

Dividends

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of Renminbi (“RMB”) 0.09 per share, or a total of RMB227.14 million for the year ending 31 December 2005. The dividend will be paid on 21 October 2005 to shareholders whose names appear on the Company’s register of members on 30 September 2005. Dividends payable to China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (“Sinopec Corp”), the Company’s controlling shareholder, will be paid in RMB, while dividends payable to holders of H shares will be paid in Hong Kong dollars at an exchange rate of RMB1.0427 for HK\$1.00, being the average of the basic rates of RMB for Hong Kong dollars published by the People’s Bank of China in the calendar week immediately before the date of the declaration of dividend on 19 August 2005. Accordingly, each H share in the Company is entitled to an interim dividend of HK\$0.086.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 26 September 2005 to 30 September 2005 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the 2005 interim dividend, holders of H shares of the Company must lodge their transfers together with all relevant share certificates to the Company’s H share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4 pm on 23 September 2005.