

上海實業控股有限公司

SHANGHAI INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2003 ANNUAL RESULTS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Profit for the year amounted to HK\$1,259.17 million, representing an increase of approximately 11.8% over last year.
- Earnings per share were approximately HK\$1.34, rose by approximately 9.8% compared with the previous year.
- The Board recommended a final dividend of HK\$32 cents per share. Together with the interim dividend of HK18 cents per share, the total annual dividend per share rose about 11.1% over the previous year with a dividend payout ratio of approximately 37.3%.
- The Group implemented two major reorganisations in the medical business segment worth approximately HK\$1,335 million:
 - acquiring an approximate 56.63% interest in the PRC A-share listed company SI United. The acquisition is still awaiting final approval by the relevant government authorities in China
 - privatising SMC MedTech, which was listed on the GEM Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The company was officially withdrawn from listing on 17 September 2003.
- The Group disposed of its entire interests in elevated highway projects in Shanghai, and received full reimbursement of the carrying value of the investments plus after-tax compensation, totalling approximately HK\$5,762.33 million. The issue of guaranteed fixed-return projects was fully settled.
- The Group seized the opportunity to restructure its infrastructure business portfolio, enabling more growth with potential for further development by:
 - acquiring the right to operate the Shanghai-Nanjing Expressway (Shanghai section) for 25 years for a consideration of RMB2 billion
 - forming the China Water & Sewage Treatment Company Limited joint venture with a State-level integrated environmental protection company to invest in and operate water-related businesses in China. The company commenced operations in October, and its business has been growing rapidly.
- SMIC started to record profit from the last quarter of 2003 with a substantial decrease in operating loss for the year. SMIC issued additional preference shares at a premium twice in the year, bringing an exceptional profit of approximately HK\$239.15 million to the Group for 2003. The company was subsequently listed simultaneously in the United States and Hong Kong in March 2004.
- The medicine, consumer products and automobiles and parts businesses of the Group recorded satisfactory performances and continued to make profit contributions to the Group.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited ("the Company") is pleased to announce the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2003, together with comparative figures in 2002, as follows:

	2003	2002
Notes	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
Turnover	2,825,978	3,380,037
Cost of sales	(1,194,490)	(1,545,306)
Gross profit	1,631,488	1,834,731
Investment income - net	309,113	78,219
Other operating income	58,870	60,089
Distribution costs	(530,178)	(526,614)
Administrative expenses	(301,561)	(256,629)
Other operating expenses	(102,308)	(30,674)
Profit from operations	1,065,424	1,159,122
Interest on bank and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	(31,001)	(63,745)
Gain on disposal of interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities	278,059	222,864
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	172,635	141,849
Share of results of associates	161,537	7,032
Unrealised loss recognised in respect of interest in a jointly controlled entity	-	(15,300)
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	1,446,654	1,451,822
Taxation	(241,994)	(182,376)
Profit before minority interests	1,404,750	1,269,446
Minority interests	(145,584)	(143,103)
Profit for the year	1,259,166	1,126,343
Dividends	451,112	454,020
Earnings per share		
- Basic	HK\$1.34	HK\$1.22
- Diluted	HK\$1.33	HK\$1.21

Notes:-

(1) PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain properties and investments in securities and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

In the opinion of the directors, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002, except as described below.

In the current year, the Group has adopted for the first time the following Statements of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

Income Taxes (Revised)

In the current year, the Group has adopted SSAP 12 (Revised) Income Taxes. The principal effect of the implementation of SSAP 12 (Revised) is relation to deferred tax. In previous years, partial provision made for deferred tax using the income statement liability method (i.e. a liability was recognised in respect of timing differences arising, except where those timing differences were not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. SSAP 12 (Revised) requires the adoption of a balance sheet liability method, whereby deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit with limited exceptions.

The adoption of SSAP 12 (Revised) has had no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting years and accordingly, no prior year adjustment is required.

(2) SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to operating profit by principal activity and geographical region is as follows:

	Turnover	Profit from operations
	2003	2002
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
Business segment		
Consumer Products and Automobiles and Parts	1,415,067	1,832,933
Medicine and Biotechnology	1,127,892	842,386
Infrastructure Facilities	283,019	704,718
Information Technology	-	179,586
	2,825,978	3,380,037
Less: Net corporate administrative expenses	(58,292)	(79,400)
Add: Interest income	30,848	48,241
Profit from operations	1,865,424	1,159,122
Geographical region		
North-East Asia	1,768,201	2,620,785
South-East Asia	424,135	329,863
Other Asian countries	147,700	58,283
Hong Kong	169,343	137,671
Other areas	226,881	144,013
	2,825,978	3,380,037
Less: Net corporate administrative expenses	(58,292)	(79,400)
Add: Interest income	30,848	48,241
Profit from operations	1,865,424	1,159,122

	2003	2002
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Amortisation of goodwill (included in administrative expenses)	6,412	1,869
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment	199,477	190,947
Net (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	6,266	(855)

	2003	2002
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
(4) TAXATION		
The charge comprises:		
- Hong Kong Profits Tax		
- current year	57,763	30,102
- under (over) provision in prior years	21,164	(1,285)
- PRC income tax	87,841	86,135
- current year	44,721	7,186
- underprovision in prior years	169,822	122,168
Deferred taxation	(11,492)	(7,805)
- current year	7,174	-
- effect of change in tax rate	(4,318)	(7,805)
Taxation attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries	165,504	114,365
Share of PRC income tax of jointly controlled entities	31,679	41,950
Share of PRC income tax of associates	44,721	26,063
	76,400	68,013
	241,994	182,376

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2002: 16%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, the Group's PRC subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates are entitled to certain exemption and reliefs from PRC income tax for a number of years. Certain PRC subsidiaries and associates are also entitled to reduced tax rates because they are classified as high technology enterprises under relevant rules. The current year's PRC income tax charges are arrived at after taking into account those various tax incentives, ranging from 10% to 33%.

	2003	2002
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
(5) DIVIDENDS		
Interim dividend of HK18 cents per share	170,265	141,332
2002: HK\$1.22 cents per share	-	-
2002: HK\$1.22 cents per share	280,907	312,688
2001: HK\$1.22 cents per share	451,112	454,020

A final dividend of HK\$22 cents (2002: HK\$30 cents) per share has been proposed by the board of directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in annual general meeting.

	2003	2002
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
(6) EARNINGS PER SHARE		
The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share for the year is based on the following data:		
Earnings:		
Profit for the year and earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,259,166	1,126,343
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares - adjustment to the share of results of a subsidiary based on potential dilution of its earnings per share	-	(21)
Earnings for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	1,259,166	1,126,322
	2003	2002
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	940,604,493	919,908,679
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares - share options	3,354,778	10,721,509
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	943,959,271	930,630,188

(7) TRANSFER TO AND FROM RESERVES

During the year, the Group's subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates in the PRC appropriated, net of minority interests' share, approximately HK\$5,641,000 out of profit for the year to the PRC statutory reserves. Also, approximately HK\$4,491,000 was transferred out of the PRC statutory reserves to the accumulated profits on disposal of interest in a subsidiary.

DIVIDEND

The Directors have resolved to recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK32 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2003. Subject to the approval of shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 May 2004, the final dividend will be paid on 8 June 2004 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 28 May 2004.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of members of the Company will be closed from 25 May 2004, Tuesday to 28 May 2004, Friday, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the dividend to be approved at the annual general meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrars, Secretaries Limited of 28th Floor, BEA Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong by 4:00 p.m. on 24 May 2004, Monday.

BUSINESS REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The year 2003 was an extraordinary one with numerous challenges for Shanghai Industrial. The economic situation in the first half-year, both globally and in Hong Kong, remained depressed with the war in Iraq and SARS erupting. The economies of China and Hong Kong, and even business contacts between Shanghai and Hong Kong, were dealt a severe blow. Meanwhile, the Group faced serious pressure to restructure its business with a need to resolve the guaranteed fixed return projects in China, resulting in the market's concern over our future profits. The management team reacted positively and determinedly followed through its business transformation strategy, implementing several important operating and development initiatives during the year. We not only managed to overcome the difficulties in our operation but also achieved outstanding results that were well received in the market. Both share price and market capitalization rose substantially. In the latter half of 2003, the operating environment improved and the performance of existing businesses recorded good results. Furthermore, the Group's associated company, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation ("SMIC"), issued additional preference shares at a premium, bringing an exceptional profit of approximately HK\$239.15 million to the Group. As at 31 December 2003, the Group recorded a substantial increase of approximately HK\$1,259.17 million for the year, a rise of approximately 11.8% compared to the previous year. We saw a steady growth in business and overall operating performance was good.

(1) Infrastructure Facilities

During the year, the Group restructured and strengthened the infrastructure business portfolio, enabling more growth with a clearer direction for further development. Net profit from the infrastructure facilities business for 2003 was approximately HK\$301.63 million, representing approximately 23.0% of the Group's net business profit*.

Elevated highway projects

During the year, the Group had to terminate its investment in the Inner Ring Road, the North-South Elevated Expressway and the Yanan Elevated Road ahead of time, due to changes in State policy. After many rounds of negotiations between the Group and the relevant government authorities, a satisfactory resolution was reached. An agreement was signed on 29 August 2003 by which the Group disposed of its entire interests to the joint-venture partner and received full reimbursement of the carrying value of the investments, amounting to US\$702,475,363 plus after-tax compensation of RMB300 million. The relevant government authorities approved the agreement in September and the issue of fixed-return projects was thus properly settled. This also provided the Group with the opportunity to improve the existing infrastructure facilities portfolio and enhance overall long-term profitability.

Toll roads

On 29 August 2003, the Group announced that it would acquire a 100% interest in Shanghai Hu-Ning Expressway (Shanghai Section) Company Limited, which holds the right to operate the Shanghai Expressway for 25 years, for a consideration of RMB2 billion. The company also operates the service facilities along that section. The Group will invest in the widening project of the Expressway in the future. On 25 December 2003, the Group signed a formal agreement with the Shanghai Municipal Engineering Bureau for this acquisition. The volume of traffic in the city of Shanghai is continually increasing, and while the return on toll roads is linked to usage, this project enjoys high potential for generating great value as well as steady cash revenue for the Group.

Water services

Growing urbanization in China, further strengthening of the environmental protection laws and regulations by the government and the opening of the water services market have generated huge demand for investments in water supplies and sewage treatment facilities and services, creating enormous room for growth in water services projects. The Group announced in August 2003 that it would collaborate with the state-level integrated environmental protection company, China National Environmental Protection Corp. to invest in and operate water-related businesses in China. The two parties formed a joint-venture company, China Water & Sewage Treatment Company Limited ("China Water & Sewage"), in which each owns a 50% stake. The company commenced operations in October and its business has been growing rapidly. It was even elected as one of the "Ten Most Influential Enterprises" by the water services media website, www.H2O-China.com, at the end of 2003. China Water & Sewage is negotiating investments in water services projects, including joint operations in water supply plants and sewage plants in provinces such as Jiangsu, Fujian, Anhui, Hunan, and is expected to bring these projects to formal operation in the near future.

Port facilities

The newly formed joint venture, Shanghai Pudong International Container Terminals Limited, has been operating satisfactorily since it commenced operations on 1 March 2003. Revenue for the 10 months was approximately RMB\$95.64 million, a growth of more than 65%, and net profit stood at approximately RMB\$261.18 million, representing an increase of approximately 46.2% over the same period last year. Throughput at Shanghai ports has been rising continuously. Benefiting from the boom in the import-export trade, the joint venture recorded throughput exceeding 1.6 million TEUs since commencing business, which represents a growth of approximately 49.9% over the same period in the previous year. The terminal covers 18 international shipping routes.

The Group's logistics business continued to make progress in business realignment. EAS International Limited's turnover in 2003 grew by about 29.1% compared to last year. Shanghai Industrial Wai Lian Fa International Logistics Corporation developed a comprehensive logistics service network, as well as manufacturing plants in bonded areas. Shanghai Industrial Sinostrans International Transportation Company Limited (formerly Shanghai Industrial Sinostrans International Logistics Company Limited) started foundation work for the construction of a warehouse and container freight station in the Shanghai Chemical Industry Zone during the year, and the project is expected to be complete by mid 2004.

(2) Medicine and Biotechnology

2003 saw key restructuring of the Group's medicine and biotechnology business. In May 2003, the Company announced two major reorganisation moves worth a total of HK\$1,335.07 million: firstly, to privatise SMC MedTech (Science and Technology) Group Company Limited ("SMC MedTech"), which was listed on the GEM Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange; secondly, to acquire an approximate 56.63% interest in A-share listed company Shanghai Industrial United Holdings Co., Ltd. ("SI United"), which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. All legal procedures for the privatisation of SMC MedTech were completed within the year, and the company was officially withdrawn from listing on the GEM Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 17 September 2003 and became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. The acquisition of SI United is still awaiting final approval by the relevant government authorities in China.

The SARS outbreak in 2003 was undoubtedly the most significant event affecting the industry during the year under review. On one hand, it stimulated sales of products for fighting SARS and infection, while on the other it affected sales of prescription drugs and some medical equipment products due to a drop in clinical visits. In general, the Group's medicine and biotechnology business satisfactory results in 2003 with a net profit of approximately HK\$25.28 million. Turnover of the flagship product, "Stomach Rejuvenation Tablets", exceeded RMB79.10 million for the last year. To further expand the scope of its medicines business, the Group acquired a 55% interest in Liaoning Herbapex Pharmaceutical (Group) Company Limited in March 2004 for RMB\$5 million. This company manufactures 53 types of Chinese medicine in six different forms. Nine of its products have been used in clinical tests and Traditional Chinese Medicines, and 16 are listed in the National Essential Health Insurance Medicine Catalogue.

Research and development of new products continued apace, with the "Bone-strengthening Capsule" receiving its approval letter for clinical tests in May 2003. Phase II clinical tests have already commenced. "Kang Wei Granule", which was jointly developed with Xiamen TCN Hospital, received its approval letter for Phase II clinical tests in August 2003. The second phase development of existing products saw preparations for Phase III clinical tests of the "Dingling" Shanshu Granule completed in 2003, and clinical tests have already commenced. "Identifying the Bioactive Components of Shen Mai Injection and Their Mechanisms of Action", a joint research project with the University of Hong Kong, has discovered several effective components in ginseng and anti-tumor. These displayed good effects on the protection of cardiac cells, anti-low-density fat and protein oxidation.

Chinese medicine and health food

Chia Tai Qingchunbao Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Chia Tai") recorded a turnover and profit after tax of RMB1,078.07 million and RMB\$27.17 million for the year, an increase of approximately 27.4% and 21.5% respectively. Xiamen Traditional Chinese Medicine Co., Ltd.'s ("Xiamen TCN") turnover for the year reached RMB 99.87 million, yielding a profit after tax of around RMB\$24.87 million, increasing about 28.7% and 2.8 times respectively over the 2002 pro-forma results. Key Chinese medicines including "Qingchunbao Anti-aging Tablets", the "Dengfeng" injection series and "Dingling" Xinchang Tablets all maintained an upward trend in sales. The new "Qingchunbao Beauty Capsule" health product has received a favourable response from consumers and was able to lift sales almost 4 times over last year.

During the year, the Group acquired a 30% interest in Huiguangyuan Pharmaceutical Company Limited ("Huiguangyuan Pharmaceutical") for a consideration of RMB\$78.67 million. Huiguangyuan Pharmaceutical has the royalty-free exclusive licence to manufacture and sell proprietary Chinese medicine and health food in Mainland China under the renowned "Huiguangyuan" trademark. As at the end of December 2003, the company's turnover had reached RMB\$171.20 million. Turnover of the flagship product, "Stomach Rejuvenation Tablets", exceeded RMB79.10 million for the last year. To further expand the scope of its medicines business, the Group acquired a 55% interest in Liaoning Herbapex Pharmaceutical (Group) Company Limited in March 2004 for RMB\$5 million. This company manufactures 53 types of Chinese medicine in six different forms. Nine of its products have been used in clinical tests and Traditional Chinese Medicines, and 16 are listed in the National Essential Health Insurance Medicine Catalogue.

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Biomedicine

During the year, Shanghai Sunway Biotech Co., Ltd. ("Sunway Biotech") moved at full speed on its anti-tumor drug H101 project. Phase III clinical trials were completed and the application for the certification of the new drug is currently being processed. Preparations for the manufacture and sale of H101 are also underway. Sunway Biotech has also started phase I clinical trials for H103 and preparations for trials of H102. The genetic product "Sunfargin" achieved an historic high turnover with 115,000 tubes sold in 2003. To facilitate the company's development, Sunway Biotech raised capital during the year, with Shanghai Alliance Investment Ltd. injecting US\$10.80 million to acquire an 18.6% interest in Sunway Biotech. The agreement was approved by the relevant authorities in February 2004. As a result of the transaction, the Group will own an approximate 70.4% interest in Sunway Biotech.

Synthetic chemicals

Shanghai Sunve Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Sunve Pharmaceutical") is engaged in the manufacture and sale of raw pharmaceuticals. In 2003, it recorded a turnover of RMB389.91 million. Net profit amounted to approximately RMB\$62.73 million, a substantial increase over the previous year. Sunve Pharmaceutical is actively promoting the export of its raw pharmaceutical products. In 2003, export of raw pharmaceuticals accounted for approximately 42% of its turnover. Nine of its products have passed quality certification by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are allowed to enter the US market.

Medical equipment

Sales revenue of MicroPort Medical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("MicroPort") for the year stood at about 1.4 times over the previous year. Its key products - coronary stents, PTCA balloon catheters and abdomen aortic stents - were offered for use to more than 160 medical institutions. Guangdong Biolight Medical Technology Co. Ltd. recorded an increase in total sales of approximately 94.3% compared with 2002, due to the increased demand for monitoring apparatus during the SARS outbreak. During the year, E-COM Technology Limited reached an agreement with a renowned medical image equipment company to cooperate in the manufacture of "DR" digitalized radiation system products for distribution to markets such as Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

The pharmaceutical industry in the PRC is currently undergoing a transition period. A series of measures such as the reform of the medical system, tendering and purchases of drugs will have significant impacts on the pharmaceutical industry as a whole. The Group will seize opportunities in the development of pharmaceutical and medical services industry and further expand its investment and operation in the medicine and biotechnology businesses, with a view to increasing the contribution from the medical business to the Group's profit to over 30% in the next three years.

(3) Consumer Products and Automobiles and Parts

Consumer Products

The average income of the Chinese has been rising in recent years and has stimulated demand for all kinds of consumer products. The economy in Hong Kong also turned around in the latter half of 2003, with the average consumer sentiment benefiting the Group's consumer-related businesses in Mainland and Hong Kong. Net profit from the consumer products business was approximately HK\$404.46 million in 2003. After deducting the exceptional profit of HK\$28.23 million from the disposal of Shanghai Orient Shopping Centre Ltd. ("Orient Shopping") during the year and the exceptional profit of HK\$218 million generated from the listing of Bright Dairy and Food Co., Ltd. ("Bright Dairy") (formerly Shanghai Bright Dairy and Food Co. Ltd.) on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in the previous year, the consumer products business posted an actual growth in net profit of approximately 22.6% in 2003, constituting approximately 30.8% of the Group's net business profit*. When the above extraordinary items are taken into account, net profit dropped by approximately 23.0% from the previous year.

Tobacco and printing

Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, Limited ("Nanyang Tobacco") had a successful year in 2003. Turnover for the year rose by approximately 42.9% from the previous year. Net profit amounted to approximately HK\$102.40 million, up by some 60.3%. Sales of existing products in the Hong Kong market grew steadily, and the new "WINNER" brand cigarettes boosted sales further. The number of tourists from the Mainland increased significantly, pushing total sales up by approximately 27.7% over last year. Export markets posted good performance with total sales increasing by approximately 10%. Brands sold in the Mainland market have already built a good reputation for their packaging and taste. Ultra Mild and Classic "Double Happiness" were successfully launched in 2003, driving the year's sales in the market up by some 25.5%. With the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) zero tariff policy gradually being implemented, and given the size of its manufacturing plant and existing production capacity, Nanyang Tobacco will benefit by a competitive advantage in the market and enjoy greater profitability.

Wing Fat Printing Company, Limited ("Wing Fat Printing") also had a solid performance in 2003, with a consolidated turnover for the year of approximately HK\$378.04 million. This represented a rise of about 7.9% over the previous year and constituted a net profit of approximately HK\$95.52 million, an increase of approximately 11.5%. Basic superstructure work for the new 27,000-square-meter factory in Dongguan was completed in March 2004. Printing and packaging enterprises in the Guangdong region have been growing. The company has interests grew rapidly, and contributed more than 50% of Wing Fat Printing's total profit.

Dairy

Bright Dairy is a nationwide dairy enterprise in China. By its quality brand and robust management, sales revenue and profit both attained double-digit growth for the eighth consecutive year. Sales in 2003 stood at around RMB\$596.27 million, increasing by approximately 20.3% from the previous year, and net profit rose by some 34.6%. Net profit attributable to the Group was approximately RMB\$92.31 million. By developing high value-added products and regional differentiation and setting up a comprehensive distribution network and assessment system of service standards and customer satisfaction, Bright Dairy further enhanced brand awareness and customer confidence. To ensure a continuous supply of milk, Bright Dairy formed Shanghai Bright Holstein Co. Ltd. to supervise milk sources and further provide dairy farming facilities and management in China. Keenly aware of consumer preferences, the company implemented a "nutrition and health" theme and developed 107 new products that comprised six product categories and made up some 20% of total sales. In 2004, Bright Dairy will boost its growth with profits and will also formulate development plans that will take into account market conditions in various locations, thus enhancing fast growth in these areas.

Personal care products

Shanghai Jabwa United Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Jabwa") is involved in the personal care products business. Income from its principal business in 2003 was around RMB244.54 million, an increase of approximately 15.3% compared to the previous year. Profit was around RMB\$77.62 million, a rise of some 2.8%, with profit attributable to the Group amounting to approximately RMB141.4 million. Growth in the personal care product market in China narrowed in 2003, and the market met with keen competition. As a result, prices of these products have remained low. Shanghai Jabwa adopted a timely and focused marketing and sales strategy in the year, enabling it to stabilize sales of its key products.

Withdrawal from department retail business

During the year, the management followed through on its strategy of driving business transformation and further streamlined its non-core businesses. On 7 May 2003, the Group split the department retail business and disposed of its 51% interest in Orient Shopping to the Chinese partner for a cash consideration of approximately RMB127.14 million, realising an exceptional profit of approximately HK\$28.23 million.

Automobiles and Parts

Driven by the continuous improvement in China's macro economic environment, the automobile industry, which is one of the country's economic pillars, was able to sustain a high growth rate. Sales of sedans rose substantially to hit a historical peak, and the market met with keen competition. In 2003, the Group's Group's automobiles and parts business recorded a net profit of approximately HK\$142.97 million, an increase of about 34.3% over the previous year, representing approximately 10.9% of the Group's net business profit*.

Shanghai Huizhong Automotive Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Huizhong") has five manufacturing plants and four joint-venture enterprises, and ranks 51st among the top 500 engineering enterprises in China. During the year, the Group engaged in the manufacture of both commercial vehicles and parts for passenger vehicles, enabling it to minimise the impact of external factors such as price cuts. Sales for the year were approximately RMB\$596.27 million, rising by about 44.6% from 2002. Net profit for the year was around RMB221.92 million, rising by about 42.1% over last year. Operating performance was satisfactory. During the year, sedan chassis system accessories recorded total sales of over 610,000 sets. Commercial vehicle projects also made good progress, with the manufacture and sale of heavy trucks breaking the 1,000-unit mark. Phase I of the construction work for the light passenger vehicle project was completed and trial productions started, while phase II of the construction work also began. The Ssangyong Motor Co. Ltd. MB100 production line that the Group acquired during the year launched vehicles with proprietary intellectual property rights, and Shanghai Huizhong "SST-ANA" was marketed in March 2004.

Shanghai SIC Transportation Electric Co., Ltd. maintained its upward trend and reported strong growth in both sales and profit. Turnover reached RMB\$490.16 million, rising by about 28.1% from last year, and net profit for the year was approximately RMB123.79 million, up by around 50.6%. The joint venture has been in business for 15 years and has become a dominant player in the industry offering 21 automobile electric and electronic accessories categories.

Information Technology

SMIC continues to grow rapidly, with continuous improvements in its production capacity and technological advancement on wafers. During the year, SMIC twice issued additional preference shares at a premium. As a result, the Group recorded an exceptional profit of approximately HK\$239.15 million. Taking this into account, the Information Technology business posted a total net profit of approximately HK\$337.23 million, representing approximately 25.7% of the Group's net business profit*.

SMIC is one of the world's leading semiconductor manufacturers, providing various advanced integrated water fabrication services to clients globally. SMIC was listed on 17 and 18 March 2004 in the United States and Hong Kong respectively, and simultaneously, the Group issued 5,151,515,000 new shares, which included 3,030,303,000 new shares issued in the Global Offering at an issue price of HK\$2.69 per share, approximately 20% were offered to the public in Hong Kong while the rest were placed internationally. Based on the five per cent of the shares initially allocated