

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Year ended 30th September,				2003
	1999	2000	2001	2002	US\$'000
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>RESULTS</b>					
Turnover	1,484,063	1,691,128	1,779,656	1,938,615	<b>2,509,477</b>
Profit from operations	214,412	221,875	234,750	242,734	<b>302,791</b>
Finance costs	(17,683)	(16,762)	(24,591)	(13,126)	<b>(15,496)</b>
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	–	–	–	–	<b>879</b>
(Loss) Gain on disposal of an associate	–	–	–	(3,956)	<b>2,757</b>
Share of results of associates	1,080	4,782	(454)	(1,658)	<b>4,596</b>
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	3,146	2,467	3,317	5,736	<b>16,316</b>
Profit before taxation	200,955	212,362	213,022	229,730	<b>311,843</b>
Income tax expense	(5,725)	(2,043)	(756)	(1,098)	<b>(1,904)</b>
Profit before minority interests	195,230	210,319	212,266	228,632	<b>309,939</b>
Minority interests	12	(135)	537	(60)	<b>(1,692)</b>
Net profit for the year	195,242	210,184	212,803	228,572	<b>308,247</b>

	As at 30th September,				2003
	1999	2000	2001	2002	US\$'000
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>					
Total assets	1,305,691	1,517,776	1,655,154	1,936,019	<b>2,575,097</b>
Total liabilities	(475,966)	(514,360)	(541,229)	(672,738)	<b>(962,077)</b>
Minority interests	(4,684)	(4,819)	(1,432)	(1,733)	<b>(10,710)</b>
Shareholders' funds	825,041	998,597	1,112,493	1,261,548	<b>1,602,310</b>

As a result of the revised Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9 "Events after the Balance Sheet Date" adopted during the financial year ended 30th September, 2002, dividend proposed or declared after the balance sheet date are not recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively, resulting in the net asset of the Group as at 30th September, 1999, 2000 and 2001 to increase by US\$49,996,000, US\$49,693,000 and US\$54,137,000, respectively.