

Corporate Governance Report

Corporate Governance Practices

The Board of Directors (the "Board") and management of the Company are committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and the Company considers that effective corporate governance makes an important contribution to corporate success and to the enhancement of shareholder value. The Company has adopted its own code on corporate governance practices (the "CG Code") which in addition to applying the principles as set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "SEHK Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), also incorporates and conforms to local and international best practices. The CG Code sets out the corporate governance principles to be applied by the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") and is constantly reviewed to ensure transparency, accountability and independence.

Throughout the year of 2009, the Company has complied with the SEHK Code, except for the following:

- Code Provision

Code provision of the SEHK Code	Deviation	Considered reason for deviation
Separation of the role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a listed issuer.	Mr. TUNG Chee Chen currently assumes the role of both Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.	The executive members of the Board currently consist of chief executive officers of its principal divisions and there is effective separation of the roles between chief executives of its principal divisions and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board considers that further separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman would represent duplication and is not necessary for the time being.

- Recommended Best Practices

- a nomination committee has not been established
- the remuneration of senior management is disclosed in bands
- operational results are announced and published quarterly instead of financial results

We have set out in this report our guiding principles and rationale for implementation of the CG Code as well as the status of the Company's compliance with Appendix 23 to the Listing Rules:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Board Composition

The Board currently comprises four Executive Directors, one Non-Executive Director and four Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Executive Directors

Mr. TUNG Chee Chen (*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah

Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE (*Chief Financial Officer*)

Mr. TUNG Lieh Sing Alan

Non-Executive Director

Mr. KING Roger

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Simon MURRAY

Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest

Professor WONG Yue Chim Richard

Mr. CHENG Wai Sun Edward

The biographical details of the Directors and the relevant relationships between them are set out on the Company's website at <http://www.ooilgroup.com> and on pages 56 to 59 of this annual report.

The Directors, other than Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE who has a service contract with the Company, have formal letters of appointment setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointment, and are for a fixed term of three years, renewable or extendable automatically by three years on the expiry of such initial term and every successive period of three years and are subject to re-election by rotation at least once every three years.

The Directors have extensive corporate and strategic planning experience and industry knowledge. All Independent Non-Executive Directors are financially independent from the Group bringing independent and diversified experience, competencies, skills and judgment to the Group's strategy and policies through their informed contributions. The Board considers that there is a reasonable balance between Executive and Non-Executive Directors and has provided adequate checks and balances for safeguarding the interests of the shareholders and the Group.

The Board has received from each Independent Non-Executive Director a written annual confirmation of their independence and considers that all the Independent Non-Executive Directors have satisfied their independence to the Group up to the date of this annual report.

During 2009, the Board has complied with the Listing Rules' requirement in having at least three Independent Non-Executive Directors, including one with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

Among the members of the Board, Mr. KING Roger (Non-Executive Director of the Company) is the brother-in-law of Mr. TUNG Chee Chen (Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company), and Mr. TUNG Lieh Sing Alan (Executive Director of the Company) is the nephew of both Mr. TUNG Chee Chen and Mr. KING Roger.

Since 1990, the Company has arranged insurance cover for directors' and officers' liabilities including cover for Directors, officers and senior management of the Company and directors and officers of its subsidiaries arising out of corporate activities.

2. Board Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the management of the business and affairs of the Group with the objective of enhancing shareholder value and presenting a balanced, clear and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects in the annual and interim reports, and of other price-sensitive announcements and other financial disclosures as required under the Listing Rules, and reports to regulators any information required to be disclosed pursuant to statutory requirement.

The Board has a fiduciary duty and statutory responsibility towards the Company and the Group. Other responsibilities include formulation of the Group's overall strategy and policies, setting of corporate and management targets and key operational initiatives, setting of policies on risk management pursuant to the Group's strategic objectives, monitoring and control of operational and financial performance, and approval of budgets and major capital expenditures, major investments, material acquisitions and disposals of assets, corporate or financial restructuring, significant operational financial and management matters.

The Board delegates day-to-day management of the business of the Group to the management of the relevant principal divisions and certain specific responsibilities to six committees (Executive, Audit, Remuneration, Finance, Share and Compliance). The composition and functions of each committee are described below. These committees have specific functions and authority to examine issues and report to the Board with their recommendations (if appropriate). The final decision rests with the Board, unless otherwise provided for in the terms of reference of the relevant committees.

The Company Secretary provides the Directors with updates on developments regarding the Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements. Any Director may request the Company Secretary to organise independent professional advice at the expense of the Company to assist the Directors to effectively discharge their duties to the Company. No such independent professional advice was requested by any Director in 2009.

3. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. TUNG Chee Chen is the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company with the respective roles set out in writing.

- a. The primary role of the Chairman is to provide leadership to the Board and to ensure that the Board functions effectively in the discharge of its responsibilities. His duties include to:
 - ensure that Directors are briefed and have received accurate, complete, timely and clear information on issues to be discussed at Board meetings;
 - ensure that the Board has considered all key and appropriate issues in a timely manner and that good corporate governance practices and procedures are established, implemented and maintained;

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- approve the agenda drawn up by the Company Secretary for each Board meeting taking into account any matters proposed by other Directors for inclusion in the agenda;
 - encourage Directors to contribute fully and actively in the affairs of the Company and the Group and to take the lead to ensure that the Board acts in the best interests of the Company and the Group;
 - at least annually to hold meetings with the Non-Executive Directors (including Independent Non-Executive Directors) without the presence of the other Executive Directors to facilitate the effective contribution of those Non-Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Directors (in particular) and to promote a constructive relationship amongst Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Directors;
 - ensure effective communication with shareholders and that the views of shareholders are communicated to the Board; and
 - attend the annual general meetings and arrange for the chairman of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee, or in the absence of the chairman of the Audit Committee and/or the Remuneration Committee, other members of the Audit Committee and/or the Remuneration Committee, to be available to answer questions at the annual general meetings.

In case of an equality of votes at any Board meetings, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

- b. The primary role of the Chief Executive Officer is to be responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Company and Group business. These duties include to:
- provide leadership and supervise the effective management of the principal divisions of the Group;
 - monitor and control the operational and financial performance of the various principal divisions of the Group;
 - implement and report to the Board on the adoption of the Company's strategy, policies and objectives by the principal divisions of the Group;
 - provide information to the Board (as necessary) to enable the Board to monitor the performance of management and operation of the various principal divisions of the Group; and
 - set up programmes for management development and succession planning for the principal divisions of the Group.

4. Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled one year in advance to maximise the attendance of Directors. The Board meets at least four times each year and has a formal schedule of matters referred to it for consideration and decision. Additional meetings may be convened as and when necessary. Notice of at least fourteen days is served for regular Board meetings and reasonable notice is given for all other Board meetings. Directors are consulted and provided with an opportunity to include matters into the agenda for discussion at the Board meetings. The Company Secretary assists the Chairman in preparing the agenda for each Board meeting and to ensure that applicable rules and regulations regarding the meetings are observed. The final agenda together with the Board papers are distributed to the Directors at least three days before the Board meetings.

If a Director (who may also be a substantial shareholder of the Company) has a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered by the Board, the Company Secretary shall ensure that such matter is not dealt with by way of written resolution or by a committee (except if that committee was specifically established for such purpose by the Board or by the terms of reference of such committee). If considered appropriate, the Board meeting shall be attended by Independent Non-Executive Directors who have no material interest in the matter. The affected Director shall abstain from voting on any such resolution in which they or any of their associates have a material interest and shall not be counted in the quorum present at that Board meeting.

The Company Secretary shall ensure that the procedures and applicable rules and regulations are observed. Copies of all signed minutes of the Board are sent to the Directors for their record.

5. Supply of and Access to Information

All Directors have access to Board's and Committees' papers and other materials either from the Company Secretary or the Chairman so that they are able to make informed decisions on matters placed before them.

6. Nomination of Directors

The Company does not have a nomination committee.

The Board regularly reviews its structure, size and composition. The Company follows a formal, considered and transparent procedure for the appointment of new Directors to the Board. The appointment of a new Director is a collective decision of the Board, taking into consideration the expertise, experience, integrity and commitment of that appointee to the relevant principal division, the Company and the Group.

Each Director shall, after his appointment and semi-annually thereafter, disclose to the Board the number and nature of offices held by such Director in other public companies and organisations and any other significant commitments.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 30th April 2009 (the "2008 AGM"), Dr. FUNG Kwok King Victor retired as Director of the Company and Messrs. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest, CHOW Philip Yiu Wah and CHENG Wai Sun Edward retired and were re-elected as Directors of the Company.

7. Board Committees

In addition to the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee, established in compliance with the Listing Rules, the other committees comprise the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Share Committee and Compliance Committee. Each committee has its own well defined scope of duties and terms of reference. The Company Secretary shall make available the terms of reference of the committees to any shareholder upon receipt of a written request from such shareholder. The members of a committee are empowered to make decisions on matters within the terms of reference of such committee. Copies of all signed minutes of the committees are sent to the Directors for their record.

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was established in 1996 and currently comprises Mr. TUNG Chee Chen (Chairman), Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah and Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE, with Ms. Lammy LEE as the secretary of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee operates as an executive management committee under the direct authority of the Board. Its primary duties include to:

- formulate strategy and policies and to set corporate and management targets and operational initiatives and policies on risk management for the principal divisions of the Group and plans and operational directions for the Group;
- monitor, control and manage operational and financial performance and business affairs of the principal divisions of the Group;
- review, discuss and approve (if appropriate) (i) announcements, circulars and other documents (including price sensitive and financial information) required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, regulatory or statutory requirements; (ii) submissions from the Finance Committee, the Share Committee and the Compliance Committee and, if appropriate, to recommend to the Board for consideration and approval;
- approve capital expenditure for a specified amount;
- liaise and consult with, advise and make recommendations to its subsidiaries and make such decisions with regard thereto as the Executive Committee shall in its absolute discretion think fit, and refer such matters as it thinks fit to the Board of the Company for consideration, approval and / or ratification, if necessary; and to
- report to the Board on its decisions, and any matters in respect of which it considers that action is needed, and its recommendations as to the steps to be taken.

b. **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee was established in 1992 and currently comprises four members who are Independent Non-Executive Directors, namely, Professor WONG Yue Chim Richard (chairman), Mr. Simon MURRAY, Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest and Mr. CHENG Wai Sun Edward, with Mr. FUNG Yee Chung Vincent, the Head of Internal Audit as the secretary and Ms. Lammy LEE as the assistant secretary.

Under its Terms of Reference, the primary duties of the Audit Committee include to:

- make recommendation to the Board on the appointment and removal of external auditor and to assess their independence and performance;
- review the effectiveness of financial reporting processes and internal control systems of the Group and to monitor the integrity thereof;
- review the completeness, accuracy and fairness of the Company's financial statements before submission to the Board;
- review the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the accounting and financial reporting function, and their training programmes and budget;
- consider the nature and scope of internal audit programmes and audit reviews;
- ensure compliance with the applicable accounting standards and legal and regulatory requirements on financial reporting and disclosure; and
- monitor, receive, retain and handle complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters.

Under the Group's whistle-blowing policy, employees may report any concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters to the Audit Committee without fear of dismissal or retaliation, in order to ensure that the Group complies with all the applicable laws and regulations, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices. The Audit Committee will review each complaint and decide on how the investigation should be conducted. In 2009, the Audit Committee received no complaint from employees.

The Audit Committee held two meetings during the year ended 31st December 2009. The following is a summary of work performed by the Audit Committee during 2009:

- (i) reviewed the annual accounts for 2008 and the interim accounts for 2009 with recommendations to the Board for approval;
- (ii) reviewed the significant audit and accounting issues arising from the external auditor's statutory audit of the 2008 annual accounts and issues arising from the review of the 2009 interim accounts;
- (iii) reviewed the assessment of carrying value of the Company's core assets and the property asset located in Tianjin;
- (iv) reviewed the impact of the new and revised accounting standards on the Company;
- (v) reviewed the external auditor's audit strategy and approach;

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- (vi) reviewed the draft policy for engagement of the external auditors to supply non-audit services with a recommendation to the Board for the approval;
 - (vii) reviewed the Internal Audit Department's audit objectives and approval of the annual Internal Audit Plan;
 - (viii) reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Internal Audit Department on the audits carried out on the principal activities of the Group during 2008;
 - (ix) reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control systems;
 - (x) reviewed the relevant sections in the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31st December 2008 concerning the Audit Committee;
 - (xi) reviewed the adequacy of the resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the accounting and financial reporting function, and their training programmes and budget;
 - (xii) reviewed the continuing connected transactions and their annual caps; and
 - (xiii) reviewed the continuous implementation of the whistle-blowing policy.

The minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are prepared by the secretary of the Audit Committee with details of all matters considered by the attendees and of decisions reached, including any concerns raised by the attendees and dissenting views expressed. The final version of the minutes is sent to the attendees for their records. The minutes are open for inspection by the Committee members and the Board members.

c. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee was established in 2005 and currently comprises Mr. TUNG Chee Chen (Chairman) and two Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, Professor WONG Yue Chim Richard and Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest, with Ms. Lammy LEE as the secretary of the Remuneration Committee.

The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee include to:

- establish and recommend for the Board's consideration, the Company's policy and structure for emoluments of the Executive Directors, senior management of the Company and employees of the Group including the performance-based bonus scheme;
- review from time to time and recommend for the Board's consideration, the Company's policy and structure for emoluments of the Executive Directors, senior management of the Company and employees of the Group including the performance-based bonus scheme; and to
- review and recommend for the Board's consideration remuneration packages and compensation arrangements for loss of office of Executive Directors and senior management of the Company.

In 2009, the Board accepted the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee:

- (i) that the emoluments of the Executive Directors of the Company for the year 2009 should continue to be comprised of their respective remunerations as determined by reference to market terms, their individual experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company and its subsidiaries (if applicable) and the Executive Directors also participate in a performance-based discretionary bonus scheme determined by reference to the Company's and the individual's performance;
- (ii) the bonus package for the Chairman and the Executive Directors for the year 2008;
- (iii) the emolument of the Non-Executive Director of the Company for the year 2009; and
- (iv) the directors' fee of the Independent Non-Executive Directors and fees for acting as committee members for the year 2009.

No Director is involved in determining his own remuneration.

d. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was established in 1993 and currently comprises Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE (chairman), Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah, Mr. KING Roger and Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest, with Ms. Lammy LEE as the secretary of the Finance Committee.

The primary duties of the Finance Committee include to:

- assist in the financial requirements of the Group including financing, refinancing, leasing, purchase and sale of vessels, properties, equipment and the financing of the business operations of the Group;
- report to the Board on its decisions, and any matters in respect of which it considers that action is needed, and its recommendations as to the steps to be taken; and to
- discuss and review the disclosure obligations of the Company on financial, accounting or related issues on compliance with the Listing Rules and refer transactions with their recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Company for its approval.

e. Share Committee

The Share Committee was established in 1992 and currently comprises Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE (chairman), Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah and Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest, with Ms. Lammy LEE as the secretary of the Share Committee.

The primary duties of the Share Committee include to:

- deal with and grant approval on the removal of the ordinary shares of the Company from the Principal Register in Bermuda to the Branch Register in Hong Kong or vice versa;
- deal with share transactions including, but not limited to, share repurchases, the issue of bonus shares, scrip dividend schemes, top up placings, share subscriptions and the placement of the Company's shares;
- give authorisation to the Company's Principal Registrar and Branch Registrar to issue share certificates to shareholders who have reported loss of share certificates and in connection with the above share transactions; and to
- discuss and review the disclosure obligations of the Company on share transactions and compliance with the Listing Rules.

f. Compliance Committee

The Compliance Committee currently comprises Ms. Lammy LEE (Chairperson), Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE, Mr. MOK Yun Lee Paul and Mr. FUNG Yee Chung Vincent.

The primary duties of the Compliance Committee is to ensure the Company's and its subsidiaries' compliance with disclosure obligations pursuant to the Listing Rules on notifiable transactions, connected transactions and continuing connected transactions, advance to an entity, financial assistance and guarantees to affiliated companies of the Company, disclosure of financial information pursuant to Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules and corporate governance compliance and reporting pursuant to Appendix 14 and Appendix 23 to the Listing Rules.

8. Attendance Records of Board Meetings, Board Committees Meetings and General Meetings

The attendance records of each Director and each member of the six Board Committees are as follows:

	Meetings Attended/Held in 2009							
	Board	Executive Committee	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Finance Committee	Share Committee	Compliance Committee	2008 AGM
No. of meetings held during the year	6	11	2	1	4	—	2	1
Executive Directors								
Mr. TUNG Chee Chen (Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer)	6/6	11/11	—	1/1	—	—	—	1/1
Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah	6/6	11/11	—	—	3/4	—	—	1/1
Mr. Kenneth Gilbert CAMBIE (Chief Financial Officer)	6/6	11/11	—	—	4/4	—	2/2	1/1
Mr. TUNG Lieh Sing Alan	6/6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/1
Non-Executive Director								
Mr. KING Roger	5/6	—	—	—	3/4	—	—	0/1
Independent Non-Executive Directors								
Mr. Simon MURRAY	4/6	—	0/2	—	—	—	—	0/1
Dr. FUNG Kwok King Victor *	1/2	—	1/1	1/1	—	—	—	0/1
Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest	6/6	—	2/2	1/1	4/4	—	—	1/1
Professor WONG Yue Chim Richard	5/6	—	2/2	1/1	—	—	—	0/1
Mr. CHENG Wai Sun Edward **	5/6	—	0/1	—	—	—	—	1/1
Others								
Ms. Lammy LEE (Company Secretary)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2/2	—
Mr. MOK Yun Lee Paul (Group Financial Controller)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2/2	—
Mr. FUNG Yee Chung Vincent (Chief Auditor)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2/2	—
Average attendance rate	86.67%	100%	60%	100%	87.5%	—	100%	66.67%

* retired as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 30th April 2009

** appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 19th March 2009

9. Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules.

All Directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in both the Company's own code and the Model Code for the year ended 31st December 2009.

10. Share Interests of Directors and Senior Management

a) Directors

Directors' interests in the shares of the Company are set out on page 84 of this annual report.

b) Senior Management

As at 31st December 2009, the number of shares of the Company held by the senior management of the Company are as follows:

Name	Number of shares held
Mr. C L TING	5,000
Mr. Peter LENG	—
Mr. Allan WONG	290,000
Mr. Henry WONG	—
Mr. Bosco LOUIE	110,000
Mr. Andy TUNG	—
Mr. Steve SIU	—

11. Emoluments of Directors and Senior Management

a) Emoluments of Directors

The emoluments of the Directors of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2009 are set out on page 134 of this annual report.

b) Emoluments of Senior Management

The emoluments of the senior management of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2009 are set out below:

Emolument bands (US\$)		Number of individuals
		2009
384,601 ~ 448,700	(HK\$3,000,001 ~ HK\$3,500,000)	2
448,701 ~ 512,800	(HK\$3,500,001 ~ HK\$4,000,000)	3
512,801 ~ 576,900	(HK\$4,000,001 ~ HK\$4,500,000)	1
576,901 ~ 641,000	(HK\$4,500,001 ~ HK\$5,000,000)	1
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biographical details of senior management are set out on page 60 of this annual report

B. ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

1. External Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers was re-appointed as the Company's external auditor by shareholders at the 2008 AGM until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

The Company has established a policy on appointment of external auditor in providing non-audit services, setting out the principles by which an external auditor may be appointed to provide non-audit services, with a view to ensuring the independence of the external auditor.

The fee in respect of audit and non-audit services provided by the external auditors to the Company for the year ended 31st December 2009 is set out on page 137 note 11 to the consolidated accounts of this annual report.

2. Directors' and Auditor's acknowledgement

All Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2009.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, the auditor of the Company, acknowledges the reporting responsibilities in the auditor's report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2009.

3. Internal Controls

The Board is responsible for maintaining sound and effective internal control systems for the Group, and through the Audit Committee, conducts reviews of the effectiveness of such systems at least annually, covering all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions. The process used in reviewing the effectiveness of these internal control systems includes discussion with management on risk areas identified by management of the Company and principal divisions and review of significant issues arising from internal and external audits. The Company's internal control systems comprise a well established organisational structure and comprehensive policies and standards. Procedures have been designed to safeguard assets against unauthorised use or disposition, to maintain proper accounting records, for assurance of the reliability of financial information for internal use or publication, and to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The purpose of the Company's internal control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss and to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure in operational systems and achievement of the Company's objectives.

The Board has established the following measures to provide effective internal controls:

- A distinct organisational structure for each principal division with defined authority responsibilities and control/measures.
- An annual budget for each principal division allocating resources in accordance with identified and prioritised business opportunities. The annual budget for each principal division is approved by the Board on an annual basis.
- A comprehensive management accounting system for each principal division to provide financial and operational performance indicators to the relevant management, and financial information for reporting and disclosure purposes. Actual operational results are measured against budget each month. Detailed forecasts for the year and long-term forecasts of profit and loss, cash flow and balance sheets are regularly reviewed and updated. Variances to budget are analysed and explained and appropriate action taken, if necessary.
- Systems and procedures are in place to identify, measure, manage and control risks including business, compliance, operational, financial and information services risks that may have an impact on the Group and each principal division. Exposure to these risks is monitored by the Executive Committee and the management of the respective principal divisions.
- Clearly defined procedures are in place for the control of capital and major expenditure commitments, off-balance sheet financial instruments and the supervision, control and review of the investment portfolio.
- The Internal Audit Department performs independent reviews of the risks and controls identified to provide reasonable assurance to management of the Company and principal divisions and the Audit Committee that controls have been set in place and adequately addressed.

The internal audit function, which is centrally controlled, monitors compliance with policies and standards as well as the effectiveness of internal control structures across the Company and the Group. To preserve the independence of the internal audit function, the Head of Internal Audit reports functionally to the Audit Committee whose chairman is an Independent Non-Executive Director who has direct access to the Board. Using a risk-based approach, the Internal Audit Department plans its internal audit schedules annually in consultation with, but independent of, management of the Company and the principal divisions. The Internal Audit Department has unrestricted access to information that allows it to review all aspects of the Group's risk management, control and governance processes. Independent reviews of different financial, business and functional operations and activities are conducted with audit resources being focused on high risk areas. Ad hoc reviews are also conducted on areas of concern identified by the Audit Committee and management of the Company and the principal divisions. The management of the Company and the relevant principal divisions including the affected subsidiary are notified of the deficiencies noted for rectification, and the Internal Audit Department follows up with the implementation of audit recommendations.

The Audit Committee on behalf of the Board assesses the effectiveness of the internal control system including detecting fraud and other irregularities by reviewing the Internal Audit Department's work and findings. On a yearly basis, the Internal Audit Department summarises the major audit findings and other relevant information that have come to the Internal Audit Department's attention during the course of the audits and reports to the Audit Committee.

According to the 2009 Internal Audit report, the Group's internal control system is functioning effectively and there was no significant weakness found in the course of the audits carried out during the year. The Audit Committee has concluded that the Group has maintained sound and effective internal controls to safeguard the Group's assets, and there is an ongoing process in place for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group. The Board, therefore, is of the view that there are no suspected frauds, irregularities, internal control deficiencies or suspected infringement of laws, rules and regulations that cause the Board to believe that the systems of internal control are ineffective or inadequate, and there are no significant areas of concern which may affect shareholders. The Board is satisfied that the Company and the Group have fully complied with the code provisions on internal control as set forth in the SEHK Code for the year ended 31st December 2009.

To ensure on-going compliance with the newly amended CG Code, the Audit Committee reviewed the adequacy of staffing of the financial reporting function on behalf of the Board and was satisfied with the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of the staff of the accounting and financial reporting function, and their training programmes and budget.

The Company has implemented the following procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of price sensitive information:-

- a) it monitors any price sensitive information and makes appropriate announcement as required by the Listing Rules;
- b) it conducts its affairs by reference to the "Guide on disclosure of price-sensitive information" issued by the Stock Exchange;
- c) it has established procedures for handling external affairs about the Group; and
- d) it has established guidelines to be followed by senior management and employees in dealing with confidential and insider information.

C. COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Company attaches great importance to communications with shareholders. Extensive information on the Group's activities, business strategies and developments is provided in the Company's annual reports and interim reports. Shareholders of the Company are encouraged to attend the annual general meetings of the Company which offer a valuable forum for dialogue and interaction with management. The Chairman of the Board and the chairman of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee, or in their absence, another member of the relevant committee, are available at the annual general meetings to answer questions from shareholders on the business of the Group. A separate resolution is proposed by the Chairman in respect of each issue at the general meetings.

The most recent shareholders' meeting of the Company was the 2008 AGM held at the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 30th April 2009, at which the following ordinary resolutions were passed with the voting results as follows:-

Ordinary Resolutions		Number of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To consider and adopt the audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditor for the year ended 31st December 2008.	488,338,631 (99.973079%)	131,500 (0.026921%)
2.	To declare a final dividend of US4.5 cents (HK\$0.35) for the year ended 31st December 2008.	496,576,583 (99.999386%)	3,050 (0.000614%)
3(a).	To re-elect Mr. CHANG Tsann Rong Ernest as Director.	488,862,242 (98.444602%)	7,723,890 (1.555398%)
3(b).	To re-elect Mr. CHOW Philip Yiu Wah as Director.	494,505,902 (99.551805%)	2,226,330 (0.448195%)
3(c).	To re-elect Mr. CHENG Wai Sun Edward as Director.	494,871,663 (99.654749%)	1,714,470 (0.345251%)
4.	To authorise the Board of Directors to fix the Directors' remuneration.	496,310,478 (99.999998%)	10 (0.000002%)
5.	To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditor and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration.	493,897,920 (99.519605%)	2,384,113 (0.480395%)
6(a).	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with the Company's shares.	447,550,753 (90.125504%)	49,035,379 (9.874496%)
6(b).	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Company's shares.	496,296,128 (99.999798%)	1,005 (0.000202%)
6(c).	To extend the general mandate to issue shares to cover the shares repurchased by the Company under Resolution 6(b) above.	452,021,713 (91.102812%)	44,144,874 (8.897188%)
Special Resolution		Number of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
7.	To amend the Company's Bye-laws.	496,152,497 (99.998387%)	8,005 (0.001613%)

Shareholders who wish to put forward proposals at shareholders' meetings or who have enquiries to put to the Board of the Company may write to the Company Secretary at 33rd Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The procedures for shareholders to convene a special general meeting are available on our website or on request to the Company Secretary in writing.

D. INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company continues to promote and enhance investor relations and communication with its investors. The Company's investor relations team maintains regular dialogue with institutional investors, analysts and fund managers to keep them abreast of the Group's development.

Shareholders, investors and members of the public are able to access up-to-date corporate information and events related to the Group on the Company's website.

1. Shareholdings Information

As at 31st December 2009:

Authorised share capital: US\$205,000,000, comprising 900,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.1 each, 65,000,000 convertible redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each and 50,000,000 redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each.

Issued and fully-paid up capital: US\$62,579,329.7 comprising 625,793,297 ordinary shares of US\$0.1 each.

Details of the shareholding of the ordinary shares of the Company by category as at 31st December 2009 are as follows:

Category	Number of Shareholders	Shareholders % of total	Number of Shares
Corporate	34	3.1746%	619,161,871
Untraceable Shareholders registered in name of Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited	1	0.0934%	2,740
Individual	1,036	96.7320%	6,628,686
Total	1,071	100.00%	625,793,297

Details of the shareholding of the ordinary shares of the Company by range as at 31st December 2009 are as follows:

Number of Shares held	Number of Shareholders	Shareholders % of total
1 – 10,000	993	92.7171%
10,001 – 100,000	65	6.0691%
100,001 – 1,000,000	8	0.7470%
1,000,001 or above	5	0.4668%
Total	1,071	100.00%

2. Public Float

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the percentage of its public float exceeds 25% as at 31st December 2009.

3. Financial Calendar

Important dates for the coming financial year are set out on page 61 of this annual report.

4. Changes in the Company's Bye-laws

At the 2008 AGM, it was resolved to amend the Company's Bye-laws to allow the Company's shareholders (including a recognised clearing house or its nominee) to appoint multiple proxies to attend and vote on their behalf at any general meeting of the Company.