

**PRESS RELEASE**
**Swire Pacific Limited**  
**Financial Highlights**

	Note	Six months ended		Year ended
		30th June		31st December
		2005	2004	2004
		HK\$M	HK\$M	HK\$M
Turnover	3	<b>8,988</b>	8,398	18,324
Operating profit		<b>7,667</b>	2,664	20,864
Profit attributable to Company's shareholders		<b>7,326</b>	3,004	18,705
Total equity (including minority interests)		<b>90,694</b>	69,619	85,248
Consolidated net borrowings		<b>8,518</b>	7,805	8,262
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Earnings per share	1			
'A' shares		<b>4.79</b>	1.96	12.22
'B' shares		<b>0.96</b>	0.39	2.44
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Dividends per share				
'A' shares		<b>0.600</b>	0.580	2.000
'B' shares		<b>0.120</b>	0.116	0.400
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders per share				
'A' shares		<b>55.36</b>	42.21	51.70
'B' shares		<b>11.07</b>	8.44	10.34

**Notes:**

- Earnings per share have been calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.
- These financial highlights have reflected the impact of the adoption of the new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards since 1st January 2005. Comparatives have been restated.
- No valuation of the investment property portfolio was carried out at 30th June 2004, and no corresponding adjustment has been made for the six months period ending on that date.

**Underlying Profits**

	Six months ended		Year ended
	30th June		31st December
	2005	2004	2004
	HK\$M	HK\$M	HK\$M
Underlying operating profit	<b>2,585</b>	2,575	5,157
Underlying profit attributable to the Company's shareholders	<b>3,261</b>	2,930	6,538
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Underlying earnings per share ('A' shares)	<b>2.13</b>	1.91	4.27
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders per share ('A' shares)	<b>61.13</b>	45.51	56.84

Separate statements reconciling the profit per accounts, underlying profit and profit as reported under the previous accounting standards are provided in the Financial Review section. The reconciliation between equity attributable to Company's shareholders per accounts and underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders is also provided.

# Swire Pacific Limited

## Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the six months ended 30th June 2005 - unaudited

	Note	Six months ended		Year ended	
		30th June		31st December	
		2005	2004	2004	
		HK\$M	HK\$M	HK\$M	
			(Restated)	(Restated)	
Turnover	5	<b>8,988</b>	8,398	18,324	
Cost of sales		<b>(5,136)</b>	(4,762)	(10,458)	
Gross profit		<b>3,852</b>	3,636	7,866	
Other income		<b>954</b>	586	654	
Distribution costs		<b>(1,087)</b>	(968)	(2,035)	
Administrative expenses		<b>(527)</b>	(503)	(988)	
Other operating expenses		<b>(109)</b>	(87)	(253)	
Change in fair value of investment properties		<b>4,584</b>	-	15,620	
Operating profit	6	<b>7,667</b>	2,664	20,864	
Finance charges		<b>(389)</b>	(688)	(999)	
Finance income		<b>15</b>	16	33	
Net finance charges	7	<b>(374)</b>	(672)	(966)	
Share of profits less losses of jointly controlled companies		<b>419</b>	257	978	
Share of profits less losses of associated companies		<b>1,181</b>	1,171	2,795	
Profit before taxation		<b>8,893</b>	3,420	23,671	
Taxation	8	<b>1,152</b>	205	3,462	
Profit for the period		<b>7,741</b>	3,215	20,209	
Attributable to :					
Company's shareholders		<b>7,326</b>	3,004	18,705	
Minority interests		<b>415</b>	211	1,504	
		<b>7,741</b>	3,215	20,209	
Dividends					
Interim - proposed/paid		<b>919</b>	888	888	
Final - proposed		<b>-</b>	-	2,174	
		<b>919</b>	888	3,062	
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Earnings per share for profit attributable to Company's shareholders (basic and diluted)	9				
'A' shares		<b>4.79</b>	1.96	12.22	
'B' shares		<b>0.96</b>	0.39	2.44	
		<b>2005</b>	2004		
		Interim	Interim	Final	Total
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Dividends per share					
'A' shares		<b>0.600</b>	0.580	1.420	2.000
'B' shares		<b>0.120</b>	0.116	0.284	0.400

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## Consolidated Balance Sheet

at 30th June 2005 - unaudited

		30th June <u>2005</u> HK\$M	31st December 2004 HK\$M (Restated)
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		6,546	6,463
Investment properties		78,714	74,396
Leasehold land and land use rights		672	591
Intangible assets		18	-
Jointly controlled companies		3,619	3,809
Associated companies		19,157	18,336
Available-for-sale investments		446	299
Long-term receivables		25	14
Derivative financial instruments		32	-
Deferred expenditure		98	28
Deferred tax assets		23	15
Retirement benefit assets		160	163
		<u>109,510</u>	<u>104,114</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Properties for sale		985	874
Stocks and work in progress		1,317	1,236
Trade and other receivables	10	2,594	2,059
Derivative financial instruments		23	-
Short-term deposits and bank balances		1,257	1,500
		<u>6,176</u>	<u>5,669</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	4,020	3,952
Provisions		1,534	2,228
Taxation		264	223
Derivative financial instruments		38	-
Bank overdrafts and short-term loans - unsecured		1,831	2,635
Long-term loans and bonds due within one year		1,048	11
		<u>8,735</u>	<u>9,049</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(2,559)</u>	<u>(3,380)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>106,951</u>	<u>100,734</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Perpetual capital securities		4,644	4,639
Long-term loans and bonds		2,366	2,570
Derivative financial instruments		48	-
Deferred tax liabilities		8,951	8,034
Deferred liabilities		91	111
Retirement benefit liabilities		157	132
		<u>16,257</u>	<u>15,486</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>90,694</u>	<u>85,248</u>
<b>Equity attributable to Company's shareholders</b>			
Share capital		919	919
Reserves	12	83,832	78,238
		<u>84,751</u>	<u>79,157</u>
<b>Minority interests</b>		<u>5,943</u>	<u>6,091</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>90,694</u>	<u>85,248</u>

## Notes to the condensed consolidated accounts

### 1. Segment Information

(a) Primary reporting format - business segments by division:

	The Company and its subsidiaries		Jointly controlled companies	Associated companies	Group			
	Turnover HK\$M	Operating profit HK\$M	Net finance charges HK\$M	Share of profits less losses HK\$M	Share of profits less losses HK\$M	Profit before taxation HK\$M	Profit for the period HK\$M	Profit attributable to shareholders HK\$M
<b>Six months ended 30th June 2005</b>								
Property								
Property investment	2,203	1,567	(201)	16	7	1,389	1,219	1,047
Property trading	187	61		(19)		42	27	5
Interest on land premium			(158)			(158)	(130)	(130)
Sale of investment properties	501	89				89	149	149
Hotels				21	41	62	62	62
Valuation gains on investment properties from								
- change in fair value		4,584		30	5	4,619	3,816	3,654
- transfer to finance cost		158				158	130	130
- write-back of provision for land premium		692				692	571	571
	<b>2,891</b>	<b>7,151</b>	<b>(359)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>5,844</b>	<b>5,488</b>
Aviation								
Airline services and airline catering								
Cathay Pacific Group					722	722	722	722
Hong Kong Dragon Airlines					15	15	15	15
Aircraft engineering					130	130	130	130
Cargo handling					127	127	127	85
	-	-	-	-	<b>994</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>952</b>
Beverages								
Hong Kong	604	52				52	42	39
Taiwan	487	30	(2)			28	21	17
USA	1,364	118	(6)			112	93	93
Mainland China		(38)		118		80	80	70
Central costs		(15)				(15)	(14)	(14)
	<b>2,455</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>118</b>	-	<b>257</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>205</b>
Marine Services								
Ship repair, land engineering and harbour towage				23		23	23	23
Container handling				57	134	191	191	191
Shipowning and operating	714	154	(21)	77		210	205	205
	<b>714</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>419</b>
Trading & Industrial								
Car distribution	2,056	141	(1)			140	105	105
Shoe and apparel distribution	743	68		1		69	52	52
Waste services				35		35	35	35
Beverage can supply				26		26	26	26
Paint supply				34		34	34	34
Other activities	148	(7)	1			(6)	(6)	(6)
	<b>2,947</b>	<b>202</b>	-	<b>96</b>	-	<b>298</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>246</b>
Head Office	16	13	14	-	-	27	16	16
Inter-segment elimination	(35)							
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,988</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>(374)</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>8,893</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>7,326</b>

Sales between business segments are accounted for at competitive market prices charged to unaffiliated customers for similar goods and services.

(b) Secondary reporting format - geographical segments:

	Turnover			Operating profit		
	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M
Hong Kong	3,966	4,151	7,518	7,143	2,292	19,300
Asia (excluding Hong Kong)	2,758	2,221	4,608	188	88	256
North America	1,550	1,383	4,901	182	124	1,000
Shipowning and operating	714	643	1,297	154	160	308
	<b>8,988</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>18,324</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>20,864</b>

The activities of the Swire Pacific group are based mainly in Hong Kong. Ship owning and operating activities are carried out internationally and cannot be attributed to specific geographical areas.

(a) Primary reporting format - business segments by division (continued):

	The Company and its subsidiaries		Jointly controlled companies		Associated companies	Group		
	Turnover HK\$M	Operating profit HK\$M	Net finance charges HK\$M	Share of profits less losses HK\$M	Share of profits less losses HK\$M	Profit before taxation HK\$M	Profit for the period HK\$M	Profit attributable to shareholders HK\$M
<b>Six months ended 30th June 2004</b>								
<b>Property</b>								
Property investment	2,044	1,447	(40)	10		1,417	1,242	1,087
Property trading	274	98		(12)		86	75	75
Interest on land premium			(459)			(459)	(379)	(379)
Sale of investment properties	766	245				245	316	316
Hotels				7	39	46	46	46
Valuation gains on investment properties from								
- change in fair value								
- transfer to finance cost		500				500	412	412
	<b>3,084</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>(499)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,557</b>
<b>Aviation</b>								
Airline services and airline catering								
Cathay Pacific Group					764	764	764	764
Hong Kong Dragon Airlines					28	28	28	28
Aircraft engineering					104	104	104	104
Cargo handling					120	120	120	80
	-	-	-	-	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>976</b>
<b>Beverages</b>								
Hong Kong	626	47				47	40	37
Taiwan	501	27	(2)			25	25	20
USA	1,306	101	(4)			97	55	55
Mainland China		(38)		104		66	66	58
Central costs		(16)				(16)	(16)	(16)
	<b>2,433</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Marine Services</b>								
Ship repair, land engineering and harbour towage				18		18	18	18
Container handling				45	116	161	161	161
Shipowning and operating	643	160	(4)	12		168	164	164
	<b>643</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>Trading &amp; Industrial</b>								
Car distribution	1,579	68	1			69	51	51
Shoe and apparel distribution	538	47		4		51	40	40
Waste services				37		37	37	37
Beverage can supply				23		23	23	23
Paint supply				9		9	9	9
Other activities	133	15	2			17	17	17
	<b>2,250</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>177</b>
Head Office	<b>23</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>(166)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(203)</b>	<b>(203)</b>	<b>(203)</b>
Inter-segment elimination	<b>(35)</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>(672)</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>3,004</b>

## **2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies**

The unaudited condensed consolidated accounts have been prepared on a basis consistent with the principal accounting policies adopted in the 2004 annual accounts apart from the adoption of the new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") (collectively the "HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2005. The changes to the group's accounting policies and the effect of adopting these new standards are set out in note 3 below.

The condensed consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the HKAS 34 "Interim Financial Reports" issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

## **3. Changes in accounting standards**

The group's accounting policies remain consistent as set out more fully in the 2004 annual accounts, with the exceptions of those policies detailed below following the adoption of the new HKFRSs.

### **(i) Investment properties**

Following the adoption of HKAS 40 "Investment property", changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in the profit and loss account. Previously the group had recorded such fair value changes in the property valuation reserve. In addition, Hong Kong Accounting Standard Interpretation ("HKAS-Int") 21 now requires deferred taxation to be calculated, using profits tax rates, as opposed to using capital gain tax rates, on these surpluses and deficits.

The adoption of the new HKAS 40 and HKAS-Int 21 has been applied retrospectively and comparatives presented have been restated to conform to the changed policy. Opening revenue reserves at 1st January 2004 and 2005 have been increased by HK\$14,651 million and HK\$26,818 million respectively. Profit for the six months ended 30th June 2004 and for the year ended 31st December 2004 have been increased by HK\$74 million and HK\$12,167 million respectively.

### **(ii) Leasehold land**

The adoption of HKAS 17 "Leases" has resulted in a change in the accounting policy relating to the reclassification of leasehold land from property, plant and equipment to operating leases. The up-front prepayments made for the leasehold land are expensed in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease or where there is impairment, the impairment is expensed in the profit and loss account. In prior years, the leasehold land was accounted for at fair value or cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment. Apart from certain presentational changes with comparatives restated, this change in accounting policy does not have any material effect on the accounts.

(iii) Financial assets and liabilities

The adoption of HKAS 32 "Financial instruments: disclosure and presentation" and HKAS 39 "Financial instruments: recognition and measurement" has resulted in a change in the accounting policy relating to the classification of financial assets and liabilities and their measurements.

Financial assets are now classified into two categories: loans and receivables and available for sale investments. Loan and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method whereas previously they were carried at cost. Available-for-sale investments are carried at fair value with any unrealised gains and losses recognised in equity. While there is no change in their measurement basis and the treatment of subsequent fair value changes, available-for-sale investments were previously classified as investment securities.

Borrowings are now recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction cost incurred. They are subsequently stated at amortised cost with any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value recognised in the profit and loss account over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest method or at fair value through profit and loss. Borrowings were previously carried at cost.

This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively and comparatives presented have been restated to conform to the changed policy. Opening revenue reserve as at 1 January 2004 and 2005 have been decreased by HK\$16 million and by HK\$22 million respectively. Profit for the six months ended 30th June 2004 and for the year ended 31st December 2004 have been decreased by HK\$22 million and HK\$6 million respectively.

(iv) Derivative financial instruments

Following the adoption of HKAS 32 and HKAS 39, derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The group designates certain derivatives as either: (1) hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedge) or (2) hedges of highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedges).

The group documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

(a) Fair value hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in the profit and loss account, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

(b) Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recognised in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

Amounts accumulated in equity are recycled in the profit and loss account in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss. However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a liability, the gains and losses previously deferred in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the profit and loss account. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to the profit and loss account.

(c) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge account

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

In previous years, derivative financial instruments were not separately recorded in the financial statements. The adoption of the new HKAS 39 represents a change in accounting policy. As a result of this change, the opening revenue reserve and cash flow hedge reserve at 1st January 2005 have been decreased by HK\$114 million and increased by HK\$80 million respectively. Comparatives have not been restated.

(v) Goodwill

Following the adoption of HKFRS 3 "Business combinations", HKAS 36 "Impairment of assets" and HKAS 38 "Intangible assets", goodwill on acquisition of subsidiary, jointly controlled and associated companies is no longer amortised but tested for impairment annually as opposed to being amortised over its estimated useful life in previous years. Any impairment loss recognised during the period is charged to the profit and loss account. This change in accounting policy has been applied prospectively from 1st January 2005 and amortisation of goodwill ceased on 31st December 2004. Goodwill previously eliminated against reserves, totalling HK\$3,274 million as at 1st January 2005, is not reinstated on the balance sheet or included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal of subsidiary, jointly controlled and associated company.

(vi) Associated companies

The group no longer accounts for the indirect interest in an associated company through another associated company under HKAS 28 "Investments in associates". This change in accounting



policy has been applied retrospectively and comparatives presented have been restated to conform to the changed policy. The opening revenue reserves at 1 January 2004 and 2005 have been increased by HK\$46 million. Profit for the six months ended 30 June 2004 and for the year ended 31st December 2004 have not been materially affected. Comparatives have been restated.

(vii) Presentational changes

Apart from certain presentational changes with comparatives restated, the adoption of the following new HKFRSs does not have any material effects on the accounts:

- (a) HKAS 1 "Presentation of financial statements" has affected the presentation of minority interest, share of net after-tax results of jointly controlled and associated companies and other disclosures.
- (b) HKAS 24 has affected the disclosures of related-party transactions.

(viii) The effects of the changes in accounting standards on the opening reserves at 1st January 2005, the profit attributable to Company's shareholders and earnings per share are summarised below:

	Increase / (decrease) in reserves at 1st January	Increase / (decrease) in attributable profit		Increase / (decrease) in earnings per share ('A' shares)	
		Year ended 31st December	Six months ended 30th June	Year ended 31st December	Six months ended 30th June
		2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$
Investment properties	<b>(7,862)</b>	12,167	74	7.95	0.05
Financial instruments	<b>(56)</b>	(6)	(22)	-	(0.02)
Associated companies	<b>46</b>	-	-	-	-
	<b>(7,872)</b>	12,161	52	7.95	0.03

#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements used in preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant effect on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities include those related to investment properties, impairment of assets, income taxes and retirement benefit obligations.

## 5. Turnover

Turnover represents sales by the Company and its subsidiary companies to outside customers and comprises revenue from:

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December	
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2005 HK\$M
Gross rental income	2,162	2,000	3,975	
Charter hire income	714	643	1,297	
Sales of development properties	187	274	2,506	
Sales of investment properties	501	766	766	
Rendering of other services	43	54	108	
Sales of goods	5,381	4,661	9,672	
	<b>8,988</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>18,324</b>	

## 6. Operating profit

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December	
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2005 HK\$M
<b>Operating profit has been arrived at after charging:</b>				
Cost of stocks sold	3,601	3,227	7,768	
Cost of investment properties sold	412	520	520	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	263	262	528	
Staff costs	1,162	1,114	2,137	
Operating lease rentals				
Land and buildings	71	68	140	
Other equipment	14	15	25	
Amortisation of deferred expenditure	9	21	42	
Impairment losses on:				
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	21	
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	15	
Stocks and work in progress	21	18	48	
Losses from transactions not qualifying as hedges	11	-	-	
Other exchange differences	4	-	4	
<b>and after crediting:</b>				
Gross rental income	2,162	2,000	3,975	
Less: Outgoings	449	427	903	
Net rental income	1,713	1,573	3,072	
Charter hire income	714	643	1,297	
Profit on sale of a subsidiary company	21	-	-	
Profit on sale of shares in jointly controlled and associated companies	-	44	44	
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	6	32	32	
Profit on sale of investment properties	89	245	245	
Valuation gains on investment properties from				
- Change in fair value	4,584	-	15,620	
- Transfer to finance cost	158	500	500	
- write-back of provision for land premium	692	-	-	
Gains on fair value hedges	60	-	-	

## 7. Net finance charges

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M
<b>Interest charged on:</b>			
Bank loans and overdrafts	37	31	65
Other loans and bonds	239	263	533
Other borrowing costs	10	12	29
Land premium	158	500	500
Fair value gains on financial instruments:			
Interest rate swap: cash flow hedges, transfer from equity	1	-	-
Interest rate swap: fair value hedges	1	-	-
Interest rate swap: not qualifying as hedges	(33)	-	-
Deferred into properties under development for sale Capitalised on	(11)	(16)	(24)
- investment properties	(4)	(102)	(102)
- vessels	(9)	-	(2)
	<b>389</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Interest income on:</b>			
Short-term deposits and bank balances	(1)	(7)	(13)
Other loans	(14)	(9)	(20)
	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>(33)</b>
	<b>374</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>966</b>

## 8. Taxation

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M
Current taxation			
Hong Kong profits tax	110	150	190
Overseas taxation	118	87	491
Under/(over)-provision in respect of previous years	-	11	(3)
Deferred taxation			
Changes in fair value of investment properties	890	15	2,766
Origination and reversal of other temporary differences	34	(58)	18
	<b>1,152</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>3,462</b>

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 17.5% (2004: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. Overseas tax is calculated at tax rates applicable in countries in which the group is assessable for tax.

Share of jointly controlled and associated companies' taxation for the six months ended 30th June 2005 of HK\$71 million (30th June 2004 : HK\$52 million; 31st December 2004: HK\$164 million) and HK\$79 million (30th June 2004 : HK\$192 million; 31st December 2004 : HK\$383 million) respectively are included in the share of profits less losses of jointly controlled and associated companies.

## 9. Earnings per share (basic and diluted)

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit attributable to Company's shareholders for the period ended 30th June 2005 of HK\$7,326 million (30th June 2004: HK\$3,004 million; 31st December 2004: HK\$18,705 million) by the weighted average number of 930,375,385 'A' shares and 3,003,486,271 'B' shares in issue during the period and throughout 2004.

## 10. Trade and other receivables

	30th June <b>2005</b>	31st December <b>2004</b>
	<b>HK\$M</b>	HK\$M
Trade debtors	<b>1,641</b>	1,040
Amounts due from intermediate holding company	<b>1</b>	-
Amounts due from jointly controlled companies	<b>10</b>	11
Amounts due from associated companies	<b>-</b>	66
Other receivables	<b>942</b>	942
	<b><u>2,594</u></b>	<b><u>2,059</u></b>

The aged analysis of trade debtors was as follows:

	30th June <b>2005</b>	31st December <b>2004</b>
	<b>HK\$M</b>	HK\$M
Under three months	<b>1,614</b>	972
Between three and six months	<b>18</b>	49
Over six months	<b>9</b>	19
	<b><u>1,641</u></b>	<b><u>1,040</u></b>

The various group companies have different credit policies, dependent on the requirements of their markets and the businesses which they operate. Aged analyses of debtors are prepared and closely monitored in order to minimise any credit risk associated with receivables.

## 11. Trade and other payables

	30th June <b>2005</b>	31st December <b>2004</b>
	<b>HK\$M</b>	HK\$M
Trade creditors	<b>767</b>	645
Amounts due to intermediate holding company	<b>63</b>	82
Amounts due to jointly controlled companies	<b>5</b>	20
Amounts due to associated companies	<b>-</b>	16
Other payables	<b>3,185</b>	3,189
	<b><u>4,020</u></b>	<b><u>3,952</u></b>

The aged analysis of trade creditors was as follows:

	30th June <b>2005</b>	31st December <b>2004</b>
	<b>HK\$M</b>	HK\$M
Under three months	<b>765</b>	638
Over six months	<b>2</b>	7
	<b><u>767</u></b>	<b><u>645</u></b>

## 12. Reserves

	Revenue reserve (Note (a)) HK\$M	Property valuation reserve HK\$M	Share premium account HK\$M	Capital redemption reserve HK\$M	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$M	Cash flow hedge reserve HK\$M	Total HK\$M
At 1st January 2004							
- As originally stated	51,391	34,680	342	33	232	(602)	86,076
- Changes in accounting standards							
Prior year adjustments on							
- HKAS 32	(22)						(22)
- HKAS 39	(114)					80	(34)
- HKAS 40	33,567	(34,680)					(1,113)
- HKAS 28	46						46
- HKAS Interpretation 21	(6,749)						(6,749)
(Note 3(viii))	26,728	(34,680)	-	-	-	80	(7,872)
- As restated	78,119	-	342	33	232	(522)	78,204
Profit for the period	7,326						7,326
2004 final dividend	(2,174)						(2,174)
Exchange differences on cash flow hedges							
- recognised during the period						481	481
- deferred tax recognised						(64)	(64)
- transferred to the profit and loss account						(12)	(12)
- transferred to initial costs of hedged items						(24)	(24)
Revaluation surplus on available-for-sale investments recognised during the period					89		89
Exchange difference	6						6
At 30th June 2005	83,277	-	342	33	321	(141)	83,832

Note:

- (a) The revenue reserve includes HK\$919 million representing the proposed interim dividend for the period (31st December 2004: HK\$2,174 million representing the proposed final dividend for 2004).

## Financial Review

Additional information is provided below to illustrate the impact and key changes on the group's financial results and positions arising from the adoption of the new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"). These statements set out the reconciliations between profit per accounts, underlying profit and profit as reported under the previous accounting standards in effect until 31st December 2004 (the "Old HKAS") for the periods ending 30th June 2005, 31st December and 30th June 2004. In addition there is a reconciliation between equity attributable to Company's shareholders per accounts and underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders ended on those same dates.

### Reconciliation of Profit Per Accounts, Underlying Profit and Profit Under the Old HKAS for the six months ended 30th June 2005

	HKAS 40 and HKAS-Int 21						Underlying profit HK\$M	HKAS 1 Presentation of financial statements HK\$M (Note 6)	HKAS 32 / HKAS 39 Financial instruments HK\$M (Note 7)	Profit under the Old HKAS HK\$M
	Investment property and deferred tax									
Profit per accounts HK\$M	Sale of property HK\$M (Note 1)	Fair value changes HK\$M (Note 2)	Owner - occupied property HK\$M (Note 3)	Taikoo Shing Interest HK\$M (Note 4)	Write-back of land premium HK\$M (Note 5)					
Turnover	8,988					8,988			8,988	
Cost of sales	(5,136)	349				(4,787)			(4,787)	
Gross profit	3,852	349				4,201			4,201	
Other income	954				(158)	104		(51)	53	
Distribution costs	(1,087)					(1,087)			(1,087)	
Administrative expenses	(527)			3		(524)			(524)	
Other operating expenses	(109)					(109)			(109)	
Change in fair value of investment properties	4,584	(4,681)	97			-			-	
Operating profit	7,667	349	(4,681)	100	(158)	(692)	2,585	(51)	2,534	
Finance charges	(389)					(389)		(32)	(421)	
Finance income	15					15		-	15	
Net finance charges	(374)					(374)		(32)	(406)	
Share of profits less losses of jointly controlled companies	419		(30)			389	71		460	
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	1,181		(5)			1,176	235	(98)	1,313	
Profit before taxation	8,893	349	(4,716)	100	(158)	(692)	3,776	306	3,901	
Taxation	1,152	62	(820)	17	(28)	(121)	262	306	556	
Profit for the period	7,741	287	(3,896)	83	(130)	(571)	3,514	-	3,345	
Attributable to :										
Company's shareholders	7,326	287	(3,732)	81	(130)	(571)	3,261	(169)	3,092	
Minority interests	415		(164)	2		253			253	
	7,741	287	(3,896)	83	(130)	(571)	3,514	-	3,345	
Earnings per share ('A' shares) HK\$	4.79					2.13			2.02	

## Notes:

1. Profit on sale of investment properties  
Under the former accounting policy, when an investment property was sold the amount shown in the profit and loss account represented the difference between the selling price and cost and a transfer was made between profit and loss account and property valuation reserve, representing the difference between cost and the carrying value. Under HKAS 40, the amount shown in the profit and loss account on sale of an investment property is the difference between selling price and carrying value.
2. (a) Change in fair value of investment properties  
This adjustment is the amount by which the group's investment property increased in fair value during the first half of 2005 and the full year of 2004, which hitherto had been credited to the group's property valuation reserve. Under HKAS 40 all movements in fair value are now shown in the profit and loss account, and the cumulative amount of the property valuation reserve as at 31st December 2004 has been transferred to revenue reserves (Note 12 to the Accounts). No valuation of the investment property portfolio was carried out at 30th June 2004, and no corresponding adjustment has been made for the six-month period ended on that date.  
  
(b) Deferred taxation in respect of change in fair value of investment properties  
HKAS Interpretation 21 requires that deferred taxation be provided in respect of valuation surpluses and deficits on leasehold investment property at profits tax rates. This adjustment therefore provides for taxation on the change in fair value of investment properties for the six months ended 30th June 2005 and the year ended 31st December 2004. Capital gains arising on sale of property in Hong Kong are not subject to taxation.
3. Reclassification of owner-occupied investment properties  
Under HKAS 40, the portion of owner-occupied investment properties should be reclassified and accounted for as property, plant and equipment under HKAS 16 and subject to annual depreciation unless that portion of investment properties cannot be sold separately. Prior to 2005 an exemption was applied under the Old HKAS where owner-occupied portion represented less than 15% of the properties.
4. Transfer from property valuation reserve to profit and loss account of finance cost relating to land premium  
This adjustment represents the release of an amount previously charged against the property valuation reserve in relation to the Taikoo Shing Arbitration, but transferred to finance cost when the quantum of premium was determined. For the six months ended 30th June 2005 this amount was HK\$158 million, whilst for the six months ended 30th June 2004 and year ended 31st December 2004 the amount was HK\$500 million, an amount determined at the time a payment on account was made in 2004.
5. Write-back of overprovision of land premium  
This represents the amount of HK\$692 million overprovided in 2000 in respect of the Taikoo Shing Arbitration premium and interest. Under HKAS 40 such a movement must be released in the profit and loss account, where previously it would have been released as a movement in the property valuation reserve.
6. Reclassification of taxation  
The share of profits less losses of jointly controlled and associated companies are shown after tax in accordance with HKAS 1. Previously, tax had been shown separately.
7. Remeasurements of financial liabilities and change in fair value of derivative financial instruments  
This represents the remeasurements of financial liabilities as well as the movements in fair value of those derivative financial instruments which do not qualify as effective hedging instruments. Further details can be found in Note 3 (iii) and (iv) to the Accounts.

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### Reconciliation of Profit Per Accounts, Underlying Profit and Profit Under the Old HKAS For the six months ended 30th June 2004

	HKAS 40 and HKAS-Int 21					Underlying Profit HK\$M	HKAS 1 Presentation of financial statements HK\$M (Note 6)	HKAS 32 Financial instruments HK\$M (Note 7)	Profit under the Old HKAS HK\$M
	Investment property and deferred tax Owner -								
Profit per accounts HK\$M	Sale of property HK\$M (Note 1)	Fair value changes HK\$M (Note 2)	occupied property HK\$M (Note 3)	Taikoo Shing Interest HK\$M (Note 4)					
Turnover	8,398					8,398			8,398
Cost of sales	(4,762)	408				(4,354)			(4,354)
Gross profit	3,636	408				4,044			4,044
Other income	586			(500)		86	22		108
Distribution costs	(968)					(968)			(968)
Administrative expenses	(503)		3			(500)			(500)
Other operating expenses	(87)					(87)			(87)
Change in fair value of investment properties	-					-			-
Operating profit	2,664	408	3	(500)		2,575	22		2,597
Finance charges	(688)					(688)			(688)
Finance income	16					16			16
Net finance charges	(672)					(672)			(672)
Share of profits less losses of jointly controlled companies	257					257	52		309
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	1,171					1,171	192		1,363
Profit before taxation	3,420	408	3	(500)		3,331	244	22	3,597
Taxation	205	73		(88)		190	244		434
Profit for the period	3,215	335	3	(412)		3,141	-	22	3,163
Attributable to :									
Company's shareholders	3,004	335	3	(412)		2,930		22	2,952
Minority interests	211					211			211
	3,215	335	3	(412)		3,141	-	22	3,163
Earnings per share ('A' shares) HK\$	1.96					1.91			1.93

### For the year ended 31st December 2004

Turnover	18,324					18,324			18,324
Cost of sales	(10,458)	408				(10,050)			(10,050)
Gross profit	7,866	408				8,274			8,274
Other income	654			(500)		154	6		160
Distribution costs	(2,035)					(2,035)			(2,035)
Administrative expenses	(988)		5			(983)			(983)
Other operating expenses	(253)					(253)			(253)
Change in fair value of investment properties	15,620		(15,876)	256		-			-
Operating profit	20,864	408	(15,876)	261	(500)	5,157	6		5,163
Finance charges	(999)					(999)			(999)
Finance income	33					33			33
Net finance charges	(966)					(966)			(966)
Share of profits less losses of jointly controlled companies	978		(72)			906	149		1,055
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	2,795		28			2,823	389		3,212
Profit before taxation	23,671	408	(15,920)	261	(500)	7,920	538	6	8,464
Taxation	3,462	73	(2,796)	45	(88)	696	538		1,234
Profit for the period	20,209	335	(13,124)	216	(412)	7,224	-	6	7,230
Attributable to :									
Company's shareholders	18,705	335	(12,296)	206	(412)	6,538		6	6,544
Minority interests	1,504		(828)	10		686			686
	20,209	335	(13,124)	216	(412)	7,224	-	6	7,230
Earnings per share ('A' shares) HK\$	12.22					4.27			4.27



## Financial Review

Reconciliation of Equity Attributable to Company's Shareholders Per Accounts and Underlying Equity Attributable to Company's Shareholders

Underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders ignores the impact of deferred tax on property revaluations required under HKAS 40 and HKAS Int 21.

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	<b>2005</b> <b>HK\$M</b>	2004 HK\$M (Note 1)	2004 HK\$M
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders per accounts	84,751	64,632	79,157
HKAS 40 Adjustments (Net)	8,837	5,040	7,862
Underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders	93,588	69,672	87,019
Underlying minority interests	6,433	5,254	6,544
Underlying total equity	100,021	74,926	93,563
	<b>HK\$</b>	<b>HK\$</b>	<b>HK\$</b>
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders per share ('A' shares)			
- Per accounts	55.36	42.21	51.70
- Underlying	61.13	45.51	56.84

Note 1 :

These adjustments are based on cumulative valuation gains as at 1st January 2004 since no revaluation was carried out at 30th June 2004.

## Credit Analysis

### Net Debt

Equity attributable to Company's shareholders and minority interests at 30th June 2005 totalled HK\$90,694 million (restated as at 31st December 2004: HK\$85,248 million). At 30th June 2005, net borrowings were HK\$8,518 million, compared to HK\$8,262 million at 31st December 2004 (restated).

### Gearing Ratio and Interest Cover

	Note	Six months ended		Year ended
		30th June	2004	31st December
		2005	(restated)	2004
				(restated)
Gearing ratio	1			
- Per accounts		9%	11%	10%
- Underlying		9%	10%	9%
Interest cover-times	2			
- Per accounts		20.50	3.96	21.60
- Underlying		6.91	3.83	5.34
Cash interest cover-times	3			
- Per accounts		19.26	3.37	19.07
- Underlying		6.49	3.26	4.71

### Notes:

- Gearing represents the ratio of net borrowings to total equity (including minority interests).
- Interest cover is calculated by dividing operating profit by net finance charges.
- Cash interest cover is calculated by dividing operating profit by net finance charges and capitalised interest.
- The calculation of underlying operating profit and underlying total equity is shown in the Financial Review section.

### Analysis of Gross Borrowings

At 30th June 2005, 62% of the group's gross borrowings were on a fixed rate basis and 38% were on a floating basis.

### Loan maturity profile

	HK\$M	
Within 1 year	2,878	29%
1 - 2 years	-	-
2 - 5 years	2,176	22%
Over 5 years	4,835	49%
	9,889	100%

### Currency profile

	HK\$M	
Hong Kong Dollar	6,601	67%
United States Dollar	2,959	30%
New Taiwan Dollar	323	3%
Others	6	-
	9,889	100%

### Sources of Finance

At 30th June 2005, committed loan facilities and debt securities amounted to HK\$11,805 million, of which HK\$2,484 million or 21% remained undrawn. In addition, the group has undrawn uncommitted facilities totalling HK\$3,178 million. Sources of funds at 30th June 2005 comprised:

	Available	Drawn	Undrawn
	HK\$M	HK\$M	HK\$M
<b>Committed facilities</b>			
Perpetual Capital Securities	4,663	4,663	-
Fixed/Floating Rate Notes	1,983	1,983	-
Bank and other loans	5,159	2,675	2,484
	11,805	9,321	2,484
<b>Uncommitted facilities</b>			
Money market and others	3,783	605	3,178
<b>Other borrowing costs</b>			
		(37)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		9,889	

# Chairman's Statement

## Consolidated results

The profit attributable to shareholders for the first half of 2005 was HK\$7,326 million. These results reflect the adoption of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards effective 1st January 2005. Underlying attributable profits which adjust for the impact of adopting Hong Kong Accounting Standard 40 and Interpretation 21 on investment properties and income taxes, amounted to HK\$3,261 million, 11% up on the corresponding figure of HK\$2,930 million in the first half of 2004. Improved rental income and good growth in the Beverages, Marine Services and Trading & Industrial Divisions more than compensated for reduced contributions from airline operations and residential sales.

Your directors have today declared interim dividends of HK¢60.0 (2004: HK¢58.0) per 'A' share and HK¢12.0 (2004: HK¢11.6) per 'B' share payable on 4th October 2005 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 22nd September 2005. The share registers will be closed from 16th September to 22nd September, both dates inclusive.

## Operating results

The Property Division had an encouraging first half with higher occupancies and positive rental reversions seen towards the end of the period. A total of 975,000 square feet of additional office space was let during the period taking occupancy to around 90%. Underlying profits for the division, however, declined 4% from HK\$1,483 million to HK\$1,423 million primarily as a result of reduced contributions from sales of residential properties.

The Aviation Division reported a profit attributable to Swire Pacific of HK\$952 million, some 2% lower than in the corresponding period in 2004. This reflects sharply higher fuel prices and a significant reduction in fuel hedging gains. Demand for both passenger and cargo capacity has remained strong enabling yields to be maintained notwithstanding the introduction of new capacity. Contributions from non-airline operations in the division have shown good growth, in particular from aircraft engineering operations in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

The Beverages, Marine Services and Trading & Industrial Divisions' combined profits attributable to Swire Pacific grew 29% to HK\$870 million with particularly strong growth enjoyed by Taikoo Motors, Swire Resources, Swire Pacific Offshore and Beverage operations on the Mainland.

## Finance

The group's financial position remains strong with gearing of 9% at 30th June 2005, and interest cover of 20.5 for the half year. Committed but undrawn facilities totalled HK\$2,484 million. Since 30th June, Swire Properties has agreed to make a final payment in respect of the Taikoo Shing land premium in an amount of HK\$1,531 million.

## Corporate governance and financial reporting

The group has adopted the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards in presenting these interim accounts. Detailed analysis of the impact on these financial statements is provided in the Financial Review.

## Prospects

With only limited new supply and growing demand, office rentals and occupancies are likely to continue their upward trend. The second half will also see a pick-up in profits from strong sales of residential apartments in Miami.

Prospects for the Aviation Division are more mixed with the likelihood of continued high fuel prices restricting profit growth.

With buoyant offshore oil services demand and continued high consumer spending across the region, profits from the other divisions are expected to be strong in the second half.

On 30th July 2005, the Company's offer to sell its entire 17.62% interest in Modern Terminals Limited ("MTL") for a total consideration of HK\$2,900 million was accepted by two of the other shareholders of MTL pursuant to the provisions on pre-emption rights contained in its articles of association.

## David Turnbull

Chairman  
Hong Kong, 11th August 2005

## **Review of Operations**

### **Property Division**

#### **Hong Kong investment property**

Gross rental income for the half year to 30th June 2005 amounted to HK\$2,166 million, compared with HK\$2,002 million for the corresponding period in 2004. Income from the office portfolio was slightly lower than in 2004 as reversionary office rents were in general still negative in the first half of the year. However, occupancy increased from 82% (excluding Three Pacific Place) at the end of 2004 to around 90%. Three Pacific Place is now approximately 60% leased. With demand remaining strong rental levels are expected to continue to rise across the portfolio.

Retail rental income was higher than for the same period in 2004. Mainland tourist purchases have continued to lead a broad-based rise in retail sales.

The result for the half-year includes non-recurring gross rental income of HK\$136 million, representing a change in the accounting treatment for rent-free periods. In prior years, rent-free periods were accounted for on a cash basis as they occurred in individual leases. With effect from 1st January 2005 these rent-free periods are recognised evenly over the committed terms of individual leases. The effect of this treatment is to bring into income, for the first half of 2005, HK\$136 million which would otherwise have been recognised in future years.

Site formation work has almost been completed at 16 Westlands Road and the contract for construction of foundations and superstructure is expected to be awarded shortly, for completion in 2008. On completion the project will consist of an office building of approximately 1,550,000 square feet.

#### **Valuation of Investment Properties**

The portfolio of investment properties was valued at 30th June 2005 by professionally-qualified executives of the group. As a result of this valuation, Swire Pacific's operating profit increased by HK\$4,584 million, reflecting the continuing recovery in office rentals and benchmarks set by recent transactions in the market.

#### **Hong Kong property trading**

All remaining inventory at Ocean Shores and Tung Chung Crescent was sold in the first half of the year. The development at 2A-2E Seymour Road will proceed once outstanding approvals have been obtained.

#### **Sale of investment properties**

Thirteen units at The Albany were sold in the first half of 2005, and the building is now sold out.

#### **Hotels**

The three hotels at Pacific Place, the JW Marriott, Conrad Hong Kong and Island Shangri-La, have benefited from high occupancy and increased room rates. At the Mandarin Oriental Miami results continue to improve.

#### **Mainland China**

Work has commenced at the Taikoo Hui mixed-use commercial development in Guangzhou, in which Swire Properties has a 97% stake, with completion expected in late 2008. A number of other opportunities on the Mainland are being actively explored.

## **USA**

Construction has been completed at The Carbonell, a 284-unit condominium tower on Brickell Key, Miami. 283 units have been sold, and closings will commence shortly. Work is underway at Asia, a 123-unit condominium tower also on Brickell Key scheduled for completion in the first half of 2007. The project is around 88% sold. All units at Jade Residences have now been handed over to purchasers.

## **Taikoo Shing arbitration**

The claim by the Hong Kong SAR Government Lands Department for land premium in relation to the Cityplaza Four, Cityplaza Three and Cityplaza One office towers was upheld in an arbitration award announced in January 2001. In July 2003 the Court of Final Appeal refused to grant Swire Properties leave to appeal on a point of law. Following a fresh hearing held in February 2004, the arbitrator determined that the valuation dates for the purpose of quantifying the amount of land premium on the office towers should be the dates on which occupation permits were issued for each of the buildings, and that interest should be calculated at two-thirds of HIBID from those valuation dates.

Swire Properties and the Lands Department have been engaged in discussions to settle land premium figures for the Cityplaza office towers at the respective valuation dates. Those discussions have now concluded and the amount of land premium has been agreed to be HK\$2,900 million.

Interest at two-thirds of HIBID from the relevant valuation dates to early September 2005 is calculated to be HK\$658 million, of which HK\$500 million was charged to profit and loss account in 2004 and the balance of HK\$158 million in the first half of 2005. The total amount of premium and premium interest payable in relation to the Cityplaza office towers assuming a payment date in early September 2005 is now estimated to be HK\$3,558 million. Swire Properties made a payment on account of premium to Government in an amount of HK\$2,027 million in August 2004. A further payment of approximately HK\$1,531 million is expected to be made in early September 2005, representing the balance of premium and premium interest.

An amount of HK\$4,250 million was provided in the Swire Pacific group accounts for the year ended 31st December 2000 in relation to the Cityplaza office towers. This compares with the total amount of HK\$3,558 million now estimated. The balance of HK\$692 million remaining from the provision made in 2000 was credited to the profit and loss account in the first half of 2005. Prior to 2005 this amount of overprovision would have been credited to the group's property valuation reserve: following the group's adoption of the new Hong Kong Accounting Standards for the year commencing 1st January 2005, property valuation movements have been shown as part of the group's operating profit for the year.

## Aviation Division

### **Cathay Pacific Airways Limited**

The Cathay Pacific group made a profit of HK\$1,670 million during the first six months of 2005, compared to a profit of HK\$1,771 million in the same period last year. Turnover increased by 21.5% to HK\$23,884 million as the demand for both passenger and cargo services remained strong. However, the cost of fuel, which increased to 27.9% of net operating costs compared to 21.8% last year, dampened the overall result.

Demand for passenger services increased broadly in line with capacity growth. Business travel remained strong and the passenger load factor remained high at 78.1% for the period. Passenger yield increased by 3.3% to HK\$47.2. Demand for cargo services out of Hong Kong also remained strong throughout the period. The amount of cargo carried increased 10.2% to 517,920 tonnes. Cargo yield increased by HK\$0.03 from HK\$1.72 last year.

The benefit accruing from high demand and better yields has been largely offset by high fuel prices which at present show no sign of abating. Passenger and cargo fuel surcharges only partially mitigate the impact of soaring fuel prices.

In January, Cathay Pacific commenced freighter services to Shanghai and is now serving the city 12 times a week. A thrice-weekly passenger service to Xiamen was also introduced in February. A second daily service to Beijing was introduced and a third daily non-stop flight to Los Angeles was added to the summer schedule. The airline also increased services to Amsterdam, Denpasar, Frankfurt, Ho Chi Minh City, Johannesburg, Nagoya and Perth. A new freighter service to Atlanta and Dallas will be introduced later this year.

Cathay Pacific took delivery of a new Boeing B747-400 freighter, one B777-300 and two Airbus A330-300 passenger aircraft in the first six months of the year. An additional A330-300 aircraft will be delivered in the second half of this year and three used B747-400 passenger aircraft and a B747-400 Special Freighter currently undergoing conversion at TAECO, will enter service by the end of the year.

The company's strategic partnership with Air China was further cemented with the signing of accords to code-share on flights and to participate in frequent flyer programmes.

While forward bookings are encouraging, the high price of fuel may make it difficult for the company to achieve a similar result in the second half. Delivering superior service and value for money remains the airline's focus as it continues to expand its network and strengthen Hong Kong as a global aviation hub.

### **AHK Air Hong Kong Limited ("AHK")**

In the first half of 2005 AHK took delivery of two new A300-600 freighters, increasing its fleet to seven. AHK now operates overnight express cargo services to seven destinations in Asia, namely Bangkok, Incheon, Kansai, Narita, Penang, Singapore and Taipei.

With the expansion of its freighter network, capacity has increased by 71.5%. Load factor decreased to 57.1% while yield increased by 4.1% assisted by the focus on the regional express cargo market.

### **Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited ("Dragonair")**

Dragonair recorded lower interim profits in 2005 as a result of the adverse impact of increasing fuel prices.

Passenger revenue increased significantly with the airline carrying 2.4 million passengers, 15.5% higher than last year. Passenger load factor increased by 2.8 percentage points while the passenger yield decreased by 0.6%.

Demand for cargo was robust. 179,931 tonnes of cargo were carried during the period, representing growth of 21.8% over last year. Cargo yield remained stable whilst the cargo load factor decreased by 2.5% points.

In April, the airline commenced its first trans-Pacific freighter service to New York. Two A330s and one A320 joined the fleet in the first six months and as a result Dragonair had a fleet of 33 aircraft at the end of June. One A330 will be delivered in October 2005.

#### **Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company (HAECO)**

The HAECO group achieved an attributable profit of HK\$289 million (2004: HK\$232 million). Profit after tax from Taikoo (Xiamen) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited ("TAECO") and Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited ("HAESL") improved by 26% and 38% respectively and contributions after tax from these businesses totalled HK\$160 million (2004: HK\$119 million).

Aircraft traffic through the Hong Kong International Airport, and consequently HAECO's line maintenance business, continued to show good growth. Demand for heavy maintenance work in Hong Kong and Xiamen continued to be robust, with both facilities fully occupied for most of the period.

Construction of the new two-storey office on the cargo apron and a second hangar at the Hong Kong International Airport are in progress. The two facilities are expected to open in early 2006 and 2007 respectively. The fourth hangar in Xiamen will start operations in November 2005.

The first Boeing B747-400 passenger to freighter aircraft conversion for Cathay Pacific commenced in March at TAECO. The aircraft is scheduled for redelivery before the end of the year.

#### **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals (Hactl)**

Hactl reported 5.6% growth in tonnage for the first half of 2005. Exports and transshipments showed good growth over 2004 while imports were slightly lower.

#### **Cathay Pacific Catering Services Group**

The airline catering group recorded a satisfactory interim profit due to increased meal volumes. However the profit margin declined due to considerable pressure on prices.

The overseas flight kitchens generally performed well in the first half of 2005 although the Vietnam operation was adversely affected by a fall in tourist traffic as a result of the recurrence of avian flu.

#### **Hong Kong Airport Services Limited ("HAS")**

HAS recorded good growth in revenue and interim profit with the increase in traffic at Hong Kong International Airport.

## Beverages Division

The Beverages Division made an attributable profit of HK\$205 million for the half year, compared with a profit of HK\$154 million for the same period last year. The growth in profits was largely driven by improved results in the USA and Mainland China. Year-on-year, total sales volumes grew 12%.

**Hong Kong** experienced a slow start to the year facing the combination of particularly poor weather and competitors seeking to compensate for the weaker demand through price discounting. In addition, material costs in particular for PET packaging were higher than in the same period last year. Tight control of other costs substantially offset higher material costs. The first half closed more positively resulting in slightly improved profits although, overall, sales volume declined 3% compared to the first half of last year.

In **Taiwan**, sales volumes for the first six months fell by 9% compared to the same period last year due to the continuing decline in the carbonated soft drinks ("CSDs") category and delays experienced in the launch of new non-carbonated beverages. Lower financing charges and operating cost savings partly contained the consequential drop in profit. The second half should benefit from new product launches and continued tight control of costs.

The **USA** operations countered the problems of higher material and transportation costs with a combination of better merchandising and pricing strategies and slightly higher sales volumes. Consequently, underlying operating results saw good growth.

The solid performance should continue in the second half assisted by the recent launch of Coke Zero and continued strong demand for the Dr. Pepper portfolio.

The attributable profit from **Mainland China** grew 21% to HK\$70 million driven by 21% growth in sales volume. Overall profit growth was tempered by higher material and operating costs.

The CSDs portfolio remains strong and the non-carbonated portfolio continues to improve. The tea and juice brands have benefited from recent flavour extensions and a broadening of the distribution base to cover all territories. In the second half, sales are expected to be buoyed by new product and line extensions.



## Marine Services Division

The division reported attributable profits for the first half year of HK\$419 million, compared with HK\$343 million for the same period in 2004.

**Swire Pacific Offshore:** The sustained rise in oil price has led to an increase in global exploration activity. This has resulted in higher charter rates for Swire Pacific Offshore's fleet. Forward coverage has also reached a three-year high and the outlook for the second half of 2005 remains positive. Profits in the first half were augmented by the sale of an oil rig by an associated company.

During the first half of 2005 the company sold Atlantic Defender and took delivery of two new anchor-handling vessels. This has increased the fleet to 63 vessels, including eight vessels held by a jointly controlled company. Over the next three years, the company will take delivery of 12 new anchor-handling vessels and four platform supply vessels, of which two are ice-class. The addition of new vessels is a core part of the ongoing plan to reduce the overall age of its fleet and will put the company in a good position to take advantage of market strength. Global reach continues to grow with contracts extended to new locations such as Sakhalin and Mauritania.

**Hongkong United Dockyards Group** reported improved operating profits for all divisions although these were partly offset by increased finance charges. The group has taken delivery of three new tugs during the first six months of 2005, increasing the total fleet size to 31, 13 of which are currently based in Hong Kong.

**Modern Terminals'** throughput for the first half of 2005 increased significantly due to increases in trans-shipments. Profit contributions from the Hong Kong operation and from the investments in container terminals in Mainland China have both increased against the same period last year.

**Shekou Container Terminals (I and II) :** As a result of the continued economic growth in South China, Shekou Container Terminals recorded 12% growth in volume in the first half of 2005. Accordingly, turnover and profit after tax have increased 29% and 27% respectively.

## Trading & Industrial Division

The division reported a half year attributable profit of HK\$246 million, a 39% increase on the first half of 2004.

**Taikoo Motors Taiwan** reported a profit of HK\$105 million in the first half of 2005 compared to HK\$51 million in the same period last year. The company sold 7,608 vehicles, 29% ahead of the same period last year and well above the 13% growth in the overall Taiwan imported car market. Margins have benefited from Taiwan dollar appreciation during the period. The company commenced distribution of VW light commercial vehicles in the first quarter and initial results are encouraging. Sales of Volvo trucks and buses regained momentum in the first half of the year and the forward order book is firm. Prospects for the company in the second half are sound.

**Swire Resources**, the division's sports shoe and apparel distribution and retail company, saw strong sales and profit growth in the first half, ahead of the same period last year by 38% and 30% respectively. The company is distributor for 17 brands in Hong Kong and two brands in Mainland China with 94 shops in Hong Kong and 44 shops in Shanghai and Beijing. Margins improved due to reduced discounting and favourable sales mix with sales of sports accessories and apparel growing at a faster rate than that for sports shoes. Most brands in the portfolio performed well with sales of Puma and Columbia particularly strong. The outlook for the second half of 2005 is positive.

**Taikoo Sugar** reported a loss of HK\$2.3 million in the first half of the year compared to a loss of HK\$2.2 million in the same period last year. Sales in Hong Kong were flat with retail margins under pressure. Substantial sales growth was achieved in Mainland China.

**Swire Duro** reported a loss of HK\$2.2 million in the first half of 2005 compared to a loss of HK\$2.8 million in the same period last year. Prospects for the second half are more encouraging.

**Swire SITA Waste Services'** profit was in line with the same period last year. The Hong Kong transfer stations and landfills recorded higher waste receipts. Waste volumes for the company's waste-to-energy incinerator in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, were adequate but fees continued to be low. Construction of the hazardous waste incinerator in Shanghai, in which the company has a 40% interest, is progressing as planned with operations scheduled to start in July 2006.

**The CROWN Beverage Cans group** returned a HK\$26 million post-tax profit attributable to the group in the first half of 2005 compared to HK\$23 million for the same period in 2004. Demand from the beverage industry in Mainland China continued to be strong with sales volume up 20% in the first half. Margins fell due to the higher aluminium price. The Hanoi plant reported improved earnings on the back of robust sales growth. Prospects for the second half are satisfactory although margins will continue to be under pressure from higher raw material and power costs.

**ICI Swire Paints** reported a post-tax profit of HK\$34 million attributable to the group in the first half of 2005, a substantial increase over the HK\$9 million for the first half of 2004. Sales in Hong Kong were flat while sales in Mainland China recorded robust volume growth of 23%. The company continues to increase its product portfolio and is expanding its distribution network. Higher raw material costs have been generally offset by retail price increases. The profit in the first half year was lifted by the write-back of rebate provisions from 2004 amounting to HK\$18 million. Prospects for the second half are encouraging.

## **Corporate governance**

The Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("the CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities ("the Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") throughout the accounting period covered by the interim report.

The Company has adopted codes of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors and by relevant employees (as defined in the CG Code) 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 of the Listing Rules.

On specific enquiries made, all Directors have confirmed that, in respect of the accounting period covered by the interim report, they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions.

The interim results have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

## **Share capital**

During the period under review, the group did not purchase, sell or redeem any of its shares.

## **Interim report**

The 2005 interim report containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the Stock Exchange's website and the Company's website [www.swirepacific.com](http://www.swirepacific.com). Printed copies will be sent to shareholders on 24th August 2005.

## **Book Close Dates**

The Registers of Members of the Company will be closed from 16th September 2005 to 22nd September 2005, both dates inclusive.

## **List of Directors**

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors: D M Turnbull, P N L Chen, M Cubbon, D Ho and K G Kerr;

Non-Executive Directors: Baroness Dunn, J W J Hughes-Hallett, P A Johansen and Sir Adrian Swire; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: V H C Cheng, C K M Kwok, C Lee, M M T Yang and M C C Sze

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