

17. EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

The calculation of the basic earnings per share for the year is based on the consolidated profit attributable to the owners of the Company and on the weighted average number of approximately 633,670,967 (2015: 617,909,509) shares in issue during the year.

	2016	2015
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000)	37,159	49,183
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share (thousand shares)	633,671	617,909
Basic earnings per share	HK5.87 cents	HK7.96 cents

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding by the assumption of the conversion of all potential dilutive ordinary shares arising from share options granted by the Company (collectively forming the denominator for computing diluted earnings per share). No adjustment is made to earnings (numerator).

	2016	2015
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000)	37,159	49,183
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share (thousand shares)	633,671	617,909
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares upon the exercise of share options (thousand shares)	770	1,249
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share (thousand shares)	634,441	619,158
Diluted earnings per share	HK5.86 cents	HK7.94 cents