

	Note	2001 US\$ million	2000 US\$ million
Operating activities			
Operating (loss)/profit		(200.1)	46.4
Depreciation charges		44.6	35.0
Amortization of goodwill	2	0.3	0.3
Impairment of intangible assets	3	25.2	—
Impairment of fixed assets	3	17.2	—
Recognition of negative goodwill	10	(31.9)	—
Loss on disposal of tangible assets		1.2	0.7
Write down of discontinued stocks	3	17.1	—
Decrease/(increase) in stocks		52.2	(72.5)
Increase in debtors and prepayments		(8.1)	(39.6)
Increase in creditors and provisions		60.0	41.5
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations		(22.3)	11.8
Interest received		3.2	3.3
Interest paid		(15.7)	(2.0)
Taxes paid		(4.5)	(2.8)
Net cash flow (used in)/generated from operating activities		(39.3)	10.3
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible assets		(30.7)	(29.9)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible assets		7.1	0.3
Purchase of other investments		—	(1.3)
Purchase of associates		(0.8)	(0.7)
Purchase of subsidiaries and businesses	22	(9.6)	(123.6)
Net cash used in investing activities		(34.0)	(155.2)
Financing activities			
Issue of share capital		—	0.1
Proceeds from borrowings		77.3	160.0
Repayments of borrowings		(4.3)	(7.3)
Payment of finance lease liabilities		—	(0.1)
Dividends paid		(10.8)	(30.4)
Net cash generated from financing activities		62.2	122.3
Effect of exchange rate changes		(3.0)	(0.4)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(14.1)	(23.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		67.5	90.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		53.4	67.5
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and deposits		56.2	79.6
Bank overdrafts		(2.8)	(12.1)
		53.4	67.5

The principal accounting policies on pages 36 to 40 and the notes on pages 41 to 65 form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.