

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st December 2003

	Note	2003 Rmb'000	2002 Rmb'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from customers		7,079,263	4,993,613
Cash paid to suppliers		(4,415,949)	(3,443,827)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees		(462,461)	(309,870)
Value-added tax paid		(445,515)	(265,047)
Other cash payments		(456,819)	(324,662)
NET CASH INFLOW GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	21(a)	1,298,519	650,207
Interest paid		(75,015)	(66,177)
Income tax paid		(1,538)	—
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		1,221,966	584,030
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of fixed assets		(572,372)	(364,180)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		11,243	5,774
Payment for other investment		—	(5,000)
Acquisition of assets and liabilities of a subsidiary and disposal of the subsidiary	21(c)	(63,798)	(10,000)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(624,927)	(373,406)
NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		597,039	210,624
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank loans	21(b)	1,312,800	657,230
Repayment of bank loans	21(b)	(868,800)	(638,900)
Repayment of amount due to Holding Company	21(b)	(18,646)	(120,399)
Withdrawal of pledged bank deposit	21(b)	3,000	—
Interest received		7,443	2,186
Dividends paid		(85,116)	(31,918)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		—	(5,141)
Cash donation received from a fellow subsidiary		5,807	—
NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING		356,488	(136,942)
INCREASE IN BANK BALANCES AND CASH		953,527	73,682
BANK BALANCES AND CASH AT 1ST JANUARY		393,056	319,374
BANK BALANCES AND CASH AT 31ST DECEMBER		1,346,583	393,056