

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st December 2002

	Note	2002 Rmb'000	2001 Rmb'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash received from customers		4,993,613	4,638,651
Cash paid to suppliers		(3,443,827)	(3,151,781)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees		(309,870)	(247,242)
Value added tax paid		(265,047)	(244,697)
Other cash payments		(324,662)	(361,695)
<b>NET CASH INFLOW GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS</b>	25(a)	650,207	633,236
Interest paid		(66,177)	(62,616)
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		584,030	570,620
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets		(306,163)	(425,328)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		5,774	10,209
Payment for relining of blast furnaces		(58,017)	(80,262)
Payment for other investment		(5,000)	—
Acquisition of assets and liabilities of a subsidiary and disposal of subsidiary	25(c)	(10,000)	—
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		(373,406)	(495,381)
<b>NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING</b>		210,624	75,239
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
New loans payable	25(b)	657,230	898,300
Repayment of amounts borrowed	25(b)	(638,900)	(881,300)
Repayment of amount due to Holding Company	25(b)	(120,399)	(63,739)
Pledged bank deposit	25(b)	—	(3,000)
Interest received		2,186	3,849
Dividends paid		(31,918)	(31,918)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		(5,141)	(10,346)
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING</b>		(136,942)	(88,154)
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN BANK BALANCES AND CASH</b>		73,682	(12,915)
<b>BANK BALANCES AND CASH AT 1ST JANUARY</b>		319,374	332,289
<b>BANK BALANCES AND CASH AT 31ST DECEMBER</b>		393,056	319,374