

## INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board proposes an interim dividend of RMB0.188 per ordinary share in respect of the six months ended June 30, 2006, totaling RMB2,190,177,000, calculated on the basis of 11,649,876,153 shares as at June 30, 2006. The proposed interim dividend will be considered at the special general meeting of shareholders to be held on October 13, 2006. The interim dividend is expected to be distributed on or before October 31, 2006.

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## MARKET REVIEW

### PRIMARY ALUMINUM

Both international and domestic aluminum markets saw an increase in the first half of 2006 as a result of investment by funds, increases in production cost and rising consumption demand. In May, the three-month aluminum futures price on the London Metals Exchange ("LME") reached US\$3,310 per tonne, whilst the aluminum spot price on the Shanghai Futures Exchange ("SHFE") rose to RMB23,800 per tonne, both reaching historical highs. However, since mid-May, aluminum prices experienced an adjustment as the impact of the rising US dollar and inflation led to decreases in prices of basic metals, oil and gold. At the end of June, the three-month aluminum futures prices on LME and SHFE fluctuated around US\$2,500 per tonne and RMB19,500 per tonne respectively. In the first half of 2006, the average three-month aluminum futures price on LME was US\$2,561 per tonne, representing an increase of 39.1% over the same period last year; the average price on SHFE was RMB20,773 per tonne, representing an increase of 24.9% from the same period last year.

The global production and consumption of primary aluminum remained steady for the first half of 2006, and amounted to 16,440,000 tonnes and 16,730,000 tonnes respectively, representing increases of 5.9% and 7.4% respectively over the same period last year. As a result of rising aluminum prices, domestic production of primary aluminum increased by 17.5% to 4,290,000 tonnes over the same period last year, while the consumption of primary aluminum rose to 4,000,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 27.0% over the same period last year.

### CONSUMPTION STRUCTURE OF ALUMINUM PRODUCTS IN 2005

