

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 RMB'000	2005 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash received from toll income		1,182,625	920,170
Cash received from the road construction management services		17,335	27,868
Cash paid to suppliers		(98,845)	(45,581)
Cash paid to employees		(60,551)	(57,666)
Other cash received/(paid)	36	47,283	(125,804)
Cash generated from operations	31	1,087,847	718,987
Interest paid		(115,093)	(88,992)
Income tax paid		(87,762)	(75,552)
Government subsidies received		12,789	10,309
Net cash generated from operating activities		897,781	564,752
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and payments for construction in progress		(688,525)	(425,271)
Proceeds from sales of significant property, plant and equipment		—	386,000
Proceeds from sales of other property, plant and equipment		312	—
Deposits received from contractors for road construction projects	36	145,936	—
Acquisition of minority interest in a subsidiary	9(a)(i)	(96,000)	—
Acquisition of a jointly controlled entity, net of cash acquired		—	(612,651)
Acquisition of associates	21(a)	(357,784)	(1,653,754)
Increase in investments in associates	11(b)	(90,000)	(101,840)
Redemption of loan due from a jointly controlled entity		54,506	40,092
Profit distribution and appropriation from an associate		33,290	—
Interest received		6,313	9,798
Net cash used in investing activities		(991,952)	(2,357,626)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		2,531,762	3,394,072
Proceeds from issuance of short-term bonds	18(a)	1,000,000	—
Repayments of borrowings		(2,672,746)	(1,702,959)
Repayments of short-term bonds	18(a)	(1,000,000)	—
Payments for other borrowing costs		(7,666)	(16,409)
Government grant received		7,020	18,980
Repayment of advance from a minority equity owner of a subsidiary		(2,350)	(2,528)
Dividends paid to the Company's shareholders	30	(261,684)	(239,877)
Dividends paid to minority equity owners of subsidiaries		(7,889)	(8,149)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(413,553)	1,443,130
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(507,724)	(349,744)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		892,485	1,241,838
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(2,922)	391
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	14	381,839	892,485

The notes on pages 97 to 146 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.