CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2004 (All amounts expressed in thousands of Renminbi ("Rmb"))

	Note	2004	2003
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	36(a)	1,249,820	1,254,202
Interest paid		(37,470)	(68,707)
Tax paid		(272,450)	(281,483)
Net cash from operating activities		939,900	904,012
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(520,802)	(474,893)
Purchase of intangible assets		(2,260)	—
Investment in associated companies		—	(27,294)
Capital contributions received from minority interests		8,371	400
Sale of trading investments		—	350,000
Purchase of available-for-sale investments		(2,000)	_
Disposal of a subsidiary, net of cash disposed Decrease (Increase) in term deposits with		128	_
initial term of over three months		266,267	(84,611)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	36(b)	15,426	12,020
Interest received		17,547	12,519
Net cash used in investing activities		(217,323)	(211,859)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Draw down of short-term bank loans		2,486,417	—
Repayment of short-term bank loans		(1,736,417)	(300,000)
Repayment of long-term bank loans		(1,043,239)	(210,000)
Dividends paid to group shareholders		(250,230)	(257,500)
Dividends paid to minority interests		(4,000)	(4,800)
Net cash used in financing activities		(547,469)	(772,300)
Effect of exchange rate changes		(495)	888
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		174,613	(79,259)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,099,935	1,179,194
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	23	1,274,548	1,099,935

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.