

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE HONG KONG DEPOSIT PROTECTION BOARD

We have audited the statement of accounts of the Deposit Protection Scheme Fund (the "Fund") established under section 14 of the Deposit Protection Scheme Ordinance (the "Ordinance") set out on pages 39 to 63, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 March 2010, and the income and expenditure account, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Ordinance requires the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board (the "Board") to keep and maintain proper accounts and records of all transactions of the Fund. The Board is responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of the statement of accounts in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of statement of accounts that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement of accounts based on our audit and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 19 of the Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the statement of accounts is free from material misstatement.

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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement of accounts. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement of accounts, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the statement of accounts in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of accounts.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion, the statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 March 2010 and of the surplus and cash flows of the Fund for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and has been properly prepared in accordance with the Ordinance.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 17 June 2010