

Remuneration report

This Remuneration Report has been reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Remuneration policy

It is the Company's policy to ensure that remuneration is appropriate and aligns with the Company's goals, objectives and performance. To this end, the Company considers a number of relevant factors including salaries paid by comparable companies, job responsibilities, duties and scope, employment conditions elsewhere in the Company and its subsidiaries, market practices, financial and non-financial performance, and desirability of performance-based remuneration.

The Company is committed to effective corporate governance and employing and motivating top quality personnel; it recognises the importance of a formal and transparent remuneration policy covering its Board and Executive Directorate.

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee consisting of three non-executive Directors, two of whom are independent non-executive Directors. It considers and recommends to the Board the Company's remuneration policy and has a delegated authority to review and determine the remuneration packages of the Chief Executive Officer and the Members of the Executive Directorate.

As necessary and with the agreement of the Chairman, the Remuneration Committee is authorised to obtain outside independent professional advice to support the Committee on relevant issues.

A summary of work performed by the Remuneration Committee during 2005 is set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" on pages 57 to 62.

The Company also ensures that no individual Director or any of his associates is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

Non-Executive Directors, Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Directorate

The Remuneration Committee makes recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of members of the Board who are non-executive Directors. To ensure that non-executive Directors are appropriately paid for their time and responsibilities to the Company, the Committee considers factors such as fees paid by comparable companies, time commitment, responsibilities of the non-executive Directors, the likely workload, and employment conditions elsewhere in the Company.

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for establishing policies, and reviewing and determining the remuneration of the Members of the Board who are executive Directors (namely, the Chief Executive Officer) and the Executive Directorate in accordance with the Company's remuneration policy. In the case of the Chief Executive Officer, the Committee will consult with the Chairman and in the case of other Members of the Executive Directorate, the Committee will consult with both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in respect of their recommendations.

Remuneration Structure for Employees

The Company's remuneration structure for its employees, including Members of the Board who are executive Directors and Executive Directorate, comprises fixed compensation, variable incentives, discretionary award, long-term incentives, and retirement schemes. Specifics about each of these components are described below.

Fixed Compensation

Fixed compensation includes base salary, allowances and benefits-in-kind (e.g. medical). Base salary and allowances are set and reviewed annually for each position taking into consideration the Company's remuneration policy, competitive market positioning, market practice, as well as the Company's and individual's performance. Benefits-in-kind are reviewed regularly taking into consideration market practices.

Variable Incentives

The Chief Executive Officer, Members of the Executive Directorate and selected management of the Company are eligible to receive an annual cash incentive under the Company's Variable Incentive Scheme, the rules of which are regularly reviewed by the Remuneration Committee.

Under the current scheme rules, the payouts are based on the performance of the Company and individual performance. The Company's performance is measured by the return on fixed assets and operating profit on an annual and rolling three-year basis.

A portion of the target incentive levels under the scheme was originally funded by participants by foregoing their 13th month pay and portions of their fixed allowances. Target incentive levels for the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Directorate represent approximately 15-30% of base pay. If performance exceeds pre-defined threshold standards, then payouts under the plan are made annually.

In addition, the Company operates other sales and business-related incentive schemes to motivate the staff concerned in reaching specific business targets of the Company.

Discretionary Award

In 2005, a special discretionary award was provided to all staff with competent or above performance as a recognition of the staff's contribution to the good company performance in the past year and as a motivation to the staff for continuous business growth.

Long-Term Incentives

The Company operates two schemes, namely the Pre-Global Offering Share Option Scheme, and New Joiners Share Option Scheme.

Options exercised and outstanding in respect of each Member of the Executive Directorate as at 31 December 2005 under the two Schemes are set out under the paragraph "Board Members and Executive Directorate's Interest in Shares" of the Report of the Members of the Board.

Details of the two Schemes and options granted to Members of the Executive Directorate under the Schemes are set out in notes 42 & 7 to the account.

The Chief Executive Officer does not participate in the two Schemes but is entitled to receive an equivalent value in cash of 700,000 Shares on completion of his three-year contract.

Retirement Schemes

The Company operates three retirement schemes, the MTR Corporation Limited Retirement Scheme (the "Retirement Scheme"), the MTR Corporation Limited Retention Bonus Scheme (the "RBS"), and a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme"). Employees who are eligible to join the Retirement Scheme can choose between the Retirement Scheme and the MPF Scheme, while other employees are required to join the MPF Scheme. The RBS is a top-up scheme to supplement the Retirement Scheme for employees who are classified by the Company as staff working on designated projects and who are not on gratuity terms.

(a) Retirement Scheme

The Retirement Scheme contains a hybrid benefit section and a defined contribution section. It is a registered scheme under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance and has been granted with an MPF Exemption so that it can be offered to employees as an alternative to the MPF Scheme. The hybrid benefit section provides benefits based on the greater of a multiple of final salary times service or the accumulated contributions with investment returns. Members' contributions to the hybrid benefit section are based on fixed percentages of basic salary. The Company's contributions are determined by reference to an annual actuarial valuation carried out by an independent actuarial consulting firm.

The hybrid benefit section has been closed to new employees since 31 March 1999. All employees joining the Company on or after 1 April 1999 who would have been eligible to join the Retirement Scheme can choose to join either the defined contribution section or, commencing 1 December 2000, the MPF Scheme.

The defined contribution benefit section is a member investment choice plan which provides benefits based on accumulated contributions and investment returns. Both members' and the Company's contributions to the defined contribution section are based on fixed percentages of members' basic salary.

(b) RBS

The RBS is a registered scheme under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance. It provides benefits only in the event of redundancy for service accrued up to 31 December 2002, offset by any benefits payable from the Retirement Scheme. Members are not required to contribute while the Company's contributions are determined by reference to an annual actuarial valuation carried out by an independent actuarial consulting firm.

(c) MPF Scheme

The Company has participated in the Bank Consortium MPF Plan which has been registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. The MPF Scheme covers those employees who are eligible to join the Retirement Scheme but have chosen not to join it and other employees who are not eligible to join the Retirement Scheme. Both members and the Company each contribute to the MPF Scheme at the mandatory levels as required by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. Additional contribution above the mandatory level may be provided subject to individual terms of employment.

The executive Directors who have been employed by the Company before 1 April 1999 are eligible to join the hybrid benefit section of the MTR Corporation Limited Retirement Scheme.

The executive Directors who are hired on or after 1 April 1999 are eligible to join the defined contribution benefit section of the MTR Corporation Limited Retirement Scheme.

The Chief Executive Officer participates in the Company's MPF scheme. Both the Company and the Chief Executive Officer each contribute to the MPF scheme at the mandatory levels as required by the MPF Ordinance.

Remuneration of Non-Executive and Executive Directors

(i) The total remuneration of the Members of the Board and the Executive Directorate (excluding share-based payments) is shown below and the remuneration details are set out in note 7 to the account.

in HK\$ million	2005	2004
Fees	3	3
Base Salaries, allowances and other benefits-in-kind	29	28
Variable remuneration related to performance	10	8
Retirement scheme contributions	2	3
	44	42

(ii) The gross remuneration of non-executive and executive Directors (excluding share-based payments) were within the following bands:

Remuneration	2005 Number	2004 Number
HK\$0 – HK\$500,000	10	9
HK\$500,001 – HK\$1,000,000	1	1
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	2	–
HK\$4,500,001 – HK\$5,000,000	5	4
HK\$5,000,001 – HK\$5,500,000	1	2
HK\$9,000,001 – HK\$9,500,000	–	1
HK\$9,500,001 – HK\$10,000,000	1	–
	20	17

The information shown in the above table includes the five highest paid employees. The independent non-executive Directors' emoluments are included in the first remuneration band except the non-executive Chairman, whose emolument is included in the second remuneration band.

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