## **Major Products**

The Group mainly produces and markets medium-gauge steel plates, steel sections, wire rods, steel billets, etc.. The Group also engages in the sale of non-steel by-products which are by-products of its iron and steel production process. The Group is one of the largest producers of medium-gauge steel plates in the PRC. The Group's steel plates for shipbuilding, pressure vessel plates and steel plates for boilers are well known for their superb quality and have received a number of quality awards and quality certificates issued by a number of domestic and international professional organisations.

Major products of the Group in 2000 and their applications are set out below:

A. Medium-gauge steel plates

Plates for shipbuilding:

Mainly used in the construction of the skeleton of ships.

Pressure vessel plates:

Mainly used in the manufacturing of pressure vessels such as reaction vessels, heat exchanging vessels, separating vessels and storage vessels.

Plates for boilers:

Mainly used in the manufacturing of cylinders and shell covers for medium and low pressure boilers.

Normal carbon structural plates:

Widely used in the machinery, construction and transportation industries.

A variety of low-alloy structural steel plates and others:

Widely used in machine engineering, heavy vehicle manufacturing, construction of bridges, mining and heat-resistant equipment.

Medium-gauge plates accounted for approximately 44.69% of the sale of the Group in 2000.

B. Steel sections

Widely used in the machinery, construction, shipbuilding, mining and transportation industries.

Steel sections accounted for approximately 15.56% of the sale of the Group in 2000.

C. Wire rods

Mainly used in the construction industry.

Wire rod products accounted for approximately 6.76% of the sale of the Group in 2000.

## D. Steel billets

Mainly sold to other steel producers whom the Group does not deem as competitors, and export continuously cast billets.

Steel billets accounted for approximately 23.89% of the sale of the Group in 2000.

E. Non-steel by-products

The non-steel by-products produced in the course of iron and steel production process mainly include coking coal, coking by-products such as industrial naphthalene, ammonium sulphate, crude benzene etc., blast furnace grain slag and the provision of of utilities such as water and electricity.

Non-steel products accounted for approximately 9.10% of the sale of the Group in 2000.

