

COMPARISON OF SIX-YEAR RESULTS

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Highlights (Group)						
Number of connected households	634,678	381,283	210,850	108,001	66,253	30,607
Installed designed daily capacity for commercial/industrial customers (m ³)	1,058,114	532,793	365,113	269,747	139,302	104,026
Units of piped gas sold						
Residential households (m ³)	104,912,000	44,967,000	19,123,000	14,089,000	5,645,000	2,893,000
Commercial/industrial customers (m ³)	142,798,000	71,626,000	30,407,000	20,496,000	11,259,000	8,890,000
Length of existing pipelines ⁽¹⁾ (km)	4,871	1,958	791	464	257	143
Number of gas processing stations	51	35	25	12	7	2
Combined designed daily capacity of existing processing stations (m ³)	7,493,000	4,709,000	3,178,000	837,800	561,800	100,000
Turnover & Profit (RMB'000)						
Turnover	1,439,945	878,055	544,492	240,560	122,270	52,923
Profit before taxation	314,718	199,242	156,058	99,598	50,370	25,572
Income tax expenses	(9,196)	(2,957)	(12,324)	(11,081)	(6,976)	(3,836)
Profit after taxation	305,522	196,285	143,734	88,517	43,394	21,736
Minority interests	(53,265)	(13,195)	(15,818)	(9,250)	(6,018)	(6,653)
Profit for the year	252,257	183,090	127,916	79,267	37,376	15,083
Dividends	25,254	–	–	–	30,529	–
Assets & Liabilities						
Non-current assets	3,033,381	2,104,824	925,307	415,824	260,999	96,920
Associate	61,025	10,394	–	–	–	–
Jointly controlled entities	170,499	22,105	2,500	–	–	–
Current assets	1,653,143	960,602	842,558	307,481	174,032	161,784
Current liabilities	(1,261,830)	(1,032,785)	(456,841)	(201,195)	(334,507)	(147,667)
Non-current liabilities	(1,297,924)	(587,594)	(276,030)	(51,945)	(20,915)	(15,000)
Net assets	2,358,294	1,477,546	1,037,494	470,165	79,609	96,037
Capital & Reserves						
Share capital	91,954	78,122	78,122	66,462	–	–
Reserves	1,820,384	1,059,977	861,355	386,199	69,830	57,393
Shareholders' funds	1,912,338	1,138,099	939,477	452,661	69,830	57,393
Minority interests	445,956	339,447	98,017	17,504	9,779	38,644
	2,358,294	1,477,546	1,037,494	470,165	79,609	96,037
Earnings per share	29.7 cents	24.8 cents	18.0 cents	14.3 cents	8.9 cents	3.6 cents

(1) Length of existing pipelines consists of intermediate pipelines and main pipelines.