

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN SHAREHOLDERS

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS AND CONSOLIDATED NET ASSETS RECONCILIATION BETWEEN IFRS AND US GAAP

	Consolidated profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended December 31,		Consolidated net assets as of December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Under IFRS	511,762	557,083	10,322,358	10,244,151
Impact of US GAAP adjustments:				
Reversal of the revaluation surplus on fixed assets	—	—	(1,492,185)	(1,492,185)
Reversal of additional depreciation charges arising from the revaluation surplus on fixed assets	38,548	48,422	369,432	330,884
Deferred tax assets created	—	—	223,828	223,828
Effect of US GAAP adjustment on taxation	(5,782)	(7,263)	(55,415)	(49,633)
Under US GAAP	544,528	598,242	9,368,018	9,257,045

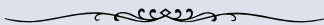
The consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries prepared under IFRS differ in certain respects from those prepared under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in United States of America ("US GAAP"). A major difference between IFRS and US GAAP, which has a significant effect on consolidated profit attributable to shareholders and consolidated net assets, is set out below:

Revaluation of fixed assets

The Group revalued their fixed assets on March 6, 1996. The revaluation surplus of fixed assets amounting to approximately RMB1,492,185,000 was recorded by the Group on that date. The revaluation as of September 30, 2002 did not result in a material difference from the carrying amounts and no revaluation surplus or deficit was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2002 and 2003.

Under IFRS, revaluation of fixed assets is permitted and depreciation is based on the revalued amount. Additional depreciation arising from the revaluation surplus was approximately RMB38,548,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003 (2002: approximately RMB48,422,000).

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Revaluation of fixed assets *(cont'd)*

Under US GAAP, fixed assets are required to be stated at original cost. Hence, no additional depreciation from revaluation will be recognised under US GAAP. However, a deferred tax asset related to the revaluation surplus amounting to approximately RMB223,828,000 was created under US GAAP with a corresponding increase in equity since the revaluation resulted in a higher tax base which will be realised through additional depreciation for PRC tax purposes.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (“SFAS 149”), Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity (“SFAS 150”) and FASB Interpretation No.46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (“FIN 46”).

SFAS 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts (collectively referred to as derivatives) and for hedging activities under FASB Statement No.133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after 30 June, 2003. The Company considered the effects of adoption SFAS 149 and do not expect any material impact on the financial statements.

SFAS 150 established standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. Some of the provisions of this Statement are consistent with the current definition of liabilities in FASB Concepts Statement No.6, Elements of Financial Statements. The remaining provisions of this Statement are consistent with the Board’s proposal to revise that definition to encompass certain obligations that a reporting entity can or must settle by issuing its own equity shares, depending on the nature of the relationship established between the holder and the issuer. In addition, SFAS 150 concludes the first phase of the Board’s redeliberations of the Exposure Draft, Accounting for Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Liability, Equity, or Both. SFAS 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after 31 May, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after 15 June, 2003, except for mandatorily redeemable financial instruments of nonpublic entities. The Company considered the effect of adoption SFAS 150 and do not expect any material impact on the financial statements.

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RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *(cont'd)*

FIN 46 provides guidance on the identification of and financial reporting for entities over which controls is achieved through means other than voting rights. This interpretation requires existing unconsolidated variable interest entities to be consolidated by their primary beneficiaries if the entities do not effectively disperse risks among parties involved. FIN 46 applies immediately to variable interest entities created after 31 January, 2003, and to variable interest entities in which an enterprise obtains an interest after the date. It applies in the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after 15 June, 2003, to variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds a variable interest that it acquired before 1 February, 2003. The Company considered the effects of adoption FIN 46 and do not expect any material impact on the financial statements.