## **PROSPECTS**

The Group had further secured 12 new pipeline natural gas projects with accumulated 54 cities piped gas projects, owned 35 cities and districts with exclusive operating rights of piped gas as at the end of November 2004. Most of our operating projects are located along the main pipelines of West-East Pipeline and Sichuan-East Pipeline.

The Company had entered into strategic cooperation agreements with Sinpoec Corp. and Gazprom respectively. In the forthcoming year, the Company will continue to look for those well-established natural gas corporations to become our strategic investors. In addition, we will continue to explore new natural gas projects and actively take part in the investments in the natural gas projects.

We will further the development of the Group and will try our very best to maximize investment return for our shareholders.