouse	2,770 (Note 7)	2,770 (Note 7)	-	-	2,770	0.00006%



# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (CONT'D)

### (1) Long Positions in Shares (Cont'd)

				Number of Ordinary Shares					
Name of Company	Name of Director	Capacity	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	Approximate % of Shareholding	
Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of child or spouse & beneficiary of trusts	-	151,000	-	829,599,612 (Note 4)	829,750,612	38.87%	
Limited	Lee Pui Ling, Angelina	Beneficial owner	8,800	-	-	-	8,800	0.0004%	
Hutchison Harbour Ring Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Beneficiary of trusts	-	-	-	6,399,728,952 (Note 8)	6,399,728,952	71.50%	
Limited	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	5,000,000 (Note 5)	-	5,000,000	0.05%	
Hutchison Telecommunications (Australia) Limited	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Beneficial owner & interest of controlled corporation	4,100,000	-	1,000,000 (Note 5)	-	5,100,000	0.68%	
Limited	Frank John Sixt	Beneficial owner	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	0.13%	
Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporations & beneficiary of trusts	-	-	2,519,250 (Note 3)	2,958,068,120 (Note 9)	2,960,587,370	61.49%	
	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	1,202,380 (Note 5)	-	1,202,380	0.025%	
	Chow Woo Mo Fong, Susan	Beneficial owner	250,000	-	-	-	250,000	0.005%	
	George Colin Magnus	Beneficial owner & interest of child or spouse	13,201	132	-	-	13,333	0.0003%	

## (2) Long Positions in Underlying Shares

				Number of Un	derlying Shares		
Name of Company	Name of Director	Capacity	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total
Company	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Beneficiary of trusts	-	-	-	2 (Note 10)	2
Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited	Frank John Sixt	Beneficial owner	255,000 (Note 11)	-	-	-	255,000
Partner Communications Company Ltd.	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	225,000 (Note 12)	-	225,000
Company Etc.	George Colin Magnus	Beneficial owner	25,000 (Note 13)	-	-	-	25,000

## (3) Long Positions in Debentures

				Amount	of Debentures		
Name of Company	Name of Director	Capacity	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total
Hutchison Whampoa International (01/11) Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$12,000,000 7% Notes due 2011 (Note 3)	-	US\$12,000,000 7% Notes due 2011
Hutchison Whampoa International (03/13) Limited	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$21,000,000 6.5% Notes due 2013 (Note 3)	-	US\$21,000,000 6.5% Notes due 2013
	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$2,500,000 6.5% Notes due 2013 (Note 5)	-	US\$2,500,000 6.5% Notes due 2013
	Man Ka Keung, Simon	Beneficial owner & interest of child or spouse	US\$100,000 6.5% Notes due 2013 (Note 7)	US\$100,000 6.5% Notes due 2013 (Note 7)	-	-	US\$100,000 6.5% Notes due 2013



## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (CONT'D)

#### (3) Long Positions in Debentures (Cont'd)

				Amount	of Debentures		
Name of Company	Name of Director	Capacity	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total
	Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$8,000,000 6.25% Notes due 2014 (Note 3)	-	US\$8,000,000 6.25% Notes due 2014
		Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$15,000,000 7.45% Notes due 2033 (Note 3)	-	US\$15,000,000 7.45% Notes due 2033
	Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$2,500,000 5.45% Notes due 2010 (Note 5)	-	US\$2,500,000 5.45% Notes due 2010
		Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$2,500,000 6.25% Notes due 2014 (Note 5)	-	US\$2,500,000 6.25% Notes due 2014
		Interest of controlled corporation	-	-	US\$2,000,000 7.45% Notes due 2033 (Note 5)	-	US\$2,000,000 7.45% Notes due 2033
	Man Ka Keung, Simon	Beneficial owner & interest of child or spouse	US\$200,000 6.25% Notes due 2014 (Note 7)	US\$200,000 6.25% Notes due 2014 (Note 7)	-	-	US\$200,000 6.25% Notes due 2014

#### Notes:

1. The 1,912,109,945 shares in the Company comprise 1,906,681,945 shares held by a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited ("HWL") and 5,428,000 shares held by Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited ("TUT1") as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust ("UT1").

The discretionary beneficiaries of each of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust ("DT1") and another discretionary trust ("DT2") are, inter alia, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, his wife and children, and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard. Each of Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited ("TDT1", which is the trustee of DT1) and Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited ("TDT2", which is the trustee of DT2) holds units in UT1 but is not entitled to any interest or share in any particular property comprising the trust assets of the said unit trust. TUT1 as trustee of UT1 and its related companies in which TUT1 as trustee of UT1 is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at their general meetings ("TUT1 related companies") hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited ("CKH"). Certain subsidiaries of CKH in turn together hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of HWL.

The entire issued share capital of TUT1 and of the trustees of DT1 and DT2 are owned by Li Ka-Shing Unity Holdings Limited ("Unity Holdco"). Each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital of Unity Holdco. TUT1 is only interested in the shares of CKH by reason only of its obligation and power to hold interests in those shares in its ordinary course of business as trustee and, when performing its functions as trustee, exercises its power to hold interests in the shares of CKH independently without any reference to Unity Holdco or any of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard as a holder of the shares of Unity Holdco as aforesaid.

By virtue of the above and as a discretionary beneficiary of each of DT1 and DT2 and as a director of CKH, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the shares of CKH held by TUT1 as trustee of UT1 and TUT1 related companies, the shares of HWL held by the subsidiaries of CKH and the shares of the Company held by each of the subsidiary of HWL and TUT1 as trustee of UT1 under the SFO as a Director of the Company. Although Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital of Unity Holdco and is a discretionary beneficiary of each of DT1 and DT2, he is not a director of CKH and has no duty of disclosure in relation to the shares of CKH held by TUT1 as trustee of UT1 and TUT1 related companies under the SFO.

- 2. The 2,141,698,773 shares in HWL comprise:
  - (a) 2,130,202,773 shares held by certain subsidiaries of CKH. By virtue of the interests in shares of CKH in relation to which Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor has a duty of disclosure under the SFO in the issued share capital of CKH as described in Note 1 above and as a Director of the Company, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said shares of HWL under the SFO; and
  - (b) 11,496,000 shares held by Li Ka-Shing Castle Trustee Company Limited ("TUT3") as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Castle Trust ("UT3"). The discretionary beneficiaries of each of the two discretionary trusts ("DT3" and "DT4") are, inter alia, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, his wife and children, and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard. Each of the trustees of DT3 and DT4 holds units in UT3 but is not entitled to any interest or share in any particular property comprising the trust assets of the said unit trust.

The entire issued share capital of TUT3 and the trustees of DT3 and DT4 are owned by Li Ka-Shing Castle Holdings Limited ("Castle Holdco"). Each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital of Castle Holdco. TUT3 is only interested in the shares of HWL by reason only of its obligation and power to hold interests in those shares in its ordinary course of business as trustee and, when performing its functions as trustee, exercises its power to hold interests in the shares of HWL independently without any reference to Castle Holdco or any of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard as a holder of the shares of Castle Holdco as aforesaid.

By virtue of the above and as a discretionary beneficiary of each of DT3 and DT4 and as a director of HWL, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said shares of HWL held by TUT3 as trustee of UT3 under the SFO as a Director of the Company. Although Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital of Castle Holdco and is a discretionary beneficiary of each of DT3 and DT4, he is not a Director of the Company and has no duty of disclosure in relation to the shares of HWL held by TUT3 as trustee of UT3 under the SFO.

- 3. Such interests are held by certain companies of which Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is interested in the entire issued share capital.
- 4. By virtue of being a Director of the Company and his deemed interest in those shares of the Company as described in Note 1 above, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to those shares of Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited held through the Company under the SFO.
- 5. These interests are held by a company which is equally owned by Mr. Fok Kin Ning, Canning and his wife.
- 6. Such interests are indirectly held by a trust of which Mr. George Colin Magnus is the settlor and a discretionary beneficiary.
- 7. Such interests are jointly held by Mr. Man Ka Keung, Simon and his wife.
- 8. Such shares of Hutchison Harbour Ring Limited ("HHR") are held by certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of HWL.

By virtue of the interests in the shares of HWL in relation to which Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor has a duty of disclosure under the SFO in the issued share capital of HWL as described in Note 2 above and as a Director of the Company, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said shares of HHR under the SFO.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS



## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (CONT'D)

Notes (Cont'd):

- 9. Such shares of Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited ("HTIL") comprise:
  - (a) 2,957,914,840 ordinary shares of which 52,092,587 ordinary shares and 2,905,822,253 ordinary shares are held by certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of CKH and HWL respectively. By virtue of the interests in the shares of CKH and HWL in relation to which Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor has a duty of disclosure under the SFO in the issued share capital of CKH and HWL as described in Notes 1 and 2 above and as a Director of the Company, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said shares of HTIL under the SFO; and
  - (b) 153,280 ordinary shares held by TUT3 as trustee of UT3. Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, as a Director of the Company, by virtue of being a discretionary beneficiary of each of DT3 and DT4 and his deemed interests in TUT3 as trustee of UT3 as described in Note 2(b) above, is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said shares of HTIL under the SFO.
- 10. Such underlying shares of the Company are held by an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CKH by virtue of the HK\$300,000,000 capital guaranteed notes due 2009.
  - By virtue of the interests in the shares of CKH taken to have by Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor under the SFO as described in Note 1 above and as a Director of the Company, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor is taken to have a duty of disclosure in relation to the said interest in the underlying shares of the Company under the SFO.
- 11. Such underlying shares are derived from the 17,000 American Depositary Shares (each representing 15 ordinary shares) in HTIL beneficially owned by Mr. Frank John Sixt.
- 12. Such underlying shares are derived from the 225,000 American Depositary Shares (each representing one ordinary share) in Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner Communications") held by a company which is equally owned by Mr. Fok Kin Ning, Canning and his wife.
- 13. Such underlying shares are derived from the 25,000 American Depositary Shares (each representing one ordinary share) in Partner Communications beneficially owned by Mr. George Colin Magnus.

Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, by virtue of being a Director of the Company and his interests in the share capital of the Company as a discretionary beneficiary of certain discretionary trusts as described in Note 1 above, is deemed to be interested in those securities of subsidiaries and associated companies of the Company held through the Company and in those securities of the subsidiaries of HWL held through HWL under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had, as at 31st December, 2008, any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be 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 they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

No contracts of significance to which the Company or its subsidiary was a party and in which a Director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, during the year ended 31st December, 2008.

At no time during the year was the Company or subsidiary a party to any arrangements which enabled any Director of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or of any other body corporate.

None of the Directors of the Company has any service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS

So far as is known to any Director or chief executive of the Company, as at 31st December, 2008, shareholders (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions 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 which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

#### Long Positions of Substantial Shareholders in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Number of Ordinary Shares	Number of Underlying Shares	Total	Approximate % of Shareholding
Hutchison Infrastructure Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	1,906,681,945 (Note i)	-	1,906,681,945	84.58%
Hutchison International Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	1,906,681,945 (Note ii)	-	1,906,681,945	84.58%
Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	1,906,681,945 (Note ii)	-	1,906,681,945	84.58%
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	1,906,681,945 (Note iii)	2 (Note vi)	1,906,681,947	84.58%
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust	Trustee	1,912,109,945 (Note iv)	2 (Note vi)	1,912,109,947	84.82%
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust	Trustee & beneficiary of a trust	1,912,109,945 (Note v)	2 (Note vi)	1,912,109,947	84.82%
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited as trustee of another discretionary trust	Trustee & beneficiary of a trust	1,912,109,945 (Note v)	2 (Note vi)	1,912,109,947	84.82%
Li Ka-shing	Founder of discretionary trusts	1,912,109,945 (Note v)	2 (Note vi)	1,912,109,947	84.82%

#### Notes:

- i. 1,906,681,945 shares of the Company are held by Hutchison Infrastructure Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of HWL. Its interests are duplicated in the interests of HWL in the Company described in Note ii below.
- ii. HWL is deemed to be interested in the 1,906,681,945 shares of the Company referred to in Note i above as it holds more than one-third of the issued share capital of Hutchison International Limited, which holds more than one-third of the issued share capital of Hutchison Infrastructure Holdings Limited.
- iii. CKH is deemed to be interested in the 1,906,681,945 shares of the Company referred to in Note ii above as certain subsidiaries of CKH hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of HWL.
- iv. TUT1 as trustee of UT1 is deemed to be interested in those shares of the Company described in Note iii above as TUT1 as trustee of UT1 and TUT1 related companies hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of CKH and TUT1 as trustee of UT1 holds 5,428,000 shares of the Company.



#### INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS (CONT'D)

Notes (Cont'd):

- v. By virtue of the SFO, each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, being the settlor and may being regarded as a founder of each DT1 and DT2 for the purpose of the SFO, TDT1 as trustee of DT1 and TDT2 as trustee of DT2 is deemed to be interested in the same block of shares TUT1 as trustee of UT1 is deemed to be interested in as referred to in Note iv above as all issued and outstanding units in UT1 are held by TDT1 as trustee of DT1 and by TDT2 as trustee of DT2. More than one-third of the issued share capital of TUT1 and of the trustees of the said discretionary trusts are owned by Unity Holdco. Mr. Li Ka-shing owns one-third of the issued share capital of Unity Holdco.
- vi. Such underlying shares of the Company are held by an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CKH by virtue of the HK\$300,000,000 capital guarantee notes due 2009.
  - By virtue of the SFO, each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, TDT1, TDT2 and TUT1 is deemed to be interested in the same block of interest in the said underlying shares of the Company held by CKH as described in Note v above.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December, 2008, the Company has not been notified by any persons (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions 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 which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

#### **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

The following transactions of the Group constituted continuing connected transactions ("Continuing Connected Transactions") under the Listing Rules during the financial year ended 31st December, 2008:

(a) A sponsors / shareholders' undertaking has been provided by each of CKH and HWL in relation to the loan facilities in relation to the Zhuhai Power Plant. Pursuant to the sponsors / shareholders' undertaking, each of CKH and HWL shall be severally liable for 50 per cent of certain obligations of the foreign party to the PRC project company undertaking the Zhuhai Power Plant (the "Zhuhai Foreign Party"). The Zhuhai Foreign Party, which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has a 45 per cent interest in the PRC project company. Pursuant to a deed of counter-indemnity ("Counter-indemnity") given by the Company in favour of CKH and HWL, the Company has agreed with each of CKH and HWL to meet all future funding obligations of each of them which may be required under such sponsors / shareholders' undertaking and to counter-indemnify each of CKH and HWL in respect of any sum provided by each of them and generally in respect of each of their liabilities and obligations under such sponsors / shareholders' undertaking.

- (b) On 16th December, 2005, the Company had entered into a tenancy agreement (the "Previous Tenancy Agreement") with Turbo Top Limited ("Turbo Top"), which is a connected person of the Company within the meaning of the Listing Rules by virtue of its being a wholly-owned subsidiary of HWL, which in turn is a substantial shareholder of the Company, in respect of the lease of Office Unit 1202, 12th Floor, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong with a lettable floor area of approximately 10,079 square feet (the "Premises") as the principal business office of the Group in Hong Kong for a term of three years commencing from 1st September, 2005 to 31st August, 2008 at a monthly rental of HK\$360,829, exclusive of Government rates and other charges. The aggregate rent and service charges payable under the Previous Tenancy Agreement are subject to an annual cap of HK\$5,355,000 taking into account of the possible adjustment on the service charges. During the year, HK\$3,572,004 has been paid / payable by the Company to Turbo Top pursuant to the Previous Tenancy Agreement.
- (c) On 18th November, 2008, the Company had entered into a tenancy agreement (the "Tenancy Agreement") to renew the Previous Tenancy Agreement with Turbo Top in respect of the lease of the Premises (as defined in item (b) above) as the principal business office of the Group in Hong Kong for a term of three years commencing from 1st September, 2008 to 31st August, 2011 at a monthly rental of HK\$806,320, exclusive of Government rates and other charges. The aggregate rent and service charges payable under the Tenancy Agreement are subject to the proposed annual caps of HK\$4,000,000 for the period from 1st September, 2008 to 31st December, 2008, HK\$11,000,000 for the year ending 31st December, 2009, HK\$12,000,000 for the year ending 31st December, 2010, and HK\$8,000,000 for the period from 1st January, 2011 to 31st August, 2011 taking into account of the possible adjustment on the monthly service charges of HK\$85,671.50. During the year, HK\$3,567,966 has been paid / payable by the Company to Turbo Top pursuant to the Tenancy Agreement.

On 12th August, 1996, the Stock Exchange granted conditional waivers to the Company from strict compliance with the disclosure and shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules in respect of the above transaction in paragraph (a) on, inter alia, a condition that brief details of the transaction shall be disclosed in the Company's subsequent annual report for financial years in which the transaction is subsisting. An announcement ("Announcement I") in respect of the above transaction in paragraph (b) was published in the newspapers on 19th December, 2005 in accordance with the Listing Rules. An announcement ("Announcement II") in respect of the above transaction in paragraph (c) was published on 18th November, 2008 in accordance with the Listing Rules.

The Continuing Connected Transactions have been reviewed by the Independent Non-executive Directors. The Independent Non-executive Directors have confirmed that for the year 2008 the Continuing Connected Transactions have been entered into (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company; (ii) either on normal commercial terms or on terms no less favourable to the Company than terms available to (or from) independent third parties; and (iii) in accordance with the relevant agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Shareholders of the Company as a whole.



#### **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (CONT'D)**

Pursuant to Rule 14A.38 of the Listing Rules, the Company has engaged the auditor of the Company to perform certain factual finding procedures in respect of the Continuing Connected Transactions of the Group in accordance with the Hong Kong Standard on Related Services 4400 "Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor has reported their factual findings on these procedures to the Board of Directors and confirmed that for the year 2008 the Continuing Connected Transactions (i) have received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company; and (ii) have been entered into in accordance with the relevant agreements governing the transactions; and the Continuing Connected Transactions in paragraphs (b) and (c) above have not exceeded the relevant caps as disclosed in the Announcement I and Announcement II respectively.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTION**

On 30th April, 2008, Changshun Energy Investment 1 Company Limited, Changshun Energy Investment 2 Company Limited and Changshun Energy Investment 3 Company Limited collectively as the Vendors, all being indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, entered into three equity interest transfer agreements with 撫順熱電廠 (Fushun Cogen Power Plants\*) as the Purchaser pursuant to which the Vendors agreed to sell and the Purchaser agreed to purchase the 60 per cent equity interest held by the Vendors in Fushun Changshun Heat and Electricity Co., Ltd. ("Fushun Changshun Heat and Electricity"), Fushun Changshun Energy Co., Ltd. ("Fushun Changshun Energy") and Fushun Changshun Power Co., Ltd. ("Fushun Changshun Power") respectively at a total consideration of RMB100 million (approximately HK\$110 million) (the "Disposal"). As the Purchaser is a substantial shareholder of Fushun Changshun Heat and Electricity, Fushun Changshun Energy and Fushun Changshun Power, all of which are indirect non wholly-owned non-consolidated subsidiaries of the Company, the Purchaser is a connected person of the Company and the Disposal therefore constitutes a connected transaction for the Company under the Listing Rules.

\* Name translated for reference purpose only.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

During the year, 35.3 per cent of the Group's sales were attributable to the Group's five largest customers with the largest customer accounting for 14.6 per cent of the Group's sales. The Group's purchases attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers were less than 30 per cent of the Group's purchases.

For the year ended 31st December, 2008, Alliance Construction Materials Limited, of which the Company is interested in 50 per cent of the issued share capital, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Director of the Company, is deemed to be interested in the shares by virtue of his approximately 84.82 per cent interest in the Company pursuant to Part XV of the SFO, and Mr. Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond, Director of the Company, acts as a Director, was one of the Group's five largest customers. Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors, their associates or any shareholder (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5 per cent of the Company's issued share capital) has any interest in the Group's five largest customers.

#### **COMPETING BUSINESS INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS**

During the year, the interests of Directors in the businesses which compete or are likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group (the "Competing Business") as required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules were as follows:

### (a) Core Business Activities of the Group

- (1) Development, investment and operation of energy infrastructure;
- (2) Development, investment and operation of transportation infrastructure;
- (3) Development, investment and operation of water infrastructure;
- (4) Development, investment and operation and commercialisation of infrastructure related business;
- (5) Investment holding and project management;
- (6) Securities investment; and
- (7) Information technology, e-commerce and new technology.

#### (b) Interests in Competing Business

Name of Director	Name of Company	Nature of Interest	Competing Business (Note)
Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Managing Director and Deputy Chairman	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Deputy Chairman	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc.	Chairman	(3), (6) & (7)
Kam Hing Lam	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Deputy Managing Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc.	President and Chief Executive Officer	(3), (6) & (7)
	Spark Infrastructure Group	Non-executive Director	(1) & (5)
Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Deputy Managing Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc.	Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer	(3), (6) & (7)
	TOM Group Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	CATIC International Holdings Limited	Non-executive Director	(1), (5) & (6)
	Excel Technology International Holdings Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Shougang Concord International Enterprises Company Limited	Non-executive Director	(5) & (6)
	The Ming An (Holdings) Company Limited	Non-executive Director	(5) & (6)
	ARA Asset Management Limited	Non-executive Director	(5) & (6)



### **COMPETING BUSINESS INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (CONT'D)**

#### (b) Interests in Competing Business (Cont'd)

Name of Director	Name of Company	Nature of Interest	Competing Business (Note)
Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Group Managing Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Chairman	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Harbour Ring Limited	Chairman	(7)
	Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited	Chairman	(7)
Andrew John Hunter	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Spark Infrastructure Group	Non-executive Director	(1) & (5)
Chow Woo Mo Fong, Susan	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Deputy Group Managing Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Executive Director and Alternate Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	TOM Group Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Harbour Ring Limited	Executive Director	(7)
	Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited	Non-executive Director and Alternate Director	(7)
Frank John Sixt	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Group Finance Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited	Non-executive Director	(7)
	TOM Group Limited	Non-executive Chairman	(5), (6) & (7)
Tso Kai Sum	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Group Managing Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
Lee Pui Ling, Angelina	TOM Group Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
George Colin Magnus	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Non-executive Director	(5), (6) & (7)
	Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Non-executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)
	Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	Non-executive Director	(1), (5), (6) & (7)

Note: Such businesses may be made through subsidiaries, associated companies or by way of other forms of investments.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors is interested in any business apart from the Group's businesses which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with businesses of the Group.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws and there are no restrictions against such rights under the laws of Bermuda.

#### **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

During the year ended 31st December, 2008, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

#### **PUBLIC FLOAT**

As announced by the Company on 8th January, 1997 and 17th February, 1997, the Stock Exchange granted a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules to the Company on 9th January, 1997 subject to approximately not less than 15.2 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company being held in public hands. Based on information available and within the knowledge of the Directors, the obligation has been complied with.

#### **DONATIONS**

Donations made by the Group during the year amounted to HK\$800,000.

#### **DISCLOSURE UNDER CHAPTER 13 OF THE LISTING RULES**

The following information is disclosed in accordance with Rules 13.21 and 13.22 of Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules:

- (1) A sponsors / shareholders' undertaking referred to under the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions" has been provided by HWL, the Zhuhai Foreign Party and the other parties in relation to two loan facilities of US\$125.5 million and US\$670 million granted to the PRC project company undertaking the Zhuhai Power Plant. The outstanding loan amount of US\$9.5 million as at 31st December, 2007 attributable to the loan facility of US\$125.5 million was fully repaid in 2008. The other loan with the outstanding balance of US\$132.8 million as at 31st December, 2008 is repayable by installments with the final repayment due in 2012. It is an event of default for both facilities if CKH and HWL collectively own directly or indirectly less than 51 per cent of the shareholding in the Zhuhai Foreign Party. The obligation has been complied with.
- (2) The Group has entered into a long term syndicated facility agreement of A\$300 million, of which the whole amount was drawn as at 31st December, 2008. The facility will mature in 2009. Under the provision of the loan agreement, it is an event of default if HWL ceases to own (directly or indirectly) at least 30 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company. The obligation has been complied with.



#### DISCLOSURE UNDER CHAPTER 13 OF THE LISTING RULES (CONT'D)

(3) As at 31st December, 2008, the Group's financial assistance to certain affiliated companies exceeded the assets ratio of 8 per cent. A combined balance sheet of the affiliated companies as at 31st December, 2008 is set out below:

HK\$ million	
Non-current assets Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	62,140 3,569 (3,593) (58,288)
Net assets	3,828
Share capital Reserves	2,204 1,624
Capital and reserves	3,828

As at 31st December, 2008, the consolidated attributable interest of the Group in these affiliated companies amounted to HK\$7,421 million.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Group's annual report for the year ended 31st December, 2008 has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company ("Audit Committee"). Information on the work of Audit Committee and its composition are set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 77 to 82.

#### **AUDITOR**

The financial statements for the year have been audited by Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu who retire and offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor

Chairman

Hong Kong, 19th March, 2009