CHINA AVIATION OIL (SINGAPORE) CORPORATION LTD

Full Year Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement for the Period Ended 31/12/2003

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

1(a) An income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Group	4Q 2003	4Q 2002	inc/(decr)	Jan-Dec 2003	Jan-Dec 2002	inc/(decr)
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Revenue	654,213	572,113	82,100	2,425,092	1,689,624	735,468
Cost of Revenue	(641,554)	(565,111)	•	(2,378,983)	(1,651,285)	727,698
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Gross Profit	12,659	7,002	5,657	46,109	38,339	7,770
Other Income	7,456	447	7,009	15,243	2,750	12,493
Distribution costs	(607)	(92)		(883)	(244)	639
Administration costs	(245)	(98)		(721)	(435)	286
Other operating costs	(7,934)	(5,146)	2,788	(22,406)	(17,001)	5,405
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Profit from operating activities	11,329	2,113	9,216	37,342	23,409	13,933
Exceptional items	0	12,706	(12,706)	0	12,706	(12,706)
Finance costs	(501)	(708)	(207)	(4,717)	(1,880)	2,837
Share of result of associated company	9,809	11,265	(1,456)	34,472	20,406	14,066
Profit Before Taxation	20,637	25,376	(4,739)	67,097	54,641	12,456
Taxation	(6,153)	(2,727)	3,426	(12,827)	(6,417)	6,410
Net Profit After Tax	14,484	22,649	(8,165)	54,270	48,224	6,046
Note 1: Profit from operating activites is derived after charging the following items:-						
Interest on borrowing	202	353	(151)	854	902	(48)
Depreciation and amortization	581	801	(220)		1,888	1,092
FX loss/(gain)	(1,347)	217	(1,564)		3,585	(4,503)
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¹⁽b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Gro	oup	Company			
	As at	As at	As at As at			
	31-Dec-03	31-Dec-02	incr/(decr)	31-Dec-03	31-Dec-02	incr/(decr)
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$' 000	S\$'000	S\$' 000
Non Current Asset						
Fixed Assets	17,844	17,758	86	17,553	17,597	(44)
Subsidiary company	0	0	0	722	385	337
Associated company	91,206	95,332	(4,126)	60,827	79,248	(18,421)
Investment	110,251	109,328	923	110,251	109,328	923
	219,301	222,418	(3,117)	189,353	206,558	(17,205)
Current Assets						
Inventory	4,232	10,548	(6,316)	4,172	10,548	(6,376)
Trade Debtors	198,983	107,118	91,865	198,808	107,097	91,711
Other Debtors, deposits & prepayments	37,484	43,711	(6,227)	37,169	43,686	(6,517)
Amount due from Holding Company	31,051	0	31,051	31,051	0	31,051
Amount due from Related Company	37,740	292	37,448	37,682	200	37,482
Fixed deposits	57,764	46,724	11,040	57,733	46,694	11,039
Cash and bank balances	10,989	6,183	4,806	10,785	5,858	4,927
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	378,243	214,576	163,667	377,400	214,083	163,317
Current Liabilities			-			
Trade Creditors	216,016	86,411	129,605	215,845	86,372	129,473
Accrued staff costs	7,517	6,336	1,181	7,490	6,270	1,220
Other creditors and accruals	36,041	44,505	(8,464)	35,809	44,485	(8,676)
Amount due to Related Company	78,246	0	78,246	78,246	0	78,246
Amount due to Holding Company	0	78,246	(78,246)	0	78,246	(78,246)
Amount due to Subsidiary Company	0	0	0	340	173	167
Trust receipt payables	29,640	41,675	(12,035)	29,640	41,675	(12,035)
Provision for taxation	4,760	3,007	1,753	4,757	2,996	1,761
•	372,220	260,180	112,040	372,127	260,217	111,910
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Net Current (Liability)	6,023	(45,604)	51,627	5,273	(46,134)	51,407
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Deferred tax	(82)	(82)	0	(82)	(82)	0
	225,242	176,732	48,510	194,544	160,342	34,202
Capital and reserves			-			
Share capital	34,560	28,800	5,760	34,560	28,800	5,760
Share premium	63,977	69,737	(5,760)	63,977	69,737	(5,760)
Accumulated profits	102,513	72,435	30,078	71,815	56,045	15,770
Dividend reserve	24,192	5,760	18,432	24,192	5,760	18,432
	225,242	176,732	48,510	194,544	160,342	34,202
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1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities.

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31/12/2003

As at 31/12/2002

Secured		Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured	
	S\$'000 Nil	S\$'000 29,640	S\$'000 Nil	41,675	\$\$'000

Amount repayable after one year

As at 31/12/2003

As at 31/12/2002

Secured

Unsecured

Secured

Unsecured

Nil

Nil

Nil Nil

Details of any collateral

Nil

1(c) A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

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		Group Oct to Dec 03 Oct to Dec 02		•
		S\$'000	S\$'000	
Cook flow from energing activities	S\$'000	S\$ 000	S\$ 000	S\$'000
Cash flow from operating activities				
Profit before taxation	20,637	25,376	67,097	54,641
Adjustments for:	==,==		0.,00.	0.,0
Depreciation of fixed assets	214	182	753	649
Amortization of Goodwill	367	619	2,227	1,239
Gain on sale of fixed assets	0	0	0	(490)
Interest expenses	202	353	854	902
Interest income	(408)	(303)	(1,179)	(2,024)
Dividend Income- CLH	(6,114)	0	(13,091)	0
Share of profit of associated company	(9,809)	(11,265)	(34,472)	(20,406)
Write back of provision for management fee	(9,009)	(9,235)	(34,472)	(9,235)
Write back of provision for staff bonus	0			
Write back of provision for stall bonds		(3,471)	0	(3,471)
Operating profit before reinvestment in working capital	5,089	2,256	22,189	21,805
(Increase)/decrease in Inventory	(4,220)	(10,548)	6,316	(10,548)
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors	(81,859)	50,990	(91,865)	46,598
(Increase)/decrease in other debtors, deposits and prepayments	5,649	(36,868)	6,227	(30,551)
(Increase)/decrease in amount due from related company	(37,440)	676	(37,448)	(292)
(Increase)/decrease in amount due from Holding Company	(30,242)	0	(31,051)	` o´
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Increase/(decrease) in amount due to Holding Company	0	418	(78,246)	(100)
Increase/(decrease) in amount due to Related Company	8,285	0	78,246	0
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors	89,576	(66,575)	129,605	(2,252)
Increase/(decrease) in other creditors and accruals	2,308	42,937	(8,464)	33,090
Increase/(decrease) in accrued staff costs	4,025	(1,447)	1,181	100
Increase/(decrease) in trust receipt payables	(4,516)	31,214	(12,035)	(10,688)
Cash generated from operations	(43,345)	13,053	(15,345)	47,162
Income tax paid	(1,021)	0	(5,386)	(3,152)
Interest received	408	303	1,179	2,024
Interest paid	(202)	(353)	(854)	(902)
Net cash from operating activities	(44,160)	13,003	(20,406)	45,132
Cash flow from investing activities				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0	0	0	3,738
Purchase of fixed assets	(399)	(70)	(839)	(7,559)
Expenses incurred in investment in SPIA	1	(516)	(62)	(902)
Additions in other investments	(776)	(2,738)	(924)	
Dividend Received-SPIA	(770)	(2,730)	, ,	(109,282)
Dividend Received-CLH	6,114	0	30,746 13,091	0
Net cash used in investing activities	4,940	(3,324)	42,012	(114,005)
Not bush used in investing univities	4,340	(3,324)	42,012	(114,003)
Cash flow from financing activities				
IPO Expenses	0	(20)	0	(190)
Dividend paid on ordinary shares	0	0	(5,760)	(18,000)
Net cash generated from financing activities	0	(20)	(5,760)	(18,190)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(39,220)	9,659	15,846	(87,063)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	107,973	43,248	52,907	139,970
Cash and cash equivalent at end of period	•		·	
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changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Grou	•	Comp	•	Company		
							Jan to Dec 03 Jan to Dec 02		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Issued Share Capital									
Balance at beginning of period	34,560	28,800	28,800	28,800	34,560	28,800	28,800	28,800	
Bonus issue of ordinary shares	0	0	5,760	0	0	0	5,760	0	
Balance at end of period	34,560	28,800	34,560	28,800	34,560	28,800	34,560	28,800	
Share Premium									
Balance at beginning of period	63,977	69,757	69,737	69,927	63,977	69,757	69,737	69,927	
Amount capitalised for issue of bonus share	• 0	0	(5,760)	0	0	0	(5,760)	0	
Expenses on issuance of ordinary shares	0	(20)	0	(190)	0	(20)	0	(190)	
Balance at end of period	63,977	69,737	63,977	69,737	63,977	69,737	63,977	69,737	
Accumulated Profits									
Balance at beginning of period	112,221	55,546	72,435	29,971	88,971	48,298	56,045	30,300	
Profit for the period	14,484	22,649	54,270	48,224	7,036	13,507	39,962	31,505	
Dividends	(24,192)	(5,760)	(24,192)	(5,760)	(24,192)	(5,760)	(24,192)	(5,760)	
Balance at end of period	102,513	72,435	102,513	72,435	71,815	56,045	71,815	56,045	
Dividend Reserve									
Balance at beginning of period	0	0	5,760	18,000	0	0	5,760	18,000	
Final dividends paid	0	0	(5,760)	(18,000)	0	0	(5,760)	(18,000)	
Dividend proposed	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	
Balance at end of period	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	24,192	5,760	

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Nil

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed.

Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

Yes.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

No changes.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

Group	FY 2003	FY 2002
Earnings per ordinary share for the period after deducting any provision for perference dividends:-		
(i) Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue; and	7.9 cents	7.0 cents
(ii) On a fully diluted basis	7.9 cents	7.0 cents
(To disclose the basis used in arriving at the weighted average number of shares ('000) for the purposes of (i) above and to provide details of any adjustments made for the purpose of (ii) above)	691,200	691,200

- 7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the:-
 - (a) current financial period reported on; and
 - (b) immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Com	pany
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital as at the end of the period reported on	31/12/03 32.6 cents	31/12/02 30.7 cents	31/12/03 28.1 cents	31/12/02 27.8 cents
Number of Ordinary shares issued ('000)	691,200	576,000	691,200	576,000

During the financial period ended 30 June 2003, the Company issued 115,199,999 Bonus Shares on the basis of one (1) Bonus Shares for every five (5) existing Shares held as at Book Closure Date, 23 June 2003. The Bonus Issue was effected by capitalising \$\$5,760K from the share premium account of the Company and applied it in making payment in full for the Bonus Shares which were alloted and issued to Shareholers.

- 8. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following:-
 - (a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and
 - (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

Review of Performance

The Group achieved net profit after tax of S\$54.3 million for the year 2003 compared to S\$48.2 million for the year 2002,

an increase of 12.6%. The net profit before tax was S\$67.1 million, an increase of 22.8% over 2002.

The 2002 results included exceptional items of S\$12.7 million. If the exceptional items of S\$12.7 million were excluded,

the 2003's profit before tax would be an increase of 60% over 2002.

The result includes profit contributions from all three-business segments of the Group, namely investment, international oil

trading and jet fuel procurement.

Investment profit contributions were from dividends paid by Compania Logistica De Hidrocrburos S.A. and the equity accounting

for 33% share of the results of Shanghai Pudong International Airport Aviation Fuel Supply Company Ltd ("Shanghai Pudong").

This is the first year that the Group will be including the whole year result of Shanghai Pudong – investment income is and will

continue to be biggest contributor to the net profit of the Group.

International oil trading and jet fuel procurement also contributed to the net profit of the Group. This was despite the difficult

trading environment during the period due to circumstances outside its control. The Iraqi war started in March 2003.

The lead up to the war and the war itself caused oil prices to fluctuate substantially. In April 2003, the SARS epidemic hit China,

Hong Kong, Singapore and as far as Canada. Air travel was substantially reduced, and many airlines cancelled their number of

flights by 50% on average. In addition, the Group suffered a reduction in commission for its jet fuel procurement business from $\,$

the second half of 2002.

Turnover increased by S\$735.5 million or 43.5% to S\$2,425.1 million.

Trading gross profit increased to S\$46.1 million compared to S\$38.3 million, an increase of 20.3%. The gross profit margin has

remained relatively stable despite the challenges presented by the Iraq war and the SARS epidemic, causing oil prices to fluctuate

significantly, and significant drop in the demand for jet fuel.

Operating expenses increased by S\$9.1 million due to the increased number of staff that the Group employed for its expansion in

international oil trading, including traders and the necessary support staff. The increase in staff related costs is inevitable as skilled

traders are in high demand and command good remuneration. In addition, the number of support staff had to be strengthened in

order to adequately support the number of traders in international oil trading and jet fuel procurement. In July 2003, the Group signed

a US\$160 million credit facility. The arranger fee of US\$1.6 million was paid in August 2003, and the full fee was expensed off.

The operating expense also included a full year's amortization of goodwill for the acquisition of Shanghai Pudong.

The Group's share of profits before tax from its associated company increased from S\$20.4 million in 2002 to S\$34.5 million in 2003.

an increase of 68.9%. This is the first year that the Group accounted for the full year results of its associated company.

This result was lower than expected. Shanghai Pudong has seen declining margins from the beginning of 2003. The erosion in gross

margin essentially was due to the increases in international oil prices without any corresponding increase in the selling price which was

held constant by the authorities in response to the decline in air travel during the SARS crisis.

During 2003, the Company received from Shanghai Pudong's distribution of retained earnings of RMB 39.6 million accrued in years prior

to 2002. This was offset against the purchase price for Shanghai Pudong. In addition, the company received from Shanghai Pudong

a dividend of RMB 105.6 million, which was paid out of the financial year 2002 profit. The distribution of the retained earnings and the

dividend from financial year 2002 profit have no effect on the results of the Group. In addition, the Company received 3 dividends from

its investment in Compania de Logistica Hidrocarburos (CLH).

The Company was awarded an extension of its Global Trader Program membership. With this award, the Company continues

to pay a concessionary tax rate of 10% for qualifying transactions. The higher increase in tax for 2003 compared to the increase

in profit before tax was due to the higher tax rate of 15% for the withholding tax in Spain incurred for the dividends from CLH and

the local (China) tax rate of 15% incurred by its associated company.

In July 2003, the Group signed a syndicated loan agreement with 10 banks for a transferable term credit facility of US\$160 million.

The proceeds of the loan would be used for working capital and to finance any investment opportunities that are successfully

negotiated by the Group. As of the date of this announcement, the loan facility has not been drawn down.

Final Dividend and Bonus Issue

The Board of Directors has proposed a tax-exempt cash dividend of S\$0.035 per ordinary share and a bonus issue (the "Bonus Issue") on the basis of 2 new ordinary share ('Bonus Share") of S\$0.05 each credited as fully paid for every 5 existing ordinary shares of S\$0.05 each held in the capital of the Company at a book closure date to be determined (the "Books Closure Date"). Fractional entitlements are to be disregarded and will be disposed of in such manner as the Directors in their absolute discretion deem fit for the benefit of the Company.

The Bonus Shares, when allotted and issued, will rank pari passu in all respects with the exisiting issued shares of the Company, except that they will not be entitled to the tax-exempt cash dividend of S\$0.035 per ordinary share declared in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2003.

The rationale for the proposed Bonus Issue, subject to the approval of the shareholders, is to increase the number of shares in issue that are available for trading in the market, thereby improving the liquidity in the market and to reward loyal shareholders for their continued support of the Company.

The Bonus Issue will entail the capitalisation of approximately S\$13.824 million from the Company's share premium account to be applied towards paying up in full for the Bonus Issue. The number of Bonus Shares that will be issued by the Company pursuant to the Bonus Issue is approximately 276.48 million; Bonus Shares based on the Company's Issued Capital of 691,199,999 shares.

The Bonus Issue is subject to the approval of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") for the listing and quotation of the Bonus Shares on the main board of the SGX-ST. The Company will make an application to the SGX-ST for permission to deal in and for listing and quotation of the Bonus Shares on the main board of the SGX-ST.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

No variance from previous statement

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

There has been a steady increase in the jet fuel procurement volume for China since the eradication of SARS. The 1st quarter jet

fuel procurement volume is set to be the highest to-date. The Group expects the procurement volume to maintain at or exceed the level

of 2003. Despite the recent confirmation of SARS cases and the increase in the number of bird flu cases, the Group remains confident

that it would be able to ride out the rough times as its did during 2003.

In December 2003 and February 2004, the Group announced the agreements to purchase 80% and 24.5% in Shuidong oil storage

facilities and Bluesky Aviation Oil Co Ltd respectively. These acquisitions are expected to contribute to the Group's performance.

Shanghai Pudong's gross margin, which saw a gradual reduction during 2003, is expected to stabilize in 2004. As is the case in 2003,

the effect on the Group's performance may be mitigated by contributions from the volume increase in jet fuel procurement.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? Yes

Name of Dividend First & Final
Dividend Type Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents) S\$0.035 cents per

ordinary share (tax

exempt)

Optional:- Dividend Rate (in %)

Par value of shares \$\$0.05
Tax Rate Tax-exempt

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? Yes

Name of Dividend First & Final
Dividend Type Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents) S\$0.01 cents per
ordinary share (tax

ordinary share (i exempt)

Optional:- Dividend Rate (in %)

Par value of shares \$\$0.05 Tax Rate Tax-exempt

(c) Date payable

The first and final dividend of S\$0.035 cents per ordinary share (tax-exempt) to be tabled for approval by shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, will be paid on 21 May 2004.

(d) Books closure date

Notice is hereby given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on 10 May 2004, for the preparation of dividend warrant.

Registrable Transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Lim Associates (Pte) Ltd of 10 Collyer Quay #19-08, Ocean Building, Singapore 049315 up to 5.00 pm on 7 May 2004, will be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determined.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not Applicable

PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT (This part is not applicable to Q1, Q2, Q3 or Half Year Results)

13. Segmented revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

	Clean Peti Produ 2003 \$'000		Clean Pet Produ 2003 \$'000		Crud 2003 \$'000	e Oil 2002 \$'000	Petroch Prod 2003 \$'000		Derivatives 2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000	Oth 2003 \$'000	ers 2002 \$'000	To 2003 \$'000	tal 2002 \$'000
Sales external customers	1,432,703	821,839	540,638	572,694	388,848	278,837	34,840	14,803	26,323	706	1,740	745	2,425,092	1,689,624
Intersegment Sales		-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	1,432,703	821,839	540,638	572,694	388,848	278,837	34,840	14,803	26,323	706	1,740	745	2,425,092	1,689,624
Segment results	1,432,703	821,839	540,638	572,694	388,848	278,837	34,840	14,803	26,323	706	1,740	745	2,425,092	1,689,624
Operating Profit Exceptional Items Financial Costs Share of results of asso Profit before tax Tax Expense Net Profit	ciated company	,											37,342 (4,717) 34,472 67,097 (12,827) 54,270	23,409 12,706 (1,880 20,406 54,641 (6,417
Segment Assets													506,338	341,662
Investment in associated Total Assets	d company												91,206 597,544	95,332 436,994
Segment Liabilities													367,460	257,173
Total Liabilities													367,460	257,173

14. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments.

See paragraph 8

15. A breakdown of sales:-

	Gro S\$'0	% increase/	
	2003	2002	(decrease)
Sales reported for first half year	1,183,352	615,598	92.2
Operating profit/(loss) after tax before deducting minority interests reported for first half year	29,392	17,532	67.6
Sales reported for second half year	1,241,740	1,074,026	15.6
Operating profit/(loss) after tax before deducting minority interests reported for second half year	24,878	30,692	(18.9)

16. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year as follows:-

Total Annual Dividend (Refer to Para 16 of Appendix 7.2 for the required details)

Latest Full Year (S\$'000

Previous Full Year (S\$'000 (31/12/2002))

(31/12/2003))

Ordinary

24,192 5,760

Preference

0 0

Total:

24,192 5,760

17. Interested Parties Transactions

No. C. t. d. a. d. d.		
Name of interested	Aggregate value of all	Aggregate value of
per son	interested person	interested person
	transactions during the	transactions
	financial year under	conduct ed under
	revi ew (excl udi ng	shareholders mandate
	transactions less than	pursuant to Rule 920
	S\$100,000 and transactions	excl udi ng
	conducted under	transactions less
	shareholders mandate	t han S\$100, 000)
	pursuant to Rule 920)	•
	S\$' 000	S\$' 000
Sale of physical fuel		
to Parent Group	0	977, 136

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Adrian Chang Company Secretary 29/02/2004