|  | For end $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ (unaudited) $U S \$^{\prime} 000$ | e six months 31st March, 2000 (unaudited) US\$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover (Note 2) | 896,087 | 823,403 |
| Cost of sales | $(659,412)$ | $(604,135)$ |
| Gross profit | 236,675 | 219,268 |
| Other revenue | 29,599 | 25,839 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | $(27,262)$ | $(26,936)$ |
| Administrative expenses | $(79,154)$ | $(72,233)$ |
| Other operating expenses (Note 3) | $(35,638)$ | $(31,026)$ |
| Profit from operations | 124,220 | 114,912 |
| Finance costs | $(13,040)$ | $(7,429)$ |
| Share of results of associates | 665 | 3,339 |
| Share of results of jointly controlled entities | 926 | 1,093 |
| Profit before taxation | 112,771 | 111,915 |
| Income tax expense (Note 5) | (948) | $(2,575)$ |
| Profit before minority interests | 111,823 | 109,340 |
| Minority interests | 404 | 137 |
| Net profit for the period | 112,227 | 109,477 |
| Dividend (Note 6) | $(36,164)$ | $(36,795)$ |
| Profit for the period, retained | 76,063 | 72,682 |
| Earnings per share (Note 7) |  |  |
| - Basic (US\$ cents) | 15.9 cents | 15.5 cents |
| - Diluted (US\$ cents) | 15.3 cents | 14.9 cents |

