

# Financial Highlights

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2006	2005	Growth	
<b>(RMB million)</b>				
Sales	<b>3,047.3</b>	2,378.1	28.1%	
Gross profit	<b>1,017.9</b>	760.5	33.8%	
Operating profit	<b>866.0</b>	609.1	42.2%	
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>579.6</b>	401.7	44.3%	
Earnings per share (RMB)	<b>0.167</b>	0.161	3.7%	
Interim dividend (HK cents per share)	<b>5</b>	—	N/A	
	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>		
	<b>30 June 2006</b>	<b>31 December 2005</b>		
Total Assets (RMB million)	<b>10,630.4</b>	9,620.3		
Net Assets (RMB million)	<b>4,982.9</b>	4,504.2		
Gearing (total debts/owners' equity)	<b>43%</b>	29%		
Net cash or (net debt) position	<b>Net cash</b>	Net cash		
	<b>As at</b>	Annualized	<b>As at</b>	
	<b>30 June 2006</b>	Return 2006	<b>31 December 2005</b>	Growth
Return on Assets	<b>5.5%</b>	11.0%	10.2%	0.8%
Return on Equity	<b>11.6%</b>	23.2%	21.7%	1.5%