

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, and 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 other 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 the work performed by the Remuneration Committee during 2008 is set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" on pages 93 to 103.

The Remuneration Committee 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 from time to time on the remuneration of the Members of the Board who are non-executive Directors. To ensure that non-executive Directors are appropriately paid for their time and responsibilities devoted to the Company, the Committee considers factors such as fees paid by comparable companies, time commitment, responsibilities of the non-executive Directors, 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 the Chief Executive Officer and other Members of the Executive Directorate, comprises fixed compensation, variable incentives, discretionary awards, long-term incentives, and retirement schemes. The specifics of these components are described below.

Fixed Compensation

Fixed compensation comprises 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 individuals' performance. Benefits-in-kind are reviewed regularly taking into consideration market practices.

Variable Incentives

The Chief Executive Officer, other 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, the fulfillment of the Customer Service Pledges, and the Performance Requirements in relation to "Train Service Delivery", "Passenger Journeys on Time" and "Train Punctuality" as defined in Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Operating Agreement.

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 other Members of the Executive Directorate represent approximately 15-30% of total remuneration. If performance exceeds pre-defined threshold standards, then payouts under the scheme are made annually.

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

Discretionary Awards

In 2008, special discretionary awards were provided to staff with competent or above performance as a recognition of their contribution to the Company's good performance and achievements in the past year and to motivate staff to strive for continuous business growth.

Long-Term Incentives

The Company operates three share option schemes, namely the Pre-Global Offering Share Option Scheme (the "Pre-IPO Scheme"), the New Joiners Share Option Scheme (the "New Option Scheme") and the 2007 Share Option Scheme (the "2007 Scheme").

The 2007 Scheme was approved and adopted by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 7 June 2007. The 2007 Scheme is intended to provide employees of the Company and of its subsidiaries the opportunity to participate in the growth and success of the Company. Awards under this Scheme were granted to the Chief Executive Officer, other Members of the Executive Directorate and selected employees of the Company in 2008.

Options exercised and outstanding in respect of each Member of the Executive Directorate as at 31 December 2008 under the three Schemes are set out under the paragraph "Board Members' and Executive Directorate's Interests in Shares" of the Report of the Members of the Board.

Details of the three Schemes and options granted to Members of the Executive Directorate and selected employees of the Company under the Schemes are set out in notes 7 & 47 to the accounts.

The Chief Executive Officer does not participate in the Pre-IPO and New Option Schemes. He is entitled to receive an equivalent value in cash of 418,017 Shares on completion of his three-year contract on 30 November 2009.

Retirement Schemes

The Company operates five retirement schemes, the MTR Corporation Limited Retirement Scheme (the "MTR Retirement Scheme"), the MTR Corporation Limited Retention Bonus Scheme (the "MTR RBS"), the MTR Corporation Limited Provident Fund Scheme (the "MTR Provident Fund Scheme") and two Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (the "MTR MPF Scheme" and the "KCRC MPF Scheme") with details as follows:

(a) MTR Retirement Scheme

The MTR Retirement Scheme is a registered scheme under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 426) and has been granted an MPF Exemption so that it can be offered to employees as an alternative to the MTR MPF Scheme.

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The MTR Retirement Scheme originally contained both a hybrid benefit section and a defined contribution section. Following the Rail Merger with Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation ("KCRC"), and with the approval of the scheme's trustees effective 1 March 2008, the defined contribution section of the MTR Retirement Scheme was transferred to the MTR Provident Fund Scheme. Following the transfer, the MTR Retirement Scheme only contains a hybrid benefit section.

The MTR Retirement Scheme currently 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 scheme are based on fixed percentages of base salary. The Company's contributions are determined by reference to an annual actuarial valuation carried out by an independent actuarial consulting firm.

The scheme has been closed to new employees since 31 March 1999. All employees who joined the Company between 1 April 1999 and 29 February 2008 who would have been eligible to join the MTR Retirement Scheme could choose to join either the defined contribution section of the scheme which was subsequently transferred to the MTR Provident Fund Scheme on 1 March 2008 or, from 1 December 2000, the MTR MPF Scheme.

(b) MTR RBS

The MTR RBS is a registered scheme under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance. It is a top-up scheme to supplement the MTR Retirement Scheme for employees who are classified by the Company as staff working on designated projects and who are not on gratuity terms. It provides benefits only in the event of redundancy for service accrued up to 31 December 2002, offset by any benefits payable from the MTR 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) MTR Provident Fund Scheme

The MTR Provident Fund Scheme, in order to reflect its integrated nature, was renamed from the KCRC Retirement Benefit Scheme following its incorporation of the defined contribution section of the MTR Retirement Scheme on 1 March 2008. It contains 3 sections, all of which are defined contribution schemes. One section consists of the members of the KCRC Retirement Benefit Scheme prior to 1 March 2008, one section consists of the members of the defined contribution section of the MTR Retirement Scheme prior to 1 March 2008 and the final section consists of those appointees eligible to join the MTR Provident Fund Scheme on or after 1 March 2008.

The MTR Provident Fund Scheme is a registered scheme under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance and has been granted an MPF Exemption so that it can be offered to employees as an alternative to the MPF Scheme. On or after 1 March 2008, employees who are eligible to join the MTR Provident Fund Scheme can choose between the MTR Provident Fund Scheme and the MTR MPF Scheme, except where they were previously members of the KCRC MPF Scheme, whereupon they can choose between the MTR Provident Fund Scheme and the KCRC MPF Scheme. All benefits payable under the MTR Provident Fund Scheme are calculated by reference to the Company's contributions and members' own contributions, together with investment returns on these contributions. Both members' and the Company's contributions are based on fixed percentages of members' base salary.

(d) MTR MPF Scheme

The MTR MPF Scheme, which has been registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, covers those employees who did not opt for or who are not eligible to join the MTR Retirement Scheme or the MTR Provident Fund Scheme. Both members and the Company each contribute to the MTR MPF Scheme at the mandatory levels as required by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance ("the MPF Ordinance"). The Company makes additional contributions above the mandatory level for eligible employee members who joined the MTR MPF Scheme before 1 April 2008, subject to individual terms of employment.

(e) KCRC MPF Scheme

The KCRC MPF Scheme, which has been registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, covers those former KCRC employees who did not opt for or who were not eligible to join the former KCRC Retirement Benefit Scheme, now known as MTR Provident Fund Scheme, and those employees who, on or after 1 March 2008, were previously members of the KCRC MPF scheme and are eligible to join the MTR Provident Fund Scheme but opt to re-join the KCRC MPF Scheme. Both members and the Company each contribute to the KCRC MPF Scheme at the mandatory levels as required by the MPF Ordinance.

The executive Directors who were hired by the Company before 1 April 1999 were eligible to join the hybrid benefit section of the MTR Retirement Scheme.

The executive Directors who were hired on or after 1 April 1999 but prior to 1 March 2008 are eligible to join the defined contribution benefit section of the MTR Retirement Scheme (which since 1 March 2008 has been transferred to the MTR Provident Fund Scheme).

The Chief Executive Officer participates in the MTR MPF Scheme. Both the Company and the Chief Executive Officer each contribute to the MTR 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 accounts.

in HK\$ million	2008	2007
Fees	4	3
Base salaries, allowances and other benefits-in-kind	37	32
Variable remuneration related to performance	26	16
Retirement scheme contributions	2	1
	69	52

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

Remuneration	2008 Number	2007 Number
HK\$0 – HK\$500,000	11	13
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	1	1
HK\$4,500,001 – HK\$5,000,000	–	1
HK\$5,000,001 – HK\$5,500,000	–	3
HK\$5,500,001 – HK\$6,000,000	1	2
HK\$6,000,001 – HK\$6,500,000	–	1
HK\$6,500,001 – HK\$7,000,000	2	–
HK\$7,000,001 – HK\$7,500,000	3	–
HK\$8,000,001 – HK\$8,500,000	1	–
HK\$10,500,001 – HK\$11,000,000	–	1
HK\$15,000,001 – HK\$15,500,000	1	–
	20	22

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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