

Dividends

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of Renminbi (“RMB”) 0.05 per share, or a total of RMB126.19 million for the year ending 31 December 2003. The dividend will be paid on 20 October 2003 to shareholders whose names appear on the Company’s register of members on 13 September 2003. Dividends payable to China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (“Sinopec Corp”), the Company’s controlling shareholder, will be paid in RMB, while dividends payable to holders of H shares will be paid in Hong Kong dollars at an exchange rate of RMB1.0609 for HK\$1.00, being the average of the basic rates of RMB for Hong Kong dollars published by the People’s Bank of China in the calendar week immediately before the date of the declaration of dividend (22 August 2003). Accordingly, each H share of the Company is entitled to an interim dividend of HK\$0.047.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 9 September 2003 to 13 September 2003 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the 2003 interim dividend, holders of H shares of the Company must lodge their transfers together with all relevant share certificates to the Company’s H share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited at 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4 p.m. on 8 September 2003.