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	2003	2002	(Decrease)
	RMB'000	RMB'000	%
OPERATING RESULTS			
Turnover	1,485,307	1,152,133	28.9%
Gross profit	993,790	851,957	16.6%
Net profit	725,134	621,924	16.6%
Gross profit margin	66.9%	73.9%	
Net profit margin	48.8%	54.0%	
Earnings per share	RMB38 cents	RMB35 cents	
FINANCIAL POSITION			
Total assets	3,520,011	2,677,623	31.5%
Cash and bank balances (including			
long-term bank deposits)	867,286	996,923	(13.0)%
Shareholders' funds	2,896,489	2,360,146	22.7%
FINANCIAL RATIOS			
Gearing ratio	13.2%	6.2%	
Current ratio	1.8	7.7	
Accounts receivable turnover (days)	17	19	
OPERATING DATA			
Year end area of production base (mu)	155,315	120,725	28.7%
Weighted-average area of production			
base during the year (mu)	97,678	74,556	31.0%
Annual output per mu (tonnes)	6.11	6.61	(7.6)%





