## Year ended 31st December, 2000

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	NOTES	2000	1999	1998
		RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
GROSS SALES	5	4,704,201	4,001,475	4,280,467
TRANSPORTATION COSTS	5	1,104,464	639,074	593,458
NET SALES	5	3,599,737	3,362,401	3,687,009
COST OF GOODS SOLD	6	1,983,520	1,613,832	1,961,949
GROSS PROFIT		1,616,217	1,748,569	1,725,060
SELLING, GENERAL AND				
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	7	636,436	625,280	540,076
OPERATING INCOME		979,781	1,123,289	1,184,984
INTEREST EXPENSES	8	(5,012)	(10,450)	(87,603)
OTHER INCOME	9	60,883	47,574	76,261
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	10	1,035,652	1,160,413	1,173,642
INCOME TAXES	12	287,292	335,293	356,282
NET INCOME		748,360	825,120	817,360
DIVIDEND (restated - see note 3)	13	231,400	148,200	144,400
EARNINGS PER SHARE	14	RMB0.29	RMB0.32	RMB0.35
EARNINGS PER ADS.	14	RMB 14.39	RMB15.87	RMB17.35