Table 1 Analysis of activities of exports of services relating to offshore trade against re-exports of goods, 2004 – 2005

		Value of goods involved			Gross margin/ Commission			
Type of economic activities	Year	HK\$ million	Proportion sold to affiliated companies (%)	Year-on- year % change	HK\$ million	Year-on- year % change	Trade margin/ Commission rate/ Rate of re-export margin (%)	
Activities of exports of services	2004	1,835,839 †	-	10.2	132,200	13.5	-	
relating to offshore trade	2005	2,087,164 <sup>†</sup>	-	13.7	149,000	12.7	-	
Merchanting	2004	1,317,002	30.8	11.5	113,473	13.3	8.6	
	2005	1,529,016	26.9	16.1	128,547	13.3	8.4	
Merchandising for	2004	518,836 <sup>†</sup>	-	6.8	18,727	14.4	3.6	
offshore transactions	2005	558,147 †	-	7.6	20,453	9.2	3.7	
Re-exports of goods	2004	1,893,132	-	16.8	-		17.3	
-	2005	2,114,143	-	11.7	-	-	17.5	

Notes: 1. Offshore trade covers only the offshore trade undertaken by Hong Kong establishments, but not that by their affiliated companies located outside Hong Kong.

<sup>2.</sup> The sum of individual items and the corresponding total shown in the table may not tally because of rounding.

<sup>†</sup> Figures on sales value of goods involved in merchandising for offshore transactions, which have been compiled and released since the reference year 2002, are mainly estimated on the basis of average commission rate of the service providers and should thus be used with caution.

<sup>-</sup> Denotes not applicable.

Table 2 Analysis of exports of services relating to offshore trade by main destination of exports of services, 2004 – 2005

		Gross margin from merchanting			Commission from merchandising for offshore transactions			Total		
Destination	Year	HK\$ million	Share (%)	Year-on- year % change	HK\$ million	Share (%)	Year-on- year % change	HK\$ million	Share (%)	Year-on- year % change
The mainland	2004	38,689	34.1	14.6	1,398	7.5	-41.5	40,086	30.3	10.9
of China	2005	41,786	32.5	8.0	1,326	6.5	-5.2	43,112	28.9	7.5
United States	2004	24,502	21.6	0.2	9,532	50.9	24.7	34,034	25.7	6.1
of America	2005	28,640	22.3	16.9	9,548	46.7	0.2	38,188	25.6	12.2
Japan	2004	6,902	6.1	-2.2	492	2.6	-16.3	7,394	5.6	-3.3
	2005	8,393	6.5	21.6	643	3.1	30.7	9,036	6.1	22.2
United	2004	4,715	4.2	23.9	1,151	6.1	73.3	5,865	4.4	31.3
Kingdom	2005	7,083	5.5	50.2	1,418	6.9	23.2	8,501	5.7	44.9
Germany	2004	5,546	4.9	23.3	1,200	6.4	146.4	6,746	5.1	35.3
	2005	6,549	5.1	18.1	1,395	6.8	16.3	7,944	5.3	17.8
Others	2004	33,120	29.2	24.6	4,956	26.5	7.7	38,076	28.8	22.1
	2005	36,097	28.1	9.0	6,123	29.9	23.5	42,220	28.3	10.9
All destinations	2004 2005	113,473 128,547	100.0 100.0	13.3 13.3	18,727 20,453	100.0 100.0	14.4 9.2	132,200 149,000	100.0 100.0	13.5 12.7

Note: The sum of individual items and the corresponding total shown in the table may not tally because of rounding.

Table 3 Analysis of merchanting by main destination of sales of goods involved in merchanting, 2004 – 2005

		Sales of goods involved in merchanting			Gross margin from merchanting			
Destination	Year	HK\$ million	Share (%)	Year-on- year % change	HK\$ million	Share (%)	Year-on- year % change	Trade margin (%)
The mainland of China	2004	484,971	36.8	9.6	38,689	34.1	14.6	8.0
	2005	586,012	38.3	20.8	41,786	32.5	8.0	7.1
United States of America	2004	226,905	17.2	8.1	24,502	21.6	0.2	10.8
	2005	266,294	17.4	17.4	28,640	22.3	16.9	10.8
Japan	2004	136,302	10.3	47.8	6,902	6.1	-2.2	5.1
	2005	120,827	7.9	-11.4	8,393	6.5	21.6	6.9
United Kingdom	2004	54,187	4.1	52.9	4,715	4.2	23.9	8.7
	2005	77,662	5.1	43.3	7,083	5.5	50.2	9.1
Taiwan	2004	64,353	4.9	29.8	4,779	4.2	47.2	7.4
	2005	61,951	4.1	-3.7	5,791	4.5	21.2	9.3
Others	2004	350,283	26.6	-0.3	33,886	29.9	21.7	9.7
	2005	416,270	27.2	18.8	36,855	28.7	8.8	8.9
All destinations	2004	1,317,002	100.0	11.5	113,473	100.0	13.3	8.6
	2005	1,529,016	100.0	16.1	128,547	100.0	13.3	8.4

Note: The sum of individual items and the corresponding total shown in the table may not tally because of rounding.