

Interim Results Presentation

2003/04

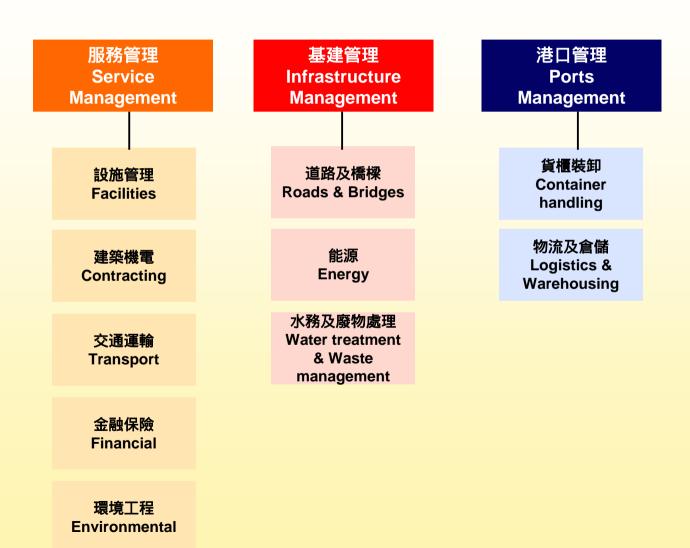


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Corporate Structure





Financial Highlights



NWSH Group Results

For the six months ended 31 December		(Restated)	
	2003	2002	Change
	(HK\$M)	(HK\$M)	+/ (-)%
Turnover	6,542.5	6.1	+1,072 times
AOP	996.6	229.6	+334%
Profit attributable to shareholders	814.2	185.8	+338%
Earnings per ordinary share #	HK\$0.46	HK\$0.85	(46%)
Dividend per ordinary share #	HK\$0.15	NIL	N/A
Total assets	26,521.0	27,218.2*	(3%)
Shareholders' equity	8,723.5	8,250.5*	6%

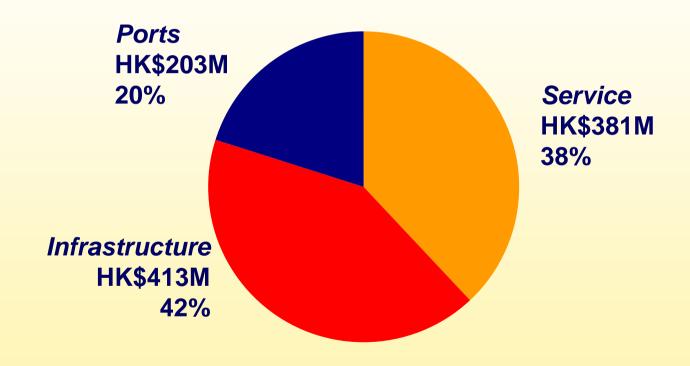
[#] Consolidation of 10 shares into 1 effective from 10 February 2003

^{*} As at 30 June 2003



AOP Mix

(for the six months ended 31 December 2003)

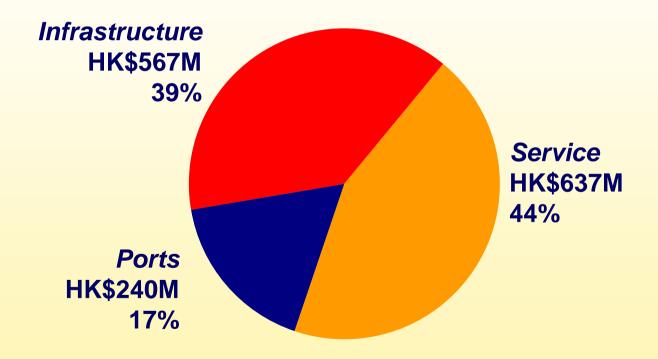


Total: HK\$997M



EBITDA

(for the six months ended 31 December 2003)

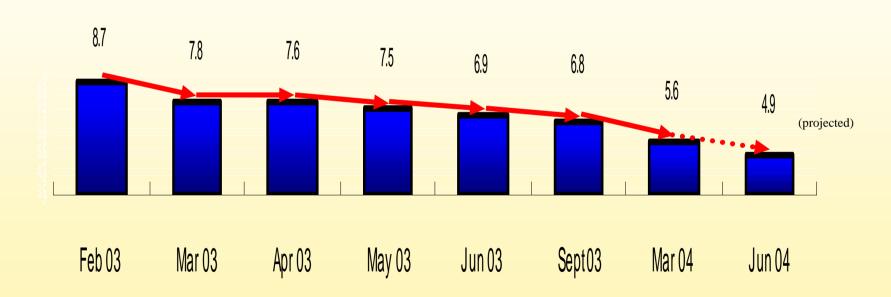


Total: HK\$1,444 M



Encouraging Progress in Debt Reduction

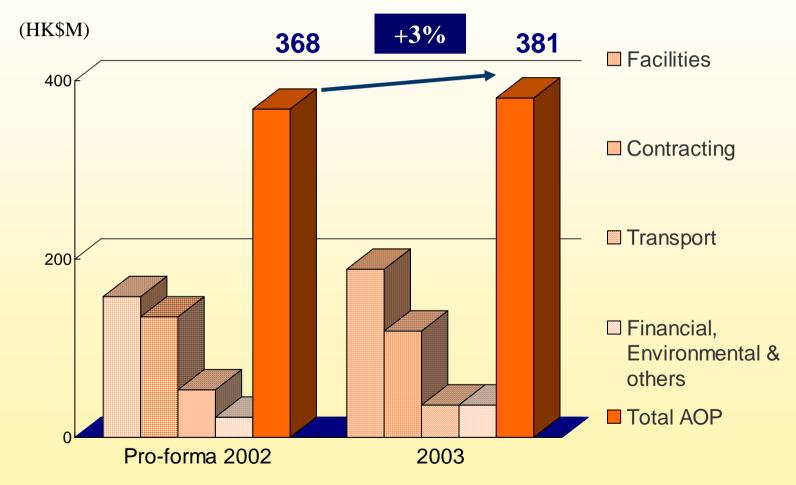
Net Debt (HK\$ billion)



→ Cash on hand HK\$2.5 billion (as of 9 Mar 2004)



AOP - Service



For the six months ended 31 December

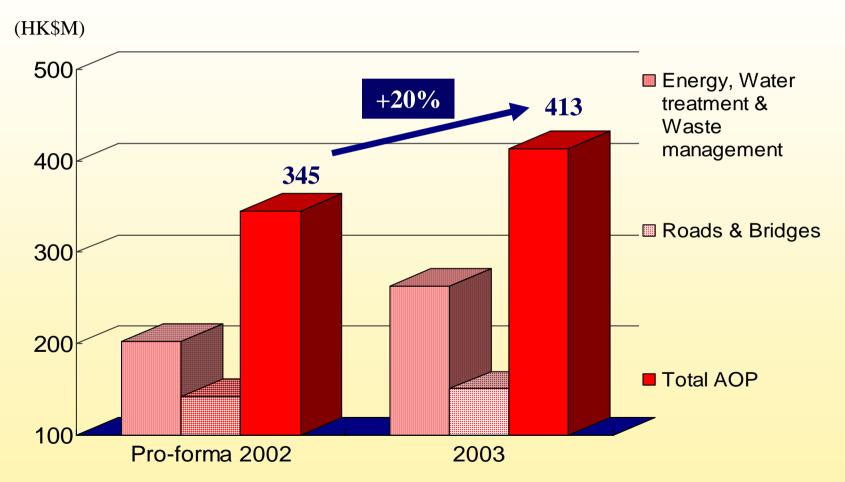


AOP - Service

For the six months ended 31 December		Pro-forma	
	2003	2002	Change
	(HK\$M)	(HK\$M)	+/ (-)%
Facilities	188.9	157.5	20%
Contracting	119.4	134.8	(11%)
Transport	36.0	53.4	(33%)
Financial, Environmental & Others	36.3	22.5	61%
TOTAL	380.6	368.2	3%



AOP - Infrastructure



For the six months ended 31 December

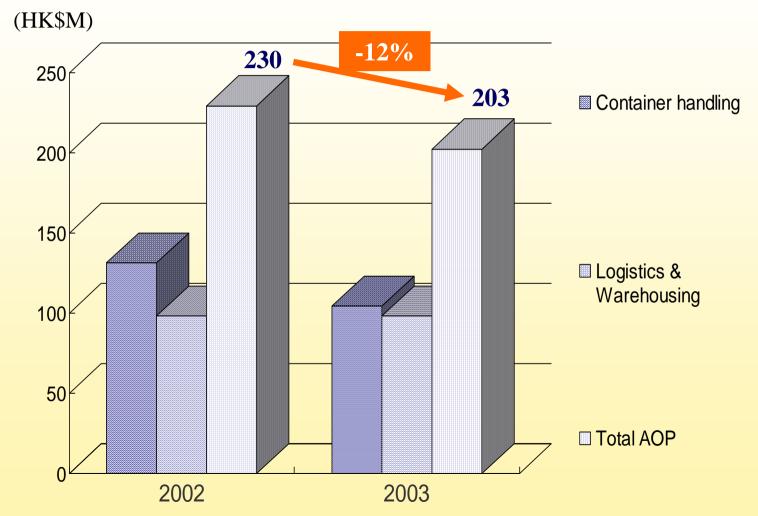


AOP - Infrastructure

For the six months ended 31 December	2003 (HK\$M)	Pro-forma 2002 (HK\$M)	Change +/ (-)%
Energy, Water treatment & Waste management	262.6	203.2	29%
Roads & Bridges	150.8	142.1	6%
TOTAL	413.4	345.3	20%



AOP - Ports





AOP - Ports

For the six months ended 31 December	2003 (HK\$M)	2002 (HK\$M)	Change +/ (-)%
Container handling	104.4	131.4	(21%)
Logistics & warehousing	98.2	98.2	-
TOTAL	202.6	229.6	(12%)



Operational Review



Operational Review - Service

Facilities

Contracting



- → HKCEC impressive growth
- Property Management, Cleaning, Security & Guarding deliver solid results
- → Free Duty shops

- → HK property market continues to be slow ⇒ margin is thin
- Expands into Mainland China market



Operational Review - Service

Transport



- Bus patronage returns to pre-SARS level
- → Inner harbour & Macau ferry services perform stable

Financial, Environmental and Others



Tricor & Tai Fook Securities provide steady contribution



Operational Review - Infrastructure

Steady recurring income from the 59 strong project portfolio





Operational Review - Ports





Operational Review - Ports

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- Merger enhances efficiency
- 39% growth in throughput to 281,000 TEUs

CSX Orient (Tianjin)

天津東方海陸集裝箱碼頭



- Increase in AOP
- → Throughput grows 16% to 578,000 TEUs



Outlook – Service

Facilities

- Strong business pick up at HKCEC
- More contracts in property management and cleaning

Contracting

- HK construction market continues to be slow with thin margin
- Tap Mainland China market: stake in construction company
- Hunghom PSPS project poses new opportunity

Transport

- Merryhill Group: a comprehensive transport services provider
- Improved profitability & enhanced operational efficiency
- → NWFF(M): steady performance



Outlook – Infrastructure

Roads and Bridges

- Steady growth
- Benefits from rise in car ownership
- Divests low-yielding projects

Energy

- Tariff pressure stablized
- Demand & consumption continue to rise

Water treatment and Waste management

- Mainland China water market: Spectacular growth in volume
- Government policy: privatization of water plants & upward adjustment of water tariffs



Outlook - Ports

Hong Kong

- **→** CT3
 - Throughput drops and contribution declines
 - → Tough when CT9 is operational 4Q/2004
- ATL Logistics Centre
 - Stable contribution

Tianjin & Xiamen

- Strong growth in throughput
- Benefit from the strategic location & international trade



Service - Facilities

Free Duty

- Duty free alcohol & tobacco sales in the airport & the ferry terminals at China HK City & Shun Tak Centre
- Benefits from tourism recovery



Service - Contracting

- Strategic investment in China Construction Third Engineering Bureau Company Limited (中建三局建築股份有限公司)
 - 10% stake for RMB56 million
 - → Access to Super Grade qualification (特級建築牌)
 - Opportunity to acquire a 25% stake in one of its subsidiaries
 - Set up a wholly-owned construction company in Beijing
 - Contract value from Mainland China projects expects to grow



Service - Transport

- 50% stake in Merryhill Group
 - Restructuring completed in March 2004
 - NWSH net debt reduced by HK\$1.4 billion
 - Enhanced synergies
 - Route realignment improves profitability
- Kunming bus services
 - → Started operation in Jan 2004
 - RMB72 million for 51% stake
 - → 39 routes & approx. 700 buses



Infrastructure

- Sanya Water Treatment Project
 - 25% stake for 30 years
 - the first concession granted to foreign investor for an entire city in Mainland China
 - Generates immediate profit contribution and positive cash inflow
 - Replicates the success model to other cities



Corporate Strategies

- Consolidate businesses, sustain growth & seek expansion opportunities
- Divest low-yielding projects. Invest projects with higher return
- Pay dividends
 - Interim & Final
- Reduce debts
 - Target gearing below 45%
- Reward outstanding staff



NWSH stock closing price (July - Mar 2004)

