

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Year ended 30th September,				
	1998 US\$'000	1999 US\$'000	2000 US\$'000	2001 US\$'000	2002 US\$'000
RESULTS					
Turnover	1,430,304	1,484,063	1,691,128	1,779,656	1,938,615
Profit from operations	193,409	214,412	221,875	234,750	242,734
Finance costs	(20,059)	(17,683)	(16,762)	(24,591)	(13,126)
Loss on disposal of an associate	-	-	-	-	(3,956)
Share of results of associates	-	1,080	4,782	(454)	(1,658)
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	2,636	3,146	2,467	3,317	5,736
Profit before taxation	175,986	200,955	212,362	213,022	229,730
Income tax expense	(4,143)	(5,725)	(2,043)	(756)	(1,098)
Profit before minority interests	171,843	195,230	210,319	212,266	228,632
Minority interests	(533)	12	(135)	537	(60)
Net profit for the year	171,310	195,242	210,184	212,803	228,572

	As at 30th September,				
	1998 US\$'000	1999 US\$'000	2000 US\$'000	2001 US\$'000	2002 US\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
Total assets	1,151,521	1,305,691	1,517,776	1,655,154	1,936,019
Total liabilities	(461,736)	(475,966)	(514,360)	(541,229)	(672,738)
Minority interests	(4,696)	(4,684)	(4,819)	(1,432)	(1,733)
Shareholders' funds	685,089	825,041	998,597	1,112,493	1,261,548

Note: The prior year figures were restated as a result of the prior year adjustment to the final dividend proposed after the balance sheet date as described in note 2 to the financial statements.