for the year ended 31 December 2004 (Amounts in millions)

	Note	2004	2003
		RMB	RMB
Cash flows from operating activities	(a)	69,081	62,097
Cash flow from investing activities			
Capital expenditure		(67,583)	(44,434)
Capital expenditure of jointly controlled entities		(6,035)	(4,107)
Purchase of investments and investments in associates		(1,162)	(1,519)
Proceeds from disposal of investments and investments in associates		186	141
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		317	400
Increase in time deposits with financial institutions		(1,932)	(2,871)
Maturity of time deposits with financial institutions		2,217	1,700
Net cash used in investing activities		(73,992)	(50,690)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from bank and other loans		399,440	235,163
Proceeds from bank and other loans of jointly controlled entities		3,014	1,450
Proceeds from issuance of corporate bonds, net of issuing expenses		3,472	_
Repayments of bank and other loans		(388,809)	(243,503)
Distributions to minority interests		(775)	(360)
Contributions from minority interests		1,008	580
Dividend paid		(8,670)	(7,803)
Cash and cash equivalent distributed to Sinopec Group Company		(3,652)	
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities		5,028	(14,473)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		117	(3,066)
Effect of foreign exchange rate		1	5
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		16,263	19,324
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		16,381	16,263

The notes on pages 133 to 158 form part of these financial statements. $\,$