Notes to the Accounts

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1. ORGANISATION AND OPERATIONS

Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in Bermuda on 9th June, 1992 with limited liability. The Company's ADSs and shares are traded on The New York Stock Exchange Inc. and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK") respectively. The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of the Company's subsidiaries (together with the Company referred to as the "Group") are the manufacturing and sale of minibuses, sedans and automotive components in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these accounts are set out below:

(a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and comply with accounting standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA"). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the current year, the Group adopted SSAP 35 "Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance" and SSAP 12 "Income Taxes" issued by the HKSA which were effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st July, 2002 and 1st January, 2003, respectively.

The changes to the Group's accounting policies and the effect of adopting these new policies are set out below.

(b) Group accounting

(i) Consolidation

The consolidated accounts of the Group include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st December.

Subsidiaries are those entities in which the Company, directly or indirectly, controls more than one half of the voting power; has the power to govern the financial and operating policies; to appoint or remove the majority of the members of the board of directors; or to cast majority of votes at the meetings of the board of directors.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(b) Group accounting (Cont'd)

(i) Consolidation (Cont'd)

All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group, including sales to companies within the Group, are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests represent the interests of outside shareholders in the operating results and net assets of subsidiaries.

In the Company's balance sheet the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

(ii) Joint ventures

A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby the Group and other parties undertake an economic activity which is subject to joint control and none of the participating parties has unilateral control over the economic activity.

The consolidated profit and loss account includes the Group's share of results of jointly controlled entities for the year, and the consolidated balance sheet includes the Group's share of net assets of the jointly controlled entities and goodwill/negative goodwill (net of accumulated amortisation) on acquisition.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its jointly controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the jointly controlled entity. Unrealised losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

Equity accounting is discontinued when the carrying amount of the investment in a jointly controlled entity reaches zero, unless the Group has incurred obligations or guaranteed obligations in respect of the jointly controlled entity.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(b) Group accounting (Cont'd)

(iii) Associated companies

An associated company is a company, not being a subsidiary or a joint venture, in which an equity interest is held for the long-term and significant influence is exercised in its management.

The consolidated profit and loss account includes the Group's share of the results of associated companies for the year, and the consolidated balance sheet includes the Group's share of the net assets of the associated companies and goodwill/negative goodwill (net of accumulated amortisation) on acquisition.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates; unrealised losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

(iv) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising in these cases are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The balance sheets of subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associated companies expressed in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date whilst the profit and loss accounts are translated at the average rate. Exchange differences are dealt with as a movement in reserves.

Cumulative translation adjustments reserves under shareholders' equity represent exchange differences arising from the Company's change in functional currency in previous years.

(c) Intangibles

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net assets of the acquired subsidiary/joint venture/associated company at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill on acquisitions is amortised using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated future economic life of 20 years or the remaining lives of the respective joint ventures from their initial recognition.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(c) Intangibles (Cont'd)

(ii) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of 7 years.

(iii) Research and development costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Costs incurred on development projects relating to the design and testing of new or improved products are recognised as an intangible asset where the technical feasibility and intention of completing the product under development has been demonstrated and the resources are available to do so, costs are identifiable and there is an ability to sell or use the asset that will generate probable future economic benefits. Such development costs are recognised as an asset and amortised on a straight-line basis over a period which reflects the pattern in which the related economic benefits are recognised. Development costs that do not meet the above criteria are expensed as incurred. Development costs previously recognised as an expense are not recognised as an asset in a subsequent period.

(iv) Impairment

Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of any intangible asset is assessed and written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

(d) Fixed assets and depreciation

(i) Construction-in-progress

Construction-in-progress represents factories and office buildings on which construction work has not been completed and machinery pending installation and which, upon completion, management intends to hold for production purpose or for its own use. Construction-in-progress is carried at cost which includes development and construction expenditure incurred and interest and other direct costs attributable to the development less any accumulated impairment losses. On completion, the construction-in-progress is transferred to fixed assets at cost less provision for impairment losses. Construction-in-progress is not depreciated until such time as the assets are completed and ready for their intended use.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(d) Fixed assets and depreciation (Cont'd)

(ii) Fixed assets

Fixed assets, comprising land use rights, buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture, fixtures and office equipment, and motor vehicles, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and provision for impairment losses.

(iii) Depreciation

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates sufficient to write off their cost less estimated residual value of 10% of each asset and less accumulated impairment losses over its estimated useful life on a straight-line basis. The principal annual rates are as follows:

Buildings	5%
Machinery and equipment	
(excluding special tools and moulds)	10%
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	20%

The costs of special tools and moulds included in machinery and equipment are amortised over their estimated productive volume.

Land use rights are amortised on a straight-line basis over the term of the land use period.

The useful life of assets and depreciation method are reviewed periodically.

(iv) Impairment and gain or loss on sale

At each balance sheet date, both internal and external sources of information are considered to assess whether there is any indication that assets included in construction-in-progress and fixed assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and where relevant, an impairment loss is recognised to reduce the asset to its recoverable amount. Such impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

The gain or loss on disposal of a fixed asset is the difference among the net sales proceeds, the carrying amount of the relevant asset and other related expenses, and is recognised in the profit and loss account.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(e) Government grants

A government grant is recognised when there is a reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching with it and that the grant will be received.

Grants relating to income are deferred and recognised in the profit and loss account over the period necessary to match them with the costs they are intended to compensate.

In the current year, the Company was granted subsidies in the form of "tax refund on reinvestments" amounting to approximately RMB48,497,000 in relation to the Company's reinvestment of the dividends declared by certain subsidiaries of the Company to those subsidiaries as additional capital contributions by foreign investors. Such subsidies were approved by the relevant local tax bureaus in accordance with the relevant income tax laws in the PRC. All of the approved subsidies were received by the Group during the year and were included in the other revenue in the profit and loss account.

(f) Operating leases

Leases where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases net of any incentives received from the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease periods.

Assets leased out under operating leases are included in fixed assets in the balance sheet. They are depreciated over the expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned fixed assets. Rental income (net of any incentives given to lessees) is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

(g) Investment securities

Investment securities are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses.

The carrying amounts of individual investments are reviewed at each balance sheet date to assess whether the fair values have declined below the carrying amounts. When a decline other than temporary has occurred, the carrying amount of such securities will be reduced to its fair value. The impairment loss is recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account. This impairment loss is written back to profit and loss account when the circumstances and events that led to the writedowns or write-offs cease to exist and there is persuasive evidence that the new circumstances and events will persist for the foreseeable future.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(h) Inventories

Inventories comprise raw materials, work-in-progress and finished goods and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, calculated on the moving-average basis, comprises all costs of purchase, direct labour, and an appropriate proportion of all production overhead and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

(i) Accounts receivable and other receivables

Provision is made against accounts receivable and other receivables to the extent they are considered to be doubtful. Accounts receivable and other receivables are stated net of such provision.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank deposits with maturity between three and twelve months are classified as short-term deposits.

(k) Provisions

Provision is recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. If the Group expects a provision is to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

The Group recognises a provision for repairs or replacement of products still under warranty at the balance sheet date. Minibuses are sold with 24-month or 50,000 kilometers (2002: 18-month or 30,000 kilometers) first-to-occur limited warranty. Zhonghua sedans are sold with 36-month or 60,000 kilometers (2002: 24-month or 40,000 kilometers) first-to-occur limited warranty. During the warranty period, the Group pays service stations for parts and labor covered by the warranty.

The costs of the warranty obligation are accrued at the time the sales are recognised, based on the estimated costs of fulfilling the total obligations, including handling and transportation costs. The factors used to estimate warranty expenses are reevaluated periodically in light of actual experience.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(k) Provisions (Cont'd)

The reconciliation of the changes in the warranty obligation for the year is as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Balance as at 1st January	18,854	8,852
Accrual for warranties issued during the year	87,405	31,127
Settlement made during the year	(82,616)	(21,125)
Balance as at 31st December	23,643	18,854

(1) Employee benefits

(i) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long service leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave and long service leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

(ii) Bonus plans

Bonus plans are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

(iii) Pension obligations

Pursuant to laws and regulations of the PRC, contributions to the basic pension, medical insurance and other benefits for the Group's PRC staff are made monthly to a government agency based on percentages, ranging from 43.8% to 50.4%, of the standard salary set by the provincial government. Part of such contributions, ranging from 35% to 41.5% is borne by the Group and the remainder is borne by the staff. The government agency is responsible for the pension liabilities relating to such staff on their retirement. The Group accounts for these contributions on an accrual basis.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(1) Employee benefits (Cont'd)

(iii) Pension obligations (Cont'd)

Contributions made to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for the Group's employees in Hong Kong are expensed when incurred.

(m) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the accounts. Taxation rates enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date are used to determine deferred taxation.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associated companies and jointly controlled entities, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

(n) Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. It can also be a present obligation arising from past events that is not recognised because it is not probable that outflow of economic resources will be required or the amount of obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent liability is not recognised but is disclosed in the notes to the accounts. When a change in the probability of an outflow occurs so that outflow is probable, they will then be recognised as a provision.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent assets are not recognised but are disclosed in the notes to the accounts when an inflow of economic benefits is probable. When inflow is virtually certain, an asset is recognised.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(o) Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods, net of consumption tax, discounts and returns.

(p) Revenue recognition

Provided it is probable that the economic benefits associated with a transaction will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, turnover is recognised on the following bases:

(i) Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised on the transfer of risks and rewards of ownership, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered to customers and title has passed.

(ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis, taking into account the principal amounts outstanding and the interest rates applicable.

(iii) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

(iv) Subsidy income

Accounting policy for recognition of subsidy income is set out in note 2(e) to the accounts.

(q) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset.

All other borrowing costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(r) Convertible bonds

Convertible bonds were issued at par and are stated in the balance sheet at face value plus accrued interest expense. Direct expenses in connection with the issuance of convertible bonds are capitalised as deferred expenses on the balance sheet and are amortised over the life of the convertible bonds.

(s) Segment reporting

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, management has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format. As the whole of the Group's sales and manufacturing is located in the PRC, management considered that secondary reporting format by geographical segments is not necessary.

Unallocated costs represent corporate expenses. Segment assets consist primarily of intangible assets, fixed assets, inventories, receivables and operating cash, and exclude corporate assets. Segment liabilities comprise operating liabilities and exclude corporate liabilities. Capital expenditure comprises additions to long-term prepayments, intangible assets and fixed assets including capital contributions in the form of intangible assets and fixed assets to the Group.

(t) Subsequent events

Post-year-end events that provide additional information about a company's position at the balance sheet date or those that indicate the going concern assumption is not appropriate are reflected in the accounts. Post-year-end events that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to the accounts when material.

(u) Use of estimates

The preparation of accounts in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The principal activities of the Company's subsidiaries are the manufacturing and sale of (1) minibuses and automotive components; and (2) Zhonghua sedans in the PRC.

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Turnover		
Sales of minibuses and automotive components	6,764,225	6,202,172
Sales of sedans	3,345,332	1,117,283
	10,109,557	7,319,455
Other revenue		
Subsidy income	48,497	_
Others	129,640	51,296
Interest income (Note 5)	52,672	43,617
Total revenues	10,340,366	7,414,368

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group determined that business segments be presented as the only reporting format.

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3. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

The Group is operated in the PRC under the following three main business segments: (1) manufacturing and sale of minibuses and automotive components; (2) manufacturing and sale of Zhonghua sedans; and (3) manufacturing and sale of BMW sedans.

Business segments — 2003

	Manufacturing	M		
	and sale of minibuses and	Manufacturing and sale of	Manufacturing	
	automotive	Zhonghua	and sale of	
	components	sedans	BMW sedans	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Segment sales	6,942,411	3,345,332	_	10,287,743
Intersegment sales	(178,186)	-	_	(178,186)
	6,764,225	3,345,332	_	10,109,557
Segment results	1,380,552	23,470	_	1,404,022
Unallocated costs				(131,657)
Operating profit				1,272,365
Interest income				52,672
Interest expense				(167,111)
Share of profits less losses of:				
Jointly controlled entities	88,361	_	(125,214)	(36,853)
Associated companies	_	131,187	767	131,954
Profit before taxation				1,253,027
Taxation				(153,033)
Profit after taxation				1,099,994
Minority interests				(163,547)
Profit attributable to				
shareholders				936,447

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3. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Business segments — 2003 (Cont'd)

	Manufacturing			
	and sale of	Manufacturing		
	minibuses and	and sale of	Manufacturing	
	automotive	Zhonghua	and sale of	
	components	sedans	BMW sedans	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Segment assets	11,144,253	5,329,240		16,473,493
Investments in associated	11,144,233	3,329,240	_	10,473,493
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companies	_	318,082	4,276	322,358
Investments in jointly controlled entities	704.250		EGO 267	1 254 596
Unallocated assets	794,259	_	560,267	1,354,526
Unanocated assets				137,665
Total assets				18,288,042
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Segment liabilities	(6,927,652)	(1,017,834)	_	(7,945,486)
Unallocated liabilities				(1,741,018)
Total liabilities				(0.696.504)
Total habilities				(9,686,504)
Other disclosures:				
Capital expenditure	1,023,356	1,041,544		2,064,900
Depreciation of fixed assets		· · ·	_	
Amortisation on intangible	199,226	253,532	_	452,758
assets and goodwill	47 202	227 207		274 620
Net impairment charge	47,323	227,307	_	274,630 12,877
net impairment charge	-	12,877	_	12,877

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3. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Business segments — 2002

	Manufacturing		
	and sale of	Manufacturing	
	minibuses and	and sale of	
	automotive	Zhonghua	
	components	sedans	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note 41)	(Note 41)	(Note 41)
Segment sales	6,283,700	1,117,283	7,400,983
Intersegment sales	(81,528)	<u> </u>	(81,528)
	6,202,172	1,117,283	7,319,455
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Segment results	1,287,637	(245,507)	1,042,130
Unallocated costs		_	(122,310)
Operating profit			919,820
Interest income			43,617
Interest expense			(171,286)
Share of profits less losses of:			
Jointly controlled entities	81,268	11,456	92,724
Associated companies	_	20,704	20,704
Profit before taxation			905,579
			(146,610)
Taxation			(110,010)
Profit after taxation			758,969
Minority interests		_	(108,122)
Profit attributable to shareholders			650,847

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3. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Business segments — 2002 (Cont'd)

	Manufacturing and sale of minibuses and automotive components RMB'000	Manufacturing and sale of Zhonghua sedans RMB'000	Total RMB'000
	(Note 41)	(Note 41)	(Note 41)
Segment assets	8,584,022	3,905,418	12,489,440
Investments in associated companies	_	185,921	185,921
Investments in jointly controlled entities	710,261	_	710,261
Unallocated assets			491,131
Total assets			13,876,753
Segment liabilities	(6,138,080)	(1,134,191)	(7,272,271)
Unallocated liabilities			(60,475)
Total liabilities			(7,332,746)
Other disclosures:			
Capital expenditure	451,781	315,324	767,105
Depreciation of fixed assets	95,823	117,953	213,776
Amortisation on intangible assets and goodwill	47,230	58,561	105,791
Net reversal of impairment charge on fixed assets		25,355	25,355

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4. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging and crediting the following:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Charging		
Depreciation of fixed assets	452,758	213,776
Loss on disposals of fixed assets	_	5,147
Amortisation of goodwill included in		
— General and administrative expenses	24,290	24,290
— Share of profits less losses of:		
Jointly controlled entities	21,486	21,486
Associated companies	1,777	3,231
Amortisation of intangible assets included in cost of sales (Note 13)	227,077	56,784
Amortisation of deferred expenses (Note 23)	1,486	
Net realisable value provision for inventory	32,875	40,761
Provision for impairment losses on fixed assets (tools and moulds)	12,877	972
Provision for impairment losses on investment securities	_	13,058
Staff costs (excluding directors' emoluments) (Note 10)	371,503	256,384
Cost of inventories sold (including depreciation and amortisation)	7,744,891	5,411,134
Provision for doubtful debts	4,825	18,921
Auditors' remuneration	2,564	2,558
Exchange loss, net	_	2,786
Research and development costs included in general and		
administrative expenses	155,599	234,554
Training expenses included in general and administrative expenses	1,218	3,361
Provision for warranty	87,405	31,127
Operating lease rentals on:		
— land and buildings and equipment	17,527	21,190
— machinery and equipment	13,274	_
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Crediting		
Gain on disposals of fixed assets, net	14,004	_
Gain on disposal of an associated company	_	6,014
Provision for doubtful debts written back	5,679	265
Reversal of provision for impairment on fixed assets (tools and moulds)	_	26,327
Exchange gain, net	120	_

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5. INTEREST INCOME

6.

	2003 RMB'000	2002
	KMB 000	RMB'000
Interest income from		
— Bank deposits	51,188	40,266
— Others	1,484	3,351
	52,672	43,617
INTEREST EXPENSE	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expense on		
Bank loans wholly repayable within one year	8,505	28,279
Discounted bank notes	157,419	143,807
Convertible bonds (Note 31)	1,187	
Less: Interest expense capitalised in construction-in-progress		
(Note 17)		(800)
	167,111	171,286

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7. TAXATION

Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the year at the rates of taxation prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Current taxation:		
Hong Kong profits tax	_	_
PRC enterprise income tax	145,654	175,665
Deferred taxation relating to the origination and reversal of temporary		
differences (Note 32)	(1,514)	(38,041)
Share of taxation of jointly controlled entities: Current taxation: PRC enterprise income tax	144,140 8,019	137,624 8,986
Share of taxation of associated companies:		
Current taxation:		
PRC enterprise income tax	874	
Taxation charges	153,033	146,610

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7. TAXATION (Cont'd)

The taxation on the Group's profit before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average taxation rate of the companies within the Group as follows:

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
Profit before taxation	1,253,027	905,579
Calculated at a weighted average statutory taxation rate in the PRC		
of 22.56% (2002: 26.32%)	282,709	238,332
Effect of tax holiday	(159,516)	(109, 326)
Expenses not deductible for taxation purpose	29,840	17,604
	153,033	146,610

Income Tax

The Company was incorporated under the laws of Bermuda and has received an undertaking from the Ministry of Finance in Bermuda pursuant to the provisions of the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act, 1966, which exempts the Company and its shareholders, other than shareholders ordinarily residing in Bermuda, from any Bermuda taxes computed on profit, income or any capital asset gain or appreciation, or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, at least until year 2016.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made to the Company as the Company has no estimated assessable profit for the year.

The subsidiaries are subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at their respective tax rates, based on the taxable income reported in their statutory accounts in accordance with the relevant state and local income tax laws applicable.

Shenyang Brilliance JinBei Automobile Co., Ltd ("Shenyang Automotive") is subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 15% and 3% respectively in accordance with enterprise income tax laws applicable to Sino-foreign equity joint venture enterprises. Shenyang Automotive is exempted from local income tax of 3% as it was designated as "Technologically-Advanced Enterprise". As a result, the effective enterprise income tax rate for Shenyang Automotive was 15% for the year ended 31st December, 2003 (2002:15%).

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7. TAXATION (Cont'd)

Income Tax (Cont'd)

Ningbo Yuming Machinery Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Yuming") is subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 15% and 1.5% respectively in accordance with enterprise income tax laws applicable to foreign-invested enterprises (2002: 16.5%).

Shenyang XingYuanDong Automobile Component Co., Ltd. ("Xing Yuan Dong") is subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 30% and 3% respectively in accordance with enterprise income tax laws. Xing Yuan Dong received official designation by the local tax authorities as a "New and Technologically-Advanced Enterprise" in 1999. During 2001, Xing Yuan Dong was further designated by the local tax authority as a foreign-invested enterprise engaged in manufacturing activities. As a result, the effective enterprise income tax rate for Xing Yuan Dong was 7.5% for the year ended 31st December, 2003 (2002: 7.5%).

Mianyang Brilliance Ruian Automotive Components Co., Ltd. ("Mianyang Ruian") is subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 30% and 3% respectively in accordance with enterprise income tax laws. During 2001, Mianyang Ruian received official designation by the local tax authority as a foreign-invested enterprise engaged in manufacturing activities. Pursuant to the relevant income tax laws in the PRC, Mianyang Ruian is exempted from state and local enterprise income taxes for two years starting from the first profitable year followed by a 50% reduction of enterprise income tax for the next three years. In addition, Mianyang Ruian is also exempted from local enterprise income tax for the five-year period. As a result, the effective tax rate for Mianyang Ruian was 15% for the year ended 31st December, 2003 (2002: exempted).

Shenyang Brilliance Dongxing Automotive Component Co., Ltd. ("Dongxing Automotive") is subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 30% and 3% respectively in accordance with enterprise income tax laws. Dongxing Automotive received official designation by the local tax authorities as a "New and Technologically-Advanced Enterprises" and a foreign-invested enterprise engaged in manufacturing activities. Pursuant to the relevant income tax laws in the PRC, Dongxing Automotive is exempted from state enterprise income tax for two years starting from the first profitable year in 1999 followed by a 50% reduction of state enterprise income tax for the next three years. In addition, Dongxing Automotive is also exempted from local enterprise income tax for the five-year period. As a result, the effective tax rate for Dongxing Automotive was 7.5% for the year ended 31st December, 2003 (2002: 7.5%).

Other principal subsidiaries operating in the PRC are subject to state and local income taxes in the PRC at standard rates of 30% and 3% respectively, based on the respective taxable income reported in their statutory accounts in accordance with the relevant state and local income tax laws applicable to foreign-invested enterprises.

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7. TAXATION (Cont'd)

Value Added Tax ("VAT") and Consumption Tax

The general VAT rate applicable to sales and purchases of minibuses, sedans and automotive components in the PRC is 17%.

Sales of minibuses and sedans are also subject to consumption tax at standard rates of 3% to 8%.

8. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The consolidated profit attributable to shareholders includes a profit of approximately RMB613.4 million (2002: RMB1,394.4 million) which has been dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

9. DIVIDENDS

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Dividends declared and paid during the year		
— 2003 interim dividends of HK\$0.01 (2002: HK\$0.004)		
per ordinary share	38,541	15,690
— 2002 final dividends of HK\$0.01 (2001: HK\$0.005)		
per ordinary share	39,210	19,605
	77,751	35,295

At a meeting held on 22nd April, 2004, the directors proposed a final dividend of HK\$0.01 per ordinary share. This proposed dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in these accounts, but is reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings under proposed dividends for the year ended 31st December, 2003.

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10. STAFF COSTS (EXCLUDING DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS)

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Wages and salaries	257,839	199,344
Performance related bonuses	16,610	8,931
Pension costs — defined contribution plans (Note 33)	50,544	26,917
Staff welfare costs (Note 33)	46,510	21,192
	371,503	256,384

11. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The aggregate amounts of emoluments payable to the directors of the Company during the year are as follows:

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	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Executive directors (including ex-director):		
Fees	_	_
Other emoluments		
 Basic salaries, allowances and benefits in kind 	12,173	17,217
— Performance related bonuses for the year	23,160	12,649
- Additional performance related bonuses for previous year	5,546	_
— Contributions to pension scheme	51	61
— Inducement for joining of the Group as director	_	_
— Compensation paid for loss of office as director	_	
	40,930	29,927
Independent non-executive directors:		
Fees	207	248
	41,137	30,175

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11. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS (Cont'd)

(a) Directors' emoluments (Cont'd)

The emoluments of the directors (including ex-director, executive and non-executive directors) analysed by the number of directors and emolument ranges are as set out below. The emoluments represent the amount paid to or receivable by the directors of the Company in the respective financial year and exclude the benefits derived or to be derived from the share options granted or exercised (see Note 34(b)).

	Number of directors		
	2003	2002	
Up to HK\$1,000,000	4	3	
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	_	_	
HK\$1,500,001 – HK\$2,000,000	1	_	
HK\$2,000,001 – HK\$2,500,000	_	1	
HK\$5,000,001 – HK\$5,500,000	_	4	
HK\$5,500,001 – HK\$6,000,000	_	1	
HK\$8,500,001 – HK\$9,000,000	1	_	
HK\$9,000,001 – HK\$9,500,000	2	_	
HK\$9,500,001 – HK\$10,000,000	1		
	9	9	

No directors waived their emoluments during the year (2002: Same).

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11. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS (Cont'd)

(b) Five highest paid individuals

Details of emoluments paid to the five highest paid individuals (including directors and other employees) are as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Basic salaries, allowances and benefits in kinds	14,159	16,739
Performance related bonus	23,160	10,986
Additional performance related bonuses for previous year	5,546	_
Contributions to pension scheme	51	61
	42,916	27,786
Number of directors	4	5
Number of employees	1	_

The emoluments of the five highest paid individuals analysed by the number of individuals and emolument ranges are set out below. The emoluments represent the amount paid to or receivable by the individuals in the respective financial year and exclude the benefits derived from the share options granted to or exercised by the individuals (see Note 34 (b)).

	Number of individuals		
	2003	2002	
Emoluments bands			
HK\$2,000,001 – HK\$3,500,000	1	_	
HK\$5,000,001 – HK\$5,500,000	_	4	
HK\$5,500,001 – HK\$6,000,000	_	1	
HK\$8,500,001 – HK\$9,000,000	1	_	
HK\$9,000,001 – HK\$9,500,000	2	_	
HK\$9,500,001 – HK\$10,000,000	1		
	5	5	

During the year, no emoluments were paid to the five highest paid individuals as inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office (2002: same).

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12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the net profit attributable to shareholders of approximately RMB936,447,000 (2002: RMB650,847,000), divided by the weighted average of 3,666,539,983 shares (2002: 3,666,052,900 shares) outstanding during the year.

The diluted earnings per share is based on the adjusted net profit attributable to shareholders of approximately RMB937,634,000 which is the net profit attributable to shareholders for the year adjusted for the accrued interest expense related to the convertible bonds of approximately RMB1,187,000 divided by 3,702,398,310 ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year plus the weighted average number of 3,338,970 ordinary shares deemed to be issued at no consideration if all outstanding options had been exercised (2002: anti-dilutive) and the weighted average number of 32,519,357 ordinary shares deemed to be issued if all the convertible bonds were converted into ordinary shares (2002: N/A).

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13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

		Components		
	Sedan design	and parts technology		
	right	right	Others	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note a)	(Note b)		
At 1st January, 2003	624,342	_	624	624,966
Addition	_	820,000	2,587	822,587
Amortisation charge (Note 4)	(97,300)	(127,792)	(1,985)	(227,077)
At 31st December, 2003	527,042	692,208	1,226	1,220,476
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At 31st December, 2003				
Cost	681,100	820,000	3,237	1,504,337
Accumulated amortisation	(154,058)	(127,792)	(2,011)	(283,861)
Net book amount	527,042	692,208	1,226	1,220,476
At 31st December, 2002				
Cost	681,100	_	650	681,750
Accumulated amortisation	(56,758)		(26)	(56,784)
	624,342	_	624	624,966

Note:

- (a) Sedan design right with original cost of RMB681.1 million represents rights, titles and interests in certain design and engineering agreements and technical assistance agreement in relation to Zhonghua sedan acquired from an affiliated company of Brilliance Holdings Limited ("BHL").
- (b) Components and parts technology right with original cost of RMB820 million represents rights, titles and interests in the interior design of the components and spare parts for Zhonghua sedan. It was injected by Shenyang JinBei Automotive Company Limited ("JinBei"), the joint venture partner of Shenyang Automotive, as part of its additional capital contributions to Shenyang Automotive during the year at an agreed fair value of RMB820 million (see Note 36(c)).

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14. GOODWILL

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	RMB'000
At 1st January, 2003	390,174
Amortisation charge	(24,290)
At 31st December, 2003	365,884
At 31st December, 2003	
Cost	439,583
Accumulated amortisation	(73,699)
Net book value	365,884
At 31st December, 2002	
Cost	439,583
Accumulated amortisation	(49,409)
Net book value	390,174
LONG-TERM PREPAYMENTS	
2003	2002
RMB'000	RMB'000
Prepayment for an intangible asset 106,217	70,382
Prepayment for fixed assets —	18,305
106,217	88,687

Prepayment for an intangible asset represents the cumulative payments made to a third party for the development of an engine project.

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16. FIXED ASSETS

				Furniture,		
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	Land use	Davitalia ee	Machinery and	office	Motor vehicles	Total
	rights RMB'000	Buildings RMB'000	equipment RMB'000	equipment RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	RMB 000	KMB 000	RIVIB 000	KMB 000	RMB 000	RMB 000
Cost						
Beginning of year	20,170	789,696	2,944,898	124,876	75,765	3,955,405
Additions	64,405	50,096	264,948	48,814	22,486	450,749
Transfer from						
construction-in-progress	_	230,909	370,808	36,611	196	638,524
Disposals	_	(2,346)	(419,169)	(19,696)	(12,211)	(453,422)
Reclassifications	_	(32,568)	(77,493)	102,430	7,631	
End of year	84,575	1,035,787	3,083,992	293,035	93,867	4,591,256
Accumulated						
depreciation and						
impairment losses						
Beginning of year	10,450	129,807	624,589	56,890	30,578	852,314
Provision for the year	2,153	48,992	346,178	36,525	18,910	452,758
Provision for impairment						
losses	_	_	12,877	_	_	12,877
Written-back on disposals	_	(3,386)	(52,062)	(14,986)	(10,078)	(80,512)
Reclassifications	_	(4,862)	(7,519)	11,666	715	
End of year	12,603	170,551	924,063	90,095	40,125	1,237,437
Net book value						
End of year	71,972	865,236	2,159,929	202,940	53,742	3,353,819
Beginning of year	9,720	659,889	2,320,309	67,986	45,187	3,103,091

⁽a) All the land use rights of the Group are related to land located in the PRC where no individual land ownership right exists. Such land use rights have a duration of not more than 50 years. Buildings of the Group are also located in the PRC.

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16. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

- (b) Land use rights and buildings amounting to approximately RMB105,427,000 were injected by JinBei as part of its additional capital contributions to Shenyang Automotive during the year (see Note 36(c)).
- (c) In December 2003, Shenyang Automotive disposed of certain machineries and equipment with an aggregate net book value of approximately RMB358,643,000 to the Group's jointly controlled entity, BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd ("BMW Brilliance"), at a consideration of approximately RMB384,290,000 which was mutually agreed by both parties. The agreement of sale includes an option for BMW Brilliance to require Shenyang Automotive to purchase back such machineries and equipment at the purchase price less depreciation upon the occurrence of certain events, including the passing of a valid resolution pursuant to the joint venture contract by the board of directors of BMW Brilliance. These machineries and equipment are maintained and operated by BMW Brilliance for the manufacturing of its products. BMW Brilliance will provide certain services to Shenyang Automotive upon the payment of a service fee which is determined based on the number of Zhonghua sedans produced by Shenyang Automotive using these machineries and equipment at a predetermined formulated unit charge. As of the date of approval of these accounts, the basis of service fees has not yet been finalised and service fees of approximately RMB17,438,000 has accrued as at 31st December, 2003.
- (d) Certain buildings and machineries and equipment of Shenyang Automotive with a net book value of RMB150,000,000 were secured against its short-term bank loans as of 31st December, 2002 (See Note 30).
- (e) Shenyang Automotive transferred the legal titles and ownership of certain buildings with an aggregate net book value of approximately RMB225,185,000 to BMW Brilliance in consideration of approximately RMB248,684,000 and entered into an agreement with BMW Brilliance to lease-back a substantial portion of the buildings. The agreement of sale includes an option for BMW Brilliance to require Shenyang Automotive to purchase back such buildings at the purchase price less depreciation upon the occurrence of certain events, including the passing of a valid resolution pursuant to the joint venture contract by the board of directors of BMW Brilliance. For financial reporting purposes, the buildings were retained as fixed assets on the balance sheet of the Group and the portion of consideration received from BMW Brilliance up to 31st December, 2003 amounting to approximately RMB74,605,000 is treated as a financing and will be partially offset against the lease rental payable in future years. The remaining balance of approximately RMB174,079,000 will be received from BMW Brilliance when certain conditions specified in the agreement of sale are fulfilled. Such amount will be accounted for as additional financing.

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17. CONSTRUCTION-IN-PROGRESS

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Beginning of year	453,028	713,219
Additions	755,729	482,095
	1,208,757	1,195,314
Write-off of construction-in-progress	_	(1,575)
Transfer to fixed assets	(638,524)	(740,711)
End of year	570,233	453,028

No interest expense was capitalised during the year (2002: RMB800,000).

18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

As of 31st December, 2003, investments in subsidiaries comprised the following:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Unlisted shares, at cost (Note a)	4,043,481	1,992,139
Amounts due from subsidiaries:		
Interest bearing at rates ranged between 5.0% to 5.8% per annum		
(Note b)	2,288,873	699,289
Non-interest bearing (Note c)	1,239,263	2,332,046
Provision for impairment	(26,696)	(26,696)
	7,544,921	4,996,778

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18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries are as follows:

	Place of establishment/	Registered capital/		interest/vo attributab Comp	le to the	_
Name	incorporation	•	Legal structure	Directly	Indirectly	Principal activities
Shenyang Brilliance JinBei Automobile Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	US\$330,360,000	Equity joint venture	51%	_	Manufacturing, assembly and sales of minibuses and sedans
Ningbo Yuming Machinery Industrial Co., Ltd.	Ningbo, the PRC	US\$2,500,000	Equity joint venture	_	51%	Manufacturing and sales of automotive components
Shenyang XingYuanDong Automobile Component Co. Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	US\$150,000,000	Wholly foreign owned enterprise	100%	_	Manufacturing and trading of automotive components
Ningbo Brilliance Ruixing Auto Components Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Ruxing")	Ningbo, the PRC	US\$5,000,000	Wholly foreign owned enterprise	100%	_	Manufacturing and trading of automotive components
Mianyang Brilliance Ruian Automotive Components Co., Ltd.	Mianyang, the PRC	US\$5,000,000	Wholly foreign owned enterprise	100%	-	Manufacturing and trading of automotive components
Shenyang Brilliance Dongxing Automotive Component Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB12,000,000	Wholly foreign owned enterprise	_	100%	Manufacturing and trading of automotive components
Shenyang Jindong Development Co., Ltd	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB10,000,000	Equity joint venture	_	100%	Trading of automotive components
Shenyang Jianhua Motors Engine Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB155,032,500	Equity joint venture	_	100%	Investment holding
China Brilliance Automotive Components Group Limited	Bermuda	US\$120,000	Company with limited liabilities	100%	_	Investment holding

Percentage of equity

US\$1 Company with

limited liabilities

100%

Investment holding

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Limited ("SJAI")

18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

Percentage of equity interest/voting right attributable to the Place of Registered capital/ Company establishment/ issued and fully Name incorporation paid capital Legal structure Directly Indirectly Principal activities Beston Asia Investment British Virgin US\$1 Company with 100% Investment holding Limited Islands limited liabilities Pure Shine Limited British Virgin US\$1 Company with 100% Investment holding Islands limited liabilities Key Choices Group British Virgin US\$50,000 Company with 100% Investment holding Limited limited liabilities Islands Brilliance China British Virgin US\$50,000 Company with 100% Financing Automotive Finance Islands limited liabilities Ltd. Shenyang ChenFa US\$1,000,000 Wholly owned 100% Development, Shenyang, Automobile Component the PRC foreign manufacturing and Co., Ltd sales of engines' enterprise components Shenyang XinJeiBei RMB150,000,000 Company with Investment holding Shenyang, limited liabilities Investment and the PRC Development Co., Ltd ("SXID") Shenyang JinBei Shenyang, RMB150,000,000 Company with 98% Investment holding Automotive Industry the PRC limited liabilities Holdings Company

- (a) The increase during the year was mainly due to additional capital contributions to Shenyang Automotive and Xing Yuan Dong amounting to approximately RMB1,152.6 million and RMB882.0 million respectively through capitalisation of dividends receivable.
- (b) The amounts represent interest-bearing loans to subsidiaries and are unsecured and repayable within 1 to 2 years.
- (c) The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and without fixed repayment terms.

None of the subsidiaries had any loan capital outstanding as of 31st December, 2003.

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19 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Details of investments in associated companies are as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Share of net assets other than goodwill	293,927	155,714
Goodwill		
— Cost	33,667	33,667
— Accumulated amortisation	(5,236)	(3,460)
Investments in associated companies, unlisted shares	322,358	185,921

Details of the Group's principal associated companies as at 31st December, 2003 are as follows:

Name of company	Place of establishment/ incorporation	Registered capital/issued and paid up capital	Legal structure	Percentage of equity interest/ voting right held indirectly	Principal activities
Shenyang Aerospace Mitsubishi Motors Engine Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ("Shenyang Aerospace")	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB738,250,000	Equity joint venture	12.77%	Manufacturing and sales of automotive engines
Chongqing FuHua Automotive Sales Service Co., Ltd.	Chongqing, the PRC	RMB12,500,000	Equity joint venture	30%	Trading of BMW sedans

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19 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (Cont'd)

Unaudited combined financial information of the associated companies for the year ended 31st December, 2003 is summarised as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Balance sheet		
Non-current assets	1,194,894	641,660
Current assets	1,156,831	1,071,457
Total assets	2,351,725	1,713,117
Current liabilities	(531,350)	(383,179)
Non-current liabilities	(431,791)	(585,402)
Net assets	1,388,584	744,536
Profit and loss account		
Turnover	2,343,593	1,061,799
Net profit	631,546	168,916

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20. INVESTMENTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Details of investments in jointly controlled entities are as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Share of net assets other than goodwill	1,006,396	340,644
Goodwill		
— Cost	407,782	407,782
— Accumulated amortisation	(59,652)	(38,165)
Investments in jointly controlled entities, unlisted shares	1,354,526	710,261

Details of the jointly controlled entities are as follows:

Name of company	Place of establishment/ incorporation	Registered capital/issued and paid up capital	Legal structure	Percentage of equity interest/ voting right held indirectly	Principal activities
Mianyang Xinchen Engine Co. Ltd.	Mianyang, the PRC	US\$24,120,000	Equity joint venture	50%	Manufacturing and sales of automotive engines for minibuses and light duty trucks
Shenyang Xinguang Brilliance Automobile Engine Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB60,000,000	Equity joint venture	50%	Manufacturing and sales of automotive engines for minibuses and light duty trucks
BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	US\$174,000,000	Equity joint venture	49.005%	Manufacturing and sales of BMW sedans
Shenyang HuaBao Automotive Sales Service Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB15,000,000	Equity joint venture	50%	Trading of BMW sedans
Shenyang ChenBao Automotive Sales Service Co., Ltd.	Shenyang, the PRC	RMB5,000,000	Equity joint venture	50%	Trading of BMW sedans

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20. INVESTMENTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES (Cont'd)

SJAI and BMW Holdings BV, a wholly owned subsidiary of BMW AG, established a joint venture, BMW Brilliance, on 23rd May, 2003. BMW Brilliance is 50%-owned by each of SJAI and BMW Holdings BV. The business scope of BMW Brilliance is to produce and sell BMW passenger cars, engines, parts and components and to provide after-sales services (including repair and maintenance and sale of spare parts) relating to its products. Profit or loss of BMW Brilliance is shared as to 50% by each of SJAI and BMW Holdings BV, in proportion to their respective proportionate contributions to the registered capital of BMW Brilliance.

Extracts of the financial information of BMW Brilliance for the period ended 31st December, 2003 based on its accounts audited by certified public accountants other than PricewaterhouseCoopers are as follows:

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	2003
	RMB'000
Balance sheet	
Non-current assets	1,044,944
Current assets	3,618,675
Total assets	4,663,619
Current liabilities	(3,537,906)
Net assets	1,125,713
Profit and loss account	
Turnover	1,785,567
Net loss	(251,343)

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20. INVESTMENTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES (Cont'd)

Unaudited combined financial information of the other jointly controlled entities for the year ended 31st December, 2003 is summarised as follows:

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
	RVID 000	(Note 41)
		(11010 11)
Balance sheet		
Non-current assets	223,304	171,093
Current assets	1,049,951	808,159
Total assets	1,273,255	979,252
Current liabilities	(759,558)	(475,034)
Net assets	513,697	504,218
Profit and loss account		
Turnover	1,425,857	1,025,520
Net profit	203,400	222,857

21. PREPAYMENT FOR A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

On 29th December, 2003, SJAI (a 98.01% indirectly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and SXID (a 99.0% indirectly-owned subsidiary of the Company) entered into the agreements with the respective sellers in relation to the acquisition of the entire equity interests of Shenyang Automobile Industry Asset Management Company Limited ("SAIAM") and Shenyang XinJinBei Investment Co., Ltd. ("SXI"), respectively. SAIAM and SXI are interested in 29.9% and 11% of the issued share capital of JinBei, respectively. The consideration for the acquisitions was RMB600 million and was determined after arm's length negotiations between the parties taking into account the net liabilities position and net asset value of SAIAM and SXI, respectively.

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21. PREPAYMENT FOR A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT (Cont'd)

The transfer of the entire interest of SAIAM is subject to the approval of State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council and the acquisitions are subject to the granting of a waiver to SXID and SJAI from making an offer for all of the shares of JinBei under Regulation on Acquisitions of Listed Companies by the China Securities Regulatory Commission. Upon completion of the acquisitions, the Group will be effectively interested in an aggregate of approximately 40.1% of the issued share capital of JinBei.

As at 31st December, 2003, the Group has paid RMB600 million to the shareholders of SAIAM and SXI and the amount was recorded as prepayment for a long-term investment by the Group.

22. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Equity acqueities listed in Hong Kong		
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	00.000	00.000
Cost	30,363	30,363
Provision for impairment	(13,058)	(13,058)
	17,305	17,305
Market value of listed equity securities	26,061	N/A

The open market value of the investment securities as at 31st December, 2002 was not available as the shares were suspended for trading as at 31st December, 2002. The open market value of the investment securities before the then suspension of trading was approximately RMB17,305,000.

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23. DEFERRED EXPENSES

24.

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
	10,125 000	
Direct expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of		
convertible bonds (Note 31)	44,599	_
Amortisation of deferred expenses	(1,486)	_
		_
	43,113	_
Deferred expenses — current portion	(8,920)	_
Deferred expenses — non-current portion	34,193	
INVENTORIES		
	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Raw materials	731,479	399,183
Work-in-progress	111,459	126,202
Finished goods	447,300	309,563
	1,290,238	834,948
Less: Net realisable value provision for inventories	(61,874)	(46,583)
	1,228,364	788,365

As at 31st December, 2003, the carrying amount of inventories that are stated at net realisable value amounted to RMB56.7 million (2002: RMB44.2 million).

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25. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

An aging analysis of accounts receivable is set out below:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Less than six months	85,251	9,910
Between six months to one year	1,520	5,422
Between one to two years	1,759	624
Above two years	47,759	51,068
	136,289	67,024
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(46,272)	(51,749)
	90,017	15,275

The Group's credit policy is that credit is offered to customers following financial assessment and an established payment record. Security in the form of guarantees or bank notes is obtained from major customers. Credit limits are set for all customers and may be exceeded only with the approval of senior company officers. Customers considered to be of high credit risk are traded on a cash basis. Designated staff monitor accounts receivable and follow up collection with the customers. General credit terms are between 30 days to 90 days.

26. NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable are primarily notes received from customers for settlement of trade receivable balances. As of 31st December, 2003, all notes receivable were guaranteed by established banks in the PRC and have maturities of six months or less. Approximately RMB281 million (2002: Nil) of the notes receivables were pledged for the issuance of notes payable (see Note 29).

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27. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Advance to SAIAM (Note a)	300,000	_
Receivable from an investment company (Note b)	_	500,000
Receivable arising from the disposal of an associated		
company (Note 19)	20,000	220,000
Subsidies receivable	_	39,029
Others	193,999	103,103
	513,999	862,132
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(13,112)	(13,986)
	500,887	848,146

- (a) As of 31st December, 2003, an amount of RMB300 million was advanced to SAIAM which will become a subsidiary of the Group after the completion of the acquisition of SAIAM as detailed in Note 21.
- (b) As of 31st December, 2002, an amount of RMB500 million was deposited with an investment company. This arrangement was terminated by the end of 2002 and the deposit was fully refunded in 2003 at the original amount.

28. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

An aging analysis of accounts payable is set out below:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Less than six months	1,049,822	1,063,477
Between six months to one year	38,836	11,296
Between one to two years	33,621	819
Above two years	1,774	<u> </u>
	1,124,053	1,075,592

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29. NOTES PAYABLE

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank notes	4,783,966	3,937,403

As of 31st December, 2003, the issuance of certain notes payable were pledged by notes receivable of approximately RMB281 million (2002: Nil) and short-term bank deposits of approximately RMB1,857 million (2002: RMB1,350 million).

30. SHORT-TERM BANK LOANS

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Secured	_	150,000

The short-term bank loans as of 31st December, 2002 were secured by certain of the Group's buildings and machineries and equipment (Note 16(d)).

31. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Convertible bonds issued at par	1,654,300	_
Accrued interest expense (Note 6)	1,187	<u> </u>
At 31st December	1,655,487	

On 28th November, 2003, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Brilliance China Automotive Finance Ltd., issued zero coupon guaranteed convertible bonds (the "Bonds") due 2008 with principal amount of US\$200,000,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB1,654.3 million). The Bonds are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

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31. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Cont'd)

The Bonds are convertible into fully paid ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each of the Company at an initial conversion price of HK\$4.60 per share, subject to the following two events, at any time on or after 8th January, 2004, and up to and including 14th November, 2008, unless the Bonds previously have been redeemed or previously have matured.

- (i) The Bonds will mature on 28th November, 2008. At any time from 28th November, 2005 through 14th November, 2008, all, or from time to time, some of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Bonds is redeemable at the option of Brilliance China Automotive Finance Ltd at the early redemption amount if the closing price of the shares on the SEHK for each of the last 20 consecutive trading days has been at least 130% of the conversion price or if at least 90% in principal amount of the Bonds has been converted, redeemed or purchased and cancelled. Unless previously converted, redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the Bonds will be redeemed at 100% of their outstanding principal amount on 28th November, 2008.
- (ii) All or some of the Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the relevant holder on 28th November, 2006 at 102.27% of their principal amount. The Bonds may also be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the holders at the Early Redemption Amount on the occurrence of a change of control of the Company. The Bonds may also be redeemed at the option of the holders if the shares of the Company cease to be listed or admitted to trading in the SEHK.

As at 31st December, 2003, none of the Bonds had been converted into the ordinary shares of the Company.

The proceeds received, net of direct expenses incurred for the issuance of Bonds, by Brilliance China Automotive Finance Ltd. were advanced to the Company. Such advances are unsecured, interest-free and not repayable within one year from the balance sheet date. The advances received by Company were then loaned to certain subsidiaries of the Company (see Note 18).

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32. DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation are calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using the principal taxation rate of the relevant entities within the Group.

The movements on the deferred tax assets account are as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1st January	38,041	_
Deferred taxation credited to profit and loss account (Note 7)	1,514	38,041
At 31st December	39,555	38,041

The movements in deferred tax assets during the year are as follows:

	Provision for									
	Provisio	ns and	Pre-ope	rating	impairmen	t of fixed	Amortisa	ation of		
	accrı	accruals	exper	ises	asse	ets	intangible	e assets	Tot	al
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1st January	21,212	_	16,829	_	_	_	_	_	38,041	_
Credited (charged) to profit and										
loss account	8,969	21,212	(16,829)	16,829	2,751	_	6,623	_	1,514	38,041
At 31st December	30,181	21,212		16,829	2,751		6,623		39,555	38,041
								2003		2002
							RM	IB'000	RI	MB'000
The amounts shown in	the balar	ice shee	et include	e the fol	llowing:					
Deferred tax assets to b	e recove	red afte	r more t	han 12	months		3	39,555		38,041

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33. RETIREMENT PLAN AND EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT

As stipulated by the regulations of the PRC government, the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC have defined contribution retirement plans for their employees. The PRC government is responsible for the pension liability to these retired employees. The Company's subsidiaries are required to make specified contributions for the state-sponsored retirement plan at 22% to 23.5% of the basic salary costs of their staff for 2003 (2002: 23.5% to 25%) payable to a Chinese insurance company. The retirement plan contributions payable for the year ended 31st December, 2003 was approximately RMB50.4 million (2002: RMB26.8 million).

In addition to the pension contributions, pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, the Company's subsidiaries are required to provide benefits such as housing funds, medical insurance and unemployment insurance for their PRC employees. These provisions, which were approximately RMB46.5 million (2002: RMB21.2 million) for 2003, have been calculated at a certain percentage (approximately 13% to 18% in 2003 and 11% to 18.9% in 2002) of the employees' basic salaries.

The Group's Hong Kong employees are covered by the mandatory provident fund which is managed by an independent trustee. The Group and its Hong Kong employees each makes monthly contributions to the scheme at 5% of the employees' cash income with the maximum contributions by each of the Group and the employees limited to HK\$1,000 per month. The retirement benefit scheme cost charged to the profit and loss account represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund. During the year ended 31st December, 2003, contributions amounting to HK\$150,000 (2002: HK\$146,000) were made.

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34. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS

(a) Share capital

	2003		2002	
	Number of shares '000	Amount '000	Number of shares '000	Amount
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each	5,000,000	US\$50,000	5,000,000	US\$50,000
Issued and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each				
At 1st January	3,666,053	RMB303,194	3,666,053	RMB303,194
Issue of shares (Note b)	2,338	RMB194	_	
At 31st December	3,668,391	RMB303,388	3,666,053	RMB303,194

(b) Share options

Original share option scheme approved in 1999

On 18th September, 1999, the Company approved a share option scheme under which the directors may, at their discretion, at any time during the ten years from the date of approval of the scheme, invite employees of any member company of the Group, including executive directors, to take up share options of the Company. The maximum number of shares on which options may be granted may not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company excluding any shares issued on the exercise of options from time to time. The exercise price in relation to each option offer shall be determined by the directors at their absolute discretion, but in any event shall not be less than the greater of (i) 80 percent of the average of the official closing price of the shares on SEHK for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant offer date or (ii) the nominal value of the shares. The directors may determine and adjust the period within which the relevant grantee may exercise his or her option and the proportion of the options to be exercised in each period, so long as the period within which the option must be exercised is not more than ten years from the date of grant of the option.

In 2001, share options were granted to certain directors and employees of the Group, entitling them to subscribe for a total of 31,800,000 ordinary shares of the Company at HK\$1.896 per ordinary share. The exercisable period of these options is from 2nd June, 2001 to 1st June, 2011.

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34. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

(b) Share options (Cont'd)

Original share option scheme approved in 1999 (Cont'd)

A summary of the movements of outstanding share options granted under the scheme during the year is as follows:

	2003	2002
	Number of	Number of
	share	share
	options	options
Beginning of year	17,828,000	31,800,000
Granted during the year	_	_
Exercised during the year	(2,338,000)	_
Cancelled/Lapsed during the year	_	(13,972,000)
Outstanding at end of year	15,490,000	17,828,000

New share option scheme approved in 2002

On 28th June, 2002, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (the "New Scheme") in compliance with the amendments to Chapter 17 of the listing rules of the SEHK which came into effect on 1st September, 2002. The New Scheme came into effect on 15th July, 2002 and the original share option scheme adopted by the Company on 18th September, 1999 (as described above) was terminated. Any new share option granted after 15th July, 2002 will be in accordance with the terms of the New Scheme, but the outstanding share option granted under the original scheme will not be affected. Pursuant to the New Scheme, the Company's Board of Directors may grant options to the participants (including the Group's employees, non-executive directors, suppliers and customers, etc.) to subscribe for the Company's shares at a price which shall not be lower than the higher of:

- (i) the closing price of the shares on the relevant Stock Exchange as stated in such Stock Exchange's quotation sheet on the date of grant, which must be a trading date;
- (ii) the average closing price of the shares on the relevant Stock Exchange as stated in such Stock Exchange's quotation sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; and
- (iii) the nominal value of the shares.

As of 31st December, 2003, no share option was granted under the New Scheme.

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34. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

(b) Share options (Cont'd)

Call Option Agreements

On 18th December, 2002, Huachen Automotive Group Holdings Company Limited ("Huachen") entered into a principal agreement (the "Principal Agreement") with the Chinese Financial Education Development Foundation (the "Foundation"), the then substantial shareholder, to purchase from the Foundation a total of 1,446,121,500 ordinary shares, representing approximately 39.446% of the then issued share capital of the Company and the Foundation's entire shareholding interest in the Company. Completion of the Principal Agreement took place upon signing.

On 18th December, 2002, each of Mr. Wu Xiao An (also known as Mr. Ng Siu On), Mr. Su Qiang (also known as Mr. So Keung), Mr. Hong Xing and Mr. He Tao (also known as Mr. Ho To) (the "Management Directors") entered into a call option agreement ("Call Option Agreements") with Huachen, immediately after the Principal Agreement was entered into and after completion of the sale and purchase of the ordinary shares pursuant thereto. Pursuant to the terms of the Call Option Agreements, Huachen granted to each of the Management Directors a call option in respect of a specified number of shares, totalling 346,305,630 shares in aggregate and representing approximately 9.446% of the then issued share capital of the Company, at an exercise price of HK\$0.95 per Share. Each call option is exercisable in whole or in part at any time during the period of 3 years commencing from the date falling 6 months after the earlier of: (a) the end of the general offer made to the remaining shareholders by Huachen and the Management Directors dated 18th December, 2002 (the "Offer"); and (b) the close of the Offer in accordance with the offer document issued by the offerors in respect of the Offer as required under the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers. The Offer closed on 6th February, 2003.

Under the terms of the Call Option Agreements, the Management Directors may elect to pay the exercise price in full or to pay 10% of the exercise price at the time of exercise of the option. If the Management Directors elect the latter payment option, the balance of the exercise price will be payable within a 3-year period after the date of completion of the purchase of the relevant shares pursuant to the exercise of such option, and the share will be pledged as security in favour of Huachen until full payment of the exercise price.

As of 31st December, 2003, none of the call options were exercised.

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35. EQUITY AND RESERVES

(a) Consolidated

	Ordinary shares RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Cumulative translation adjustments reserve RMB'000	Dedicated capital (Note i) RMB'000	Capital reserve (Note iii) RMB'000	Retained earnings (Note ii) RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Proposed dividend RMB'000
At 1st January, 2002 Dividends declared	303,194	2,033,916	39,179	71,356	_	2,945,453	5,393,098	19,605
during the year Distributions during	_	_	_	_	_	(15,690)	(15,690)	15,690
the year	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(35,295)
Profit for the year	_	_	_	_	_	650,847	650,847	_
Transfer to dedicated capital Dividends declared	_	_	_	60,823	_	(60,823)	_	_
subsequent to year end	_	_	_	_	_	(39,210)	(39,210)	39,210
At 31st December, 2002	303,194	2,033,916	39,179	132,179	_	3,480,577	5,989,045	39,210
Issue of ordinary shares (Note 34)	194	4,507	_	_	_	_	4,701	_
Dividends declared during the year	_	_	_	_	_	(38,541)	(38,541)	38,541
Distributions during the year								(77,751)
Profit for the year		_	_			936,447	936,447	(77,751)
Transfer to dedicated						000,111	000,111	
capital Capitalisation of	_	_	_	99,989	_	(99,989)	_	_
dedicated capital (Note iii) Dividends declared	_	_	_	(120,000)	120,000	_	_	_
subsequent to year end	_	_	_	_	_	(38,885)	(38,885)	38,885
At 31st December,								
2003	303,388	2,038,423	39,179	112,168	120,000	4,239,609	6,852,767	38,885
Company and								
subsidiaries Jointly controlled	303,388	2,038,423	39,179	112,168	120,000	4,209,805	6,822,963	38,885
entities	_	_	_	_	_	(50,180)	(50,180)	_
Associated companies	_	_	_	_	_	79,984	79,984	
At 31st December, 2003	303,388	2,038,423	39,179	112,168	120,000	4,239,609	6,852,767	38,885

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35. EQUITY AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

(a) Consolidated (Cont'd)

- (i) As stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations for foreign-invested enterprises in the PRC, the Company's subsidiaries are required to maintain discretionary dedicated capital, which includes a general reserve fund, an enterprise expansion fund and a staff welfare and incentive bonus fund. The dedicated capital is to be appropriated from statutory net profit as stipulated by statute or by the board of directors of respective subsidiaries and recorded as a component of shareholders' equity. For the year ended 31st December, 2003, appropriations of approximately RMB100.0 million (2002: RMB60.8 million) to the general reserve fund were made by subsidiaries of the Company. No appropriation to the enterprise expansion fund was made by the subsidiaries (2002: Nil). Under generally accepted accounting principles in Hong Kong ("HK GAAP"), the appropriation for the staff welfare and incentive bonus fund is charged to profit and loss account.
- (ii) Distributions received from the Company's subsidiaries are denominated in U.S. Dollars and are translated at the prevailing unified exchange rate in the PRC. Total accumulated distributable profits of these subsidiaries as of 31st December, 2003 amounted to approximately RMB647.3 million (2002: RMB325.8 million). The distributable profits of subsidiaries are different from the amounts reported under HK GAAP.
- (iii) As approved by the board of directors of Xing Yuan Dong in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, dedicated capital of Xing Yuan Dong amounting to RMB120 million was released for capitalisation of paid-in capital. Such release of dedicated capital is credited to the capital reserve.

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35. EQUITY AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

(b) Company

			Cumulative translation			
	Ordinary	Share	adjustments	Retained		Proposed
	shares	premium	reserve	earnings	Total	dividend
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
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At 1st January, 2002	303,194	2,033,916	39,179	1,743,812	4,120,101	19,605
Dividends declared during the						
year	_	_	_	(15,690)	(15,690)	15,690
Distributions during the year	_	_	_	_	_	(35,295)
Profit for the year	_	_	_	1,394,405	1,394,405	
Dividends declared subsequent						
to year end			_	(39,210)	(39,210)	39,210
A. 01 . D	000.104	0.000.010	00.150	0.000.017	5 450 000	00.010
At 31st December, 2002	303,194	2,033,916	39,179	3,083,317	5,459,606	39,210
Issue of ordinary shares						
(Note 34)	194	4,507	_	_	4,701	_
Dividends declared during the						
year	_	_	_	(38,541)	(38,541)	38,541
Distributions during the year	_	_	_	_	_	(77,751)
Profit for the year	_	_	_	613,390	613,390	_
Dividends declared subsequent						
to year end				(38,885)	(38,885)	38,885
At 31st December, 2003	303,388	2,038,423	39,179	3,619,281	6,000,271	38,885

The directors consider that the Company had approximately RMB3,658.2 million (2002: RMB3,122.5 million) available for distribution to shareholders (including dividend proposed subsequent to year end) as of 31st December, 2003. Please also refer to Note 35(a) (i) and (ii) for details on distribution of profit.

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36. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of profit before taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities:

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Profit before taxation	1,253,027	905,579
Share of profits less losses of:		
Jointly controlled entities	37,310	(92,724)
Associated companies	(132,411)	(20,704)
Interest income	(52,672)	(43,617)
Interest expense	167,111	171,286
Gain on disposal of an associated company	_	(6,014)
Depreciation of fixed assets	452,758	213,776
Amortisation of goodwill of subsidiaries	24,290	24,290
Amortisation of intangible assets	227,077	56,784
Amortisation of deferred expenses	1,486	_
(Gain)/loss on disposals of fixed assets	(14,004)	5,147
Provision for doubtful debts	4,825	18,921
Provision for doubtful debts written back	(5,679)	(265)
Net realisable value provision for inventory	32,875	40,761
Provision for impairment losses on tools and moulds	12,877	972
Reversal of provision for impairment on tools and moulds	_	(26,327)
Write-off of construction-in-progress	_	1,575
Provision for impairment losses on investment securities	_	13,058
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	(73,888)	8,279
Increase in notes receivable	(357,708)	(234,577)
(Increase)/decrease in notes receivable from affiliated companies	(314,190)	473,884
Decrease/(increase) in amounts due from affiliated companies	268,881	(163,354)
Increase in other receivables	(40,307)	(14,700)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments and other current assets	118,612	(66,232)
Increase in inventories	(492,915)	(202,157)
Increase in non-current assets	(13,786)	_
Increase in accounts payable	48,461	409,376
Increase in notes payable to affiliated companies	35,431	_
(Decrease)/increase in amounts due to affiliated companies	(29,516)	237,290
(Decrease)/increase in customer advances	(85,206)	218,480
Increase in other payables	81,715	69,094
(Decrease)/increase in accrued expenses and other current		
liabilities	(69,474)	185,249
(Decrease)/increase in other taxes payable	(18,838)	45,964
Net cash inflow generated from operations	1,066,142	2,229,094

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36. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd)

(b) An analysis of changes in financing during the year is as follows:

Balances as of 1st January, 2002 Distributions during the year Increase in advances from	apital and share premium RMB'000 2,337,110 — — — —	Short-term bank loans RMB'000 405,500 — — —	from affiliated companies RMB'000 54,276 — 108,144 — —	Minority interests RMB'000 522,379 (114,749) — — 108,122	Bank notes payable RMB'000 3,300,000 637,403	Convertible bonds RMB'000
Distributions during the year	2,337,110 — — — —	405,500 — — — —	_	(114,749)	_	_ _ _ _
Distributions during the year	2,337,110 — — — — — — — — — —	405,500 — — — —	_	(114,749)	_	- - -
• •	- - - -	- - -		_ _	637,403	_ _ _
Increase in advances from	- - -	- - -	108,144	108,122	— 637,403	_ _
	- - -	_ _ _	108,144 — —	108,122	637,403	_
affiliated companies	- -	- -	_ _	108,122	637,403	-
Net increase in bank notes	- -	_	_	108,122	637,403	_
payable	_	_	_	108,122		
Share of profit by joint venture	_	_	_	108,122		
partners	_				_	_
Net decrease in short-term bank	_					
loans		(255,500)	_	_	_	
Delawace of 21st December						
Balances as of 31st December,	0.007.110	150,000	100 400	F1F 7F9	2 027 402	
2002	2,337,110	150,000	162,420	515,752	3,937,403	_
Distributions during the year	_	_	_	(91,666)	_	_
Decrease in advances from			(60.770)			
affiliated companies	_	_	(69,778)	_	_	_
Net increase in bank notes					0.40.500	
payable	_	_	_	_	846,563	_
Share of profit by joint venture						
partners	_	_	_	163,547	_	_
Cash capital contributions from						
joint venture partners	_	_	_	196,826	_	_
Non-cash capital contributions						
from joint venture partners						
(Note 36(c))	_	_	_	925,427	_	_
Repayment of short-term bank						
loans	_	(150,000)	_	_	_	_
Issue of convertible bonds	_	_	_	_	_	1,654,300
Accrual of interest expenses	_	_	_	_	_	1,187
Issue of ordinary shares	4,701	_	_			
Balances as of 31st December,						
2003	2,341,811	_	92,642	1,709,886	4,783,966	1,655,487

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36. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd)

(c) Major non-cash transaction for the year ended 31st December, 2003 is as follows:

As approved by the joint venture partners of Shenyang Automotive, the registered capital and total investment of Shenyang Automotive was increased by approximately RMB2,260 million, which was contributed by the Company and JinBei in proportion to their original equity interests in Shenyang Automotive. The Company contributed 51% of the increase in paid-in capital by way of capitalising its dividends receivable from a subsidiary amounting to approximately RMB1,152.6 million. JinBei has contributed the remaining 49% of the paid-in capital by injecting land and buildings amounting to approximately RMB105.4 million (Note 16), components and parts technology right amounting to approximately RMB820 million (Note 13) and approximately RMB182 million in cash.

37. CONTINGENCIES

- (a) As of 31st December, 2003, the Group had bank notes of approximately RMB1,492 million (2002: RMB1,414 million) which were endorsed or discounted but not yet honored.
- (b) As of 31st December, 2003, the Group had provided the following guarantees:
 - Corporate guarantees of approximately RMB690 million (2002: RMB740 million) for revolving bank loans and notes drawn by affiliated companies of Shanghai Shenhua Holdings Co., Ltd ("Shanghai Shenhua");
 - A joint and several proportional guarantee with all the joint venture partners of Shenyang Aerospace on a long-term bank loan of approximately RMB344 million drawn by Shenyang Aerospace (2002: RMB374 million) which will expire in 2008;
 - Corporate guarantees for bank loans amounting to RMB300 million drawn by an affiliated company of BHL. The same amount of bank deposits was pledged as a collateral for the corporate guarantee;
 - Corporate guarantees for bank loans amounting to RMB100 million drawn by JinBei. The same amount of bank deposits was pledged as a collateral for the corporate guarantee; and
 - A guarantee to BMW Holdings BV guaranteeing the performance by SJAI of its obligations under the joint venture agreement for establishment of BMW Brilliance.
- (c) As of 31st December, 2003, subsidiaries of the Group had issued letter of credits amounting to approximately RMB32 million (2002: RMB44 million). Approximately RMB7.2 million (2002: Nil) of the issued letter of credits was secured by pledged bank deposits.

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37. CONTINGENCIES (Cont'd)

(d) On 21st January, 2003, a writ dated 21st January, 2003 (the "Writ") brought by Broadsino Finance Company Limited ("Broadsino"), the Plaintiff, was filed with the Supreme Court of Bermuda and an ex parte Court Order dated 22nd January, 2003 (the "Court Order") granted by the Supreme Court of Bermuda in favour of Broadsino was served on the registered office of the Company in Bermuda. The Writ alleged that the interest of the Foundation in 1,446,121,500 shares of the Company (the "Sale Shares") was held in trust for Broadsino and was improperly transferred to Huachen. The Court Order restrained the Company from among other things: (a) registering the transfer of the Sale Shares by the Foundation to Huachen and/or Huachen to certain directors of the Company; or (b) if such transfer has already been registered, registering any further dealings in such Sale Shares, in each case pending determination by the Supreme Court of Bermuda of the legal proceedings initiated by Broadsino against the Company, the Foundation, Huachen and certain directors of the Company. Broadsino claims that the Company was aware of the trust arrangement and further alleges that the Company knowingly participated in a breach of that trust arrangement by allowing the transfer of the Sale Shares from the Foundation to Huachen. Broadsino seeks recovery of the Sale Shares and, in the alternative, damages.

Upon application by the Company, the Court Order was discharged by a judgement of the Supreme Court of Bermuda given on 11th February, 2003. On 26th February, 2003, a statement of claim was filed by Broadsino as a procedural step in furtherance of the legal proceedings. On 10th March, 2003, the Company has taken out summons (the "Strikeout Summons") at the Supreme Court of Bermuda to have the Writ and the statement of claim struck out. The strikeout proceedings were duly heard before the Supreme Court of Bermuda on 22nd and 23rd July, 2003. On 31st December, 2003 the Supreme Court of Bermuda issued its judgement on the strike-out proceedings, and struck out the Writ in respect of legal proceedings brought by Broadsino against the Company. On 4th March, 2004, Broadsino submitted an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Bermuda, but at the hearing of the application before the court on 9th March, 2004, Broadsino's application was refused.

The directors of the Company do not believe this litigation to have any significant impact on the financial position of the Company and of the Group.

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37. CONTINGENCIES (Cont'd)

(e) On or about 25th October, 2002, the Company was served with a claim lodged by Mr. Yang Rong ("Mr. Yang") in the Labour Tribunal in Hong Kong against the Company. The claim was for approximately US\$4.3 million (equivalent to approximately RMB35.6 million) with respect to loss of salary plus bonuses, share options and damages for alleged unreasonable dismissal. The claim was dismissed by the Labour Tribunal in Hong Kong on 28th January, 2003. Mr. Yang subsequently applied for a review of this decision. At the review hearing on 4th July, 2003, the Labour Tribunal ordered the case to be transferred to the High Court in Hong Kong. The claim has therefore been transferred to the High Court and registered as High Court Action No. 2701 of 2003 (the "Action"). At a directions hearing held on 5th September, 2003, the High Court ordered Mr. Yang to file and serve his statement of claim by 19th September, 2003. On 16th September, 2003, the statement of claim was served on the Company. On 4th November, 2003, the Company filed the defense and counterclaim with the High Court. Further affirmations were filed by Mr. Yang in December 2003, January 2004 and March 2004. On the other hand, the Company also filed additional affirmations in February 2004. Neither court judgement nor hearing has been scheduled up to the date of approval of these accounts. Based on the claims set out in the statement of claim, the directors of the Company do not believe the Action has had or will have any significant impact on the financial position of the Company and of the Group. The directors of the Company intend to defend the Action vigorously.

38. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		_
Contracted but not provided for:		
 Construction projects 	515,212	278,701
 Acquisition of equipment and moulds 	69,553	335,381
— Others	98,383	96,786
Total	683,148	710,868
Construction projects and acquisition of equipment authorised but		
not contracted for	983,630	225,375

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38. COMMITMENTS (Cont'd)

(b) Operating lease commitments

As at 31st December, 2003, the Group had future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of leased properties as follows:

	Properties		
	2003	2002	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	44 =00	40.040	
Not later than one year	11,526	10,818	
Later than one year but not later than five years	17,863	18,341	
More than five years	46,687	56,469	
Total	76,076	85,628	

39. FUTURE OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

As at 31st December, 2003, the Group had future aggregate minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
Not later than one year	14,152	_
Later than one year and not later than five years	56,607	_
More than five years	133,264	_
	204,023	_

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

An affiliated company is a company in which one or more of the directors or substantial shareholders of the Company have direct or indirect beneficial interest in the company or are in a position to exercise significant influence over the company. Parties are also considered to be affiliated if they are subject to common control or common significant influence.

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the accounts, significant transactions with affiliated parties (these affiliated companies and the Company have certain directors in common and/or other relationships as specified) are detailed as follows:

(a) Particulars of significant transactions between the companies comprising the Group and affiliated companies in the ordinary course of business during the year are summarised below:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Sales to JinBei and its affiliated companies	150,637	56,438
Purchases from JinBei and its affiliated companies	986,828	712,061
Sales to Shanghai Shenhua and its affiliated companies	1,984,715	1,664,156
Purchases from Shanghai Shenhua and its affiliated companies	222,940	375,402
Sales to affiliated companies of BHL	504	150,390
Purchases from affiliated companies of BHL	93,498	99,514
Sales to Shanghai Yuantong Automobile Sales and Service		
Company Limited ("Shanghai Yuantong")	_	710,100
Sales to jointly controlled entities	171,512	102,024
Purchases from associated companies	1,597,289	1,014,057
Sales to affiliated companies of the joint venture partner of Ningbo		
Yuming	5,135	_
Purchases from affiliated companies of the joint venture partner of		
Ningbo Yuming	16,338	14,580
Operating lease rental on machinery and equipment charged by a		
jointly controlled entity	12,000	_
Management expenses reimbursed to and consultancy fees		
paid to BHL	_	5,182
Research and development expenses to third parties under		
contracts assumed from an affiliated company of BHL at original		
cost	_	45,618
Long-term prepayment for fixed assets and an intangible asset to		
third parties under contracts assumed from an affiliated		
company of BHL at original cost	_	88,687

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

The sales and purchases transactions above were carried out after negotiations between the Group and the affiliated companies in the ordinary course of business and on the basis of estimated market value as determined by the directors.

During the year ended 31st December, 2002, JinBei allowed Shenyang Automotive to use the components and parts technology right in the manufacturing of Zhonghua sedan (See Note 13(b)).

(b) As of 31st December, 2003, amounts due from affiliated companies arising from trading activities consisted of the following:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Due from Shanghai Yuantong (Note (i))	355,835	655,835
Due from Shanghai Shenhua and its affiliated companies	54,967	63,608
Due from affiliated companies of BHL	_	41,675
Due from affiliated companies of JinBei	53,242	11,015
Due from affiliated companies of the joint venture partner of		
Ningbo Yuming	4,408	280
Due from jointly controlled entities	46,453	11,376
Receivable arising from the disposal of machineries and equipment		
to BMW Brilliance (Note (ii))	269,003	
	783,908	783,789
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(9,720)	(9,723)
	774,188	774,066

- (i) Subsequent to 31st December, 2003, RMB350 million of endorsed bank notes were received.
- (ii) The outstanding balance will be settled by BMW Brilliance when certain conditions specified in the agreement of sale are fulfilled (See also Note 16(c)).

Except for (ii) above, the amounts due from affiliated companies are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed repayment terms.

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

The Group's credit policy is that credit is offered to affiliated companies following financial assessment and an established payment record. These affiliated companies are generally required to settle 25% to 33% of the previous month's ending balances. The aging analysis of amounts due from affiliated companies is as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Less than six months	415,305	291,230
Between six months to one year	21	472,545
Between one to two years	358,751	9,549
Over two years	9,831	10,465
	783,908	783,789

(c) As of 31st December, 2003, the notes receivable from affiliated companies arising from trading activities consisted of the following:

	2003 RMB'000	
		(Note 41)
Notes receivable from affiliated companies of JinBei	4,505	6,613
Notes receivable from Shanghai Shenhua	487,770	156,240
Notes receivable from Shanghai Yuantong	_	3,325
Notes receivable from affiliated companies of the joint venture		
partner of Ningbo Yuming	3,000	_
Notes receivable from other affiliated companies of BHL	_	20,807
Notes receivable from associated companies	1,900	_
Notes receivable from jointly controlled entities	30,000	26,000
	527,175	212,985

All the notes receivable from affiliated companies are guaranteed by banks in the PRC and have maturities of six months or less.

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

- (d) At 31st December, 2003, included in prepayments and other current assets were approximately RMB26 million (2002: RMB263 million) of prepayments for purchases of raw materials made to an affiliated company of BHL.
 - At 31st December, 2003, included in other receivables were outstanding proceeds of RMB20 million (2002: RMB220 million) arising from the disposal of an associated company to an affiliated company in December 2002 (Note 27).
- (e) At 31st December, 2003, amounts due to affiliated companies arising from trading activities consisted of the following:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note 41)
Due to associated companies	65,615	99,277
Due to jointly controlled entities	309,781	299,246
Due to Shanghai Shenhua and its affiliated companies	84,417	101,029
Due to JinBei and its affiliated companies	216,559	196,186
Due to affiliated companies of BHL	2,478	21,839
Due to affiliated companies of the joint venture partner		
of Ningbo Yuming	1,037	10,225
Due to affiliated companies of the joint venture partner		
of Xinguang Brilliance	4,967	1,567
	684,854	729,369

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

The amounts due to affiliated companies are unsecured and non-interest bearing. Amounts due to affiliated companies are generally settled on a monthly basis at 25% to 33% of the previous month's ending balance. The aging analysis of amounts due to affiliated companies is as follows:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Lead the set of seconds a	C49 F45	205 144
Less than six months	643,547	305,144
Between six months to one year	230	423,363
Between one to two years	40,869	853
Over two years	208	9
	684,854	729,369

(f) As at 31st December, 2003, the notes payable to affiliated companies arising from trading activities consisted of the following:

	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Notes payable to affiliated companies of JinBei	$27,\!272$	_
Notes payable to associated companies	3,919	_
Notes payable to jointly controlled entities	4,140	
Notes payable to other affiliated companies	100	
	35,431	_

⁽g) Pursuant to a trademark license agreement, JinBei granted Shenyang Automotive the right to use the JinBei trademark on its products and marketing materials indefinitely.

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40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

(h) As at 31st December, 2003, the advances to affiliated companies consisted of:

	2003 RMB'000	2002 RMB'000
Advances to BHL and its affiliated companies	172,955	907,191
Advance to Zhuhai Brilliance Holdings Company Limited	_	360,000
Advances to affiliated companies of JinBei	69,748	6,613
Advances to other affiliated companies	779	30,892
	243,482	1,304,696

The advances to affiliated companies are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed repayment terms.

(i) As at 31st December, 2003, the advances from affiliated companies consisted of:

	2003 RMB'000	
Advances from a joint venture partner of Shenyang Aerospace	_	139,529
Advances from affiliated companies of BHL	15,294	13,951
Advances from an associated company	_	1,264
Advances from an affiliated company of Shanghai Shenhua	_	1,586
Advances from affiliated companies of JinBei	516	2,092
Advances from affiliated companies of the joint venture partner of		
Ningbo Yuming	1,845	3,998
Advances from other affiliated companies	382	_
Financing received from BMW Brilliance (Note 16 (e))	74,605	
	92,642	162,420

Saved for the financing received from BMW Brilliance as detailed in Note 16(e), other advances from affiliated companies are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed repayment terms.

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41. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain of the 2002 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassifications are mainly related to the separate disclosures of the share of results of and investments in jointly controlled entities and associated companies, and the inclusion of dividends receivable from subsidiaries in investments in subsidiaries in the balance sheet of the Company.

42. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts set out on pages 26 to 96 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22nd April, 2004.