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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 20-F
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006
Commission File Number 1-15006**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
PetroChina Company Limited
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

The People's Republic of China
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**16 Andelu
Dongcheng District, Beijing, 100011
The People's Republic of China**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of Each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
American Depositary Shares, each representing 100 H Shares, par value RMB 1.00 per share*	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
H Shares, par value RMB 1.00 per share	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.**

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None
(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None
(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

State-owned shares, par value RMB 1.00 per share	157,922,077,818
H Shares, par value RMB 1.00 per share	21,098,900,000***

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the Registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

* PetroChina's H Shares are listed and traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

** Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares.

*** Includes 3,166,123,000 H Shares represented by American Depositary Shares.

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CERTAIN TERMS AND CONVENTIONS
Conventions Which Apply to this Annual Report

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this annual report to:

CNPC or CNPC group are to our parent, China National Petroleum Corporation and its affiliates and subsidiaries, excluding PetroChina, its subsidiaries and its interests in long-term investments, and where the context refers to any time prior to the establishment of CNPC, those entities and businesses which were contributed to CNPC upon its establishment.

PetroChina, we, our, our company and us are to:

PetroChina Company Limited, a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability and its subsidiaries and branch companies, or

the CNPC group's domestic crude oil and natural gas exploration and production, refining and marketing, chemicals and natural gas businesses that were transferred to us in the restructuring of the CNPC group in 1999.

PRC or China are to the People's Republic of China, but do not apply to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan for purposes of this annual report.

We publish our consolidated financial statements in Renminbi. The audited consolidated financial statements included in this annual report have been prepared as if the operations and businesses transferred to us from CNPC were transferred as of the earliest period presented or from the date of establishment of the relevant unit, whichever is later, and conducted by us throughout the period. In this annual report, IFRS refers to International Financial Reporting Standards.

Conversion Table

1 barrel-of-oil equivalent	= 1 barrel of crude oil	= 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas
1 cubic meter	= 35.315 cubic feet	
1 ton of crude oil	= 1 metric ton of crude oil	= 7.389 barrels of crude oil (assuming an API gravity of 34 degrees)

Certain Oil and Gas Terms

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the meanings shown below:

acreage	The total area, expressed in acres, over which an entity has interests in exploration or production. Net acreage is the entity's interest, expressed in acres, in the relevant exploration or production area.
API gravity	An indication of the density of crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons as measured by a system recommended by the American Petroleum Institute (API), measured in degrees. The lower the API gravity, the heavier the compound.
condensate	Light hydrocarbon substances produced with natural gas that condense into liquid at normal temperatures and pressures associated with surface production equipment.
crude oil	Crude oil, including condensate and natural gas liquids.

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development cost	For a given period, costs incurred to obtain access to proved reserves and to provide facilities for extracting, treating, gathering and storing the oil and gas.
finding cost	For a given period, costs incurred in identifying areas that may warrant examination and in examining specific areas that are considered to have prospects of containing oil and gas reserves, including costs of drilling exploratory wells and exploratory-type stratigraphic test wells. Finding cost is also known as exploration cost.
lifting cost	For a given period, costs incurred to operate and maintain wells and related equipment and facilities, including applicable operating costs of support equipment and facilities and other costs of operating and maintaining those wells and related equipment and facilities. Lifting cost is also known as production cost.
natural gas liquids	Hydrocarbons that can be extracted in liquid form together with natural gas production. Ethane and pentanes are the predominant components, with other heavier hydrocarbons also present in limited quantities.
offshore	Areas under water with a depth of five meters or greater.
onshore	Areas of land and areas under water with a depth of less than five meters.
primary distillation capacity	At a given point in time, the maximum volume of crude oil a refinery is able to process in its basic distilling units.
proved developed reserves	Reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional oil and gas expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection or other improved recovery techniques for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery are included as proved developed reserves only after testing by a pilot project or after the operation of an installed program has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.
proved reserves	Estimated quantities of crude oil and natural gas which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made. Prices include consideration of changes in existing prices provided only by contractual arrangements, but not of escalations based upon future conditions.
proved undeveloped reserves	Reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion. Reserves on undrilled acreage shall be limited to those drilling units offsetting productive units that are reasonably certain of production when drilled. Proved reserves for other undrilled units can be claimed only where it can be demonstrated with certainty that there is

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continuity of production from the existing productive formation. Under no circumstances should estimates for proved undeveloped reserves be attributable to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proved effective by actual tests in the area and in the same reservoir.

reserve-to-production ratio For any given well, field or country, the ratio of proved reserves to annual production of crude oil or, with respect to natural gas, to wellhead production excluding flared gas.

sales gas Marketable production of gas on an as sold basis, excluding flared gas, injected gas and gas consumed in operations.

water cut For a given oil region, the percentage that water constitutes of all fluids extracted from all wells in that region.

References to:

BOE is to barrels-of-oil equivalent,

Mcf is to thousand cubic feet, and

Bcf is to billion cubic feet.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements relating to:

the amounts and nature of future exploration, development and other capital expenditures;

future prices and demand for crude oil, natural gas, refined products and chemical products;

development projects;

exploration prospects;

reserves potential;

production of oil and gas and refined and chemical products;

development and drilling potential;

expansion and other development trends of the oil and gas industry;

the planned development of our natural gas operations;

the planned expansion of our refined product marketing network;

the planned expansion of our natural gas infrastructure;

the anticipated benefit from the acquisition of certain overseas assets from CNPC, our parent company;

the plan to continue to pursue attractive business opportunities outside China;

our future overall business development and economic performance;

our anticipated financial and operating information regarding, and the future development and economic performance of, our business;

our anticipated market risk exposure arising from future changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices; and

other prospects of our business and operations.

The words anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, seek, will and would expressions, as they related to us, are intended to identify a number of these forward-looking statements.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future and are beyond our control. The forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the risk factors set forth in this annual report and the following:

fluctuations in crude oil and natural gas prices;

failure to achieve continued exploration success;

failures or delays in achieving production from development projects;

continued availability of capital and financing;

acquisitions and other business opportunities that we may pursue;

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general economic, market and business conditions, including volatility in interest rates, changes in foreign exchange rates and volatility in commodity markets;

liability for remedial actions under environmental regulations;

impact of the PRC's entry into the World Trade Organization;

the actions of competitors;

wars and acts of terrorism or sabotage;

changes in policies, laws or regulations of the PRC, including changes in applicable tax rates;

the other changes in global economic and political conditions affecting the production, supply and demand and pricing of crude oil, refined products, petrochemical products and natural gas; and

the other risk factors discussed in this annual report, and other factors beyond our control.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement.

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Not applicable. However, see Item 6 Directors, Senior Management and Employees Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors.

ITEM 2 OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3 KEY INFORMATION**Exchange Rates**

The noon buying rate in New York City for cable transfers as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was US\$1.00=RMB 7.7039 on May 7, 2007. The following table sets forth the high and low noon buying rates between Renminbi and U.S. dollars for each month during the previous six months:

	Noon buying rate	
	High	Low
	(RMB per US\$)	
November 2006	7.8750	7.8303
December 2006	7.8350	7.8041
January 2007	7.8127	7.7705
February 2007	7.7632	7.7410
March 2007	7.7454	7.7232
April 2007	7.7345	7.7090
May 2007 (through May 7)	7.7065	7.7035

The following table sets forth the average noon buying rates between Renminbi and U.S. dollars for each of 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, calculated by averaging the noon buying rates on the last day of each month during the relevant year:

	Average noon buying rate
	(RMB per US\$)
2002	8.2772
2003	8.2772
2004	8.2768
2005	8.1826
2006	7.9725

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Selected Financial Data

Historical Financial Information

You should read the selected historical financial data set forth below in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of PetroChina and their notes and Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects included elsewhere in this annual report. The selected historical income statement and cashflow data for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the selected historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2005 and 2006 set forth below are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report. The selected historical income statement data and cashflow data for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003 and the selected historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 set forth below are derived from our audited financial statements, not included in this annual report. The financial information included in this section may not necessarily reflect our results of operations, financial position and cash flows in the future.

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	Year ended December 31,				
	2002⁽¹⁾	2003⁽¹⁾	2004⁽¹⁾	2005	2006
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
(in millions, except for per share and per ADS data)					
Income Statement Data					
IFRS					
Revenues					
Sales and other operating revenues	249,386	310,431	397,354	552,229	688,978
Operating expenses					
Purchases, services and other	(71,383)	(89,741)	(114,249)	(200,321)	(271,123)
Employee compensation costs	(16,665)	(20,044)	(22,934)	(29,675)	(39,161)
Exploration expenses, including exploratory dry holes	(8,203)	(10,624)	(12,090)	(15,566)	(18,822)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(37,680)	(42,163)	(48,362)	(51,305)	(61,388)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(23,930)	(25,982)	(28,302)	(36,538)	(43,235)
Employee separation costs and shutting down of manufacturing assets	(2,121)	(2,355)	(220)		
Taxes other than income taxes	(15,366)	(16,821)	(19,943)	(23,616)	(56,666)
Revaluation loss of property, plant and equipment		(391)			
Other expenses, net	(59)	(598)	(116)	(3,037)	(607)
Total operating expenses	(175,407)	(208,719)	(246,216)	(360,058)	(491,002)
Income from operations	73,979	101,712	151,138	192,171	197,976
Income from equity affiliates and jointly controlled entities					
Exchange gain (loss), net	(430)	(36)	8	88	74
Interest income	663	973	1,373	1,924	2,066
Interest expense	(4,068)	(2,889)	(2,896)	(2,762)	(3,220)
Income before taxes	70,313	100,693	151,244	193,822	199,173
Income taxes	(22,939)	(28,796)	(43,598)	(54,180)	(49,776)

Income for this year	47,374	71,897	107,646	139,642	149,397
Attributable to:					
Shareholders	46,766	69,835	103,843	133,362	142,224
Minority shareholders	608	2,062	3,803	6,280	7,173
	47,374	71,897	107,646	139,642	149,397
Basic and diluted net income per share					
Attributable to shareholders for this year ⁽²⁾	0.27	0.40	0.59	0.75	0.79
Basic and diluted net income per ADS ⁽³⁾	26.60	39.72	59.06	75.44	79.45
US GAAP					
Net income	49,693	75,640	109,051	137,866	146,087
Basic and diluted net income per share ⁽²⁾	0.28	0.43	0.62	0.78	0.82
Basic and diluted net income per ADS ⁽³⁾	28.26	43.02	62.02	77.99	81.60

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	As of December 31,				
	2002⁽¹⁾	2003⁽¹⁾	2004⁽¹⁾	2005	2006
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
	(in millions, except for per share and per ADS data)				
Balance Sheet Data					
IFRS					
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	19,532	11,613	11,688	80,905	48,559
Time deposits with maturities after three months but within 12 months	2,621	2,648	1,425	1,691	3,012
Investments in collateralized loans	420	24,224	33,217	235	
Accounts receivable	6,544	4,115	3,842	4,630	8,488
Inventories, at net book value	29,352	30,064	47,377	62,733	76,038
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	19,618	18,845	24,704	25,701	26,125
Total current assets	78,087	91,509	122,253	175,895	162,222
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	404,135	442,311	485,612	563,890	645,337
Long-term investments, at net book value	6,055	9,405	11,504	13,608	35,010
Prepaid operating lease rentals	6,267	7,286	12,307	16,235	20,468
Intangible and other assets	2,769	3,027	3,020	5,011	6,627
Time deposits mature after one year	3,498	3,485	3,751	3,428	2,499
Total non-current assets	422,724	465,514	516,194	602,172	709,941
Total assets	500,811	557,023	638,447	778,067	872,163
Liabilities and shareholders equity					
Current liabilities					
Short-term debt	23,185	34,328	34,937	28,689	35,763
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	59,950	66,700	73,072	99,758	120,182
Income tax payable	5,581	12,068	17,484	20,567	17,744
Other taxes payable	5,767	9,251	5,032	4,824	6,190

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Total current liabilities	94,483	122,347	130,525	153,838	179,879
Non-current liabilities					
Long-term debt	68,894	51,601	44,648	44,570	35,634
Other long-term obligations	1,707	2,010	2,481	1,046	995
Assets disposal obligations	585	735	919	14,187	18,481
Deferred taxes	10,832	13,436	16,902	20,759	19,583
Total non-current liabilities	82,018	67,782	64,950	80,562	74,693
Total liabilities	176,501	190,129	195,475	234,400	254,572
Equity					
Shareholder s equity					
Share capital	175,824	175,824	175,824	179,021	179,021
Retained income	57,358	88,152	143,115	203,812	264,092
Reserves	84,456	93,952	108,834	132,556	143,564
	317,638	357,928	427,773	515,389	586,677
Minority interest	6,672	8,966	15,199	28,278	30,914
Total equity	324,310	366,894	442,972	543,667	617,591
Total liabilities and equity	500,811	557,023	638,447	778,067	872,163
Share capital, issued and outstanding, RMB 1.00 par value					
State-owned shares	158,242	158,242	158,242	157,922	157,922
H shares and ADSs	17,582	17,582	17,582	21,099	21,099
US GAAP					
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	353,932	413,383	452,017	537,106	622,668
Total assets	457,065	528,685	605,018	774,740	858,400
Shareholders equity	284,426	330,520	405,573	510,141	574,470

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	2002⁽¹⁾	2003⁽¹⁾	2004⁽¹⁾	2005	2006
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
			(in millions)		
Other Financial Data					
Dividend per share	0.12	0.18	0.26	0.34	0.36
Dividend per ADS	12.00	17.82	26.34	33.80	35.75
Capital expenditures	(75,496)	(86,373)	(98,946)	(124,801)	(148,746)
Cash Flow Data					
IFRS					
Net cash provided by operating activities	98,989	139,570	141,691	203,885	198,102
Net cash used for investing activities	(73,732)	(102,549)	(102,276)	(91,576)	(158,451)
Net cash used for financing activities	(26,488)	(35,593)	(39,586)	(42,634)	(71,739)

Notes:

- (1) Certain financial data for these periods and as of these dates are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements, not included in this annual report, and were retroactively restated. In 2005, we retroactively restated our prior years' consolidated financial statements to reflect the effect as if the refinery and petrochemical operations of Ningxia Dayuan Refinery and Petrochemical Company Limited, or Dayuan, Qingyang Refinery and Petrochemical Company Limited, or Qingyang, both of which we acquired from CNPC, and the operations of CNPC Exploration and Development Company Limited, or CNPC E&D, of which we acquired a 50% interest from China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Corporation, or CNODC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC, had always been combined since inception.
- (2) The basic and diluted income per share for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 has been calculated by dividing the net profit by the number of 175,824 million shares issued and outstanding for the corresponding years. The basic and diluted income per share for the year ended December 31, 2005 was calculated by dividing the net profit by the weighted average number of 176,770 million shares issued and outstanding for the year presented. The basic and diluted income per share for the year ended December 31, 2006 was calculated by dividing the net profit by the number of 179,021 million shares issued and outstanding for the year presented.
- (3) The basic and diluted income per ADS for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 has been calculated by dividing the net profit by the number of 175,824 million shares issued and outstanding for the corresponding years, each ADS representing 100 H shares. The basic and diluted income per ADS for the year ended December 31, 2005 has been calculated by dividing the net profit by the weighted average number of 176,770 million shares issued and outstanding for the year presented, each ADS representing 100 H shares. The basic and diluted income per ADS for the year ended December 31, 2006 has been calculated by dividing the net profit by the number of 179,021 million shares issued and outstanding for the year presented, each ADS representing 100 H shares.

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Risk Factors

Our business is subject to various changing competitive, economic and social conditions in the PRC. Such changing conditions entail certain risks, which are described below.

Our operations are affected by the volatility of prices for crude oil and refined products. We and China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation, or Sinopec, set our crude oil median prices monthly based on the Singapore trading prices for crude oil. In 2006, the PRC government, under its macro economic controls, introduced a new mechanism for determining the prices of refined products. Historically, international prices for crude oil and refined products have fluctuated widely in response to changes in many factors, such as global and regional economic and political developments and global and regional supply and demand for crude oil and refined products. We do not have, and will not have, control over the factors affecting international prices for crude oil and refined products. A decline in crude oil prices will reduce our crude oil revenues derived from external customers. If crude oil prices remain at a low level for a prolonged period, our company has to determine and estimate whether our oil and gas assets may suffer impairment losses and, if so, the amount of the impairment losses. An increase in crude oil prices may, however, increase the production costs of refined products. In addition, a decline in refined products prices will reduce our revenue derived from refining operations. An increase in the refined products prices, however, will increase the production costs of chemical products which use refined products as raw materials.

The crude oil and natural gas reserve data in this annual report are only estimates. The reliability of reserve estimates depend on a number of factors, assumptions and variables, such as the quality and quantity of our technical and economic data and the prevailing oil and gas prices applicable to our production, many of which are beyond our control and may prove to be incorrect over time. Results of drilling, testing and production after the date of the estimates may require substantial upward or downward revisions in our reserve data. Our actual production, revenues and expenditures with respect to our reserves may differ materially from these estimates because of these revisions.

Our proved crude oil reserves decreased gradually and modestly from 2001 to 2003 because the decrease in the crude oil reserves in our Daqing and Liaohe oil regions could not be offset by the increase in the crude oil reserves in our oil regions in northwestern China, such as the Xinjiang oil region, the Changqing oil and gas region and the Tarim oil region. Although our proved crude oil reserves increased slightly in 2004, 2005 and 2006 compared to prior years, we cannot assure you that we will be able to increase or maintain our crude oil reserves in the future by our exploration activities in China. We are actively pursuing business opportunities outside China to supplement our domestic resources. For instance, in 2005 and 2006, we acquired certain overseas crude oil and natural gas assets from CNPC. We cannot assure you, however, that we can successfully locate sufficient alternative sources of crude oil supply or at all due to the complexity of the international political, economic and other conditions. If we fail to obtain sufficient alternative sources of crude oil supply, our results of operations and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, adopted rules requiring every public company in the United States to include a management report on such company's internal control over financial reporting in its annual report, which contains management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. In addition, an independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Although our management concluded that our internal control over our financial reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 was effective, we may discover other deficiencies in the course of our future evaluation of our internal control over our financial reporting and

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may be unable to remediate such deficiencies in a timely manner. Moreover, in future years, even if our management concludes that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, our independent registered public accounting firm may still be unable to attest to our management's assessment or may issue a report that concludes that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to conclude that we have effective internal control over financial reporting on an ongoing basis, in accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Moreover, effective internal control is necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and is important to prevent fraud. As a result, our failure to achieve and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the trading prices of our ADSs or H shares.

Exploring for, producing and transporting crude oil and natural gas and producing and transporting refined products and chemical products involve many hazards. These hazards may result in:

fires;

explosions;

spills;

blow-outs; and

other unexpected or dangerous conditions causing personal injuries or death, property damage, environmental damage and interruption of operations.

Some of our oil and natural gas fields are surrounded by residential areas or located in areas where natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and sandstorms, tend to occur more frequently than in other areas. As with many other companies around the world that conduct similar businesses, we have experienced accidents that have caused property damage and personal injuries and death.

Significant operating hazards and natural disasters may cause partial interruptions to our operations and property and environmental damage that could have an adverse impact on our financial condition. On November 13, 2005, an explosion occurred at one of our branch companies in Jilin Province. The incident caused serious personal injuries and deaths, loss of property and water pollution of the Songhuajing River. The Chinese government completed its investigation of this accident in December 2006. As a result, our company paid a fine of RMB 1 million in settlement of all liabilities arising from the accident.

Except for limited insurance coverage for vehicles and certain assets that we consider to be subject to significant operating risks, we do not carry any other insurance for our property, facilities or equipment in respect of our business operations. We do not currently carry any third party liability insurance against claims relating to personal injury or death, property or environmental damage arising from accidents on our property or relating to our operations. We also do not currently carry any business interruption insurance. The limited insurance coverage of our assets exposes us to substantial risks and will not cover most losses.

CNPC owns approximately 88.21% of our share capital. This ownership percentage enables CNPC to elect our entire board of directors without the concurrence of any of our other shareholders. Accordingly, CNPC is in a position to:

control our policies, management and affairs;

subject to applicable PRC laws and regulations and provisions of our articles of association, determine the timing and amount of dividend payments and adopt amendments to certain of the provisions of our articles of association; and

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otherwise determine the outcome of most corporate actions and, subject to the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, cause our company to effect corporate transactions without the approval of minority shareholders.

CNPC's interests may sometimes conflict with those of some or all of our minority shareholders. We cannot assure you that CNPC, as controlling shareholder, will always vote its shares in a way that benefits our minority shareholders.

In addition to its relationship with us as our controlling shareholder, CNPC by itself or through its affiliates also provides us with certain services and products necessary for our business activities, such as construction and technical services, production services and supply of material services. The interests of CNPC and its affiliates as providers of these services and products to us may conflict with our interests. Although we have entered into a Comprehensive Products and Services Agreement with CNPC and our transactions with CNPC over the past three years have been conducted on open, fair and competitive commercial terms, we have only limited leverage in negotiating with CNPC and its affiliates over the specific terms of the agreements for the future provision of these services and products.

The eastern and southern regions of China have a higher demand for refined products and chemical products than the western and northern regions. Most of our refineries and chemical plants are located in the western and northern regions of China. We incur relatively higher transportation costs for delivery of our refined products and chemical products to certain areas of the eastern and southern regions from our refineries and chemical plants in western and northern China. While we continue to expand the sales of these products in the eastern and southern regions of China, we face strong competition from Sinopec and China National Offshore Oil Corp, or CNOOC. As a result, we expect that we will continue to encounter difficulty in increasing our sales of refined products and chemical products in these regions.

We are currently expanding some of our refinery and petrochemical facilities and constructing several natural gas pipelines. In addition, we may commence offshore crude oil and natural gas exploration and production activities, which could require substantial capital expenditures and investments. We cannot assure you that the cash generated by our operations will be sufficient to fund these development plans or that our actual future capital expenditures and investments will not significantly exceed our current planned amounts. If either of these conditions arises, we may have to seek external financing to satisfy our capital needs. Under such circumstance, our inability to obtain sufficient funding for our development plans could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to a number of risks relating to the PRC and the PRC oil and gas industry. These risks are described as follows:

Our operations, like those of other PRC oil and gas companies, are subject to extensive regulations and control by the PRC government. These regulations and control affect many material aspects of our operations, such as exploration and production licensing, industry-specific and product-specific taxes and fees and environmental and safety standards. As a result, we may face significant constraints on our ability to implement our business strategies, to develop or expand our business operations or to maximize our profitability. Our business may also be adversely affected by future changes in certain policies of the PRC government with respect to the oil and gas industry. For example, since March 26, 2006, we have been subject to a crude oil special gain levy imposed by the PRC government. As a result, we recorded an aggregate of RMB 28,914.0 million as such levy to the PRC government in relation to our domestic sales of crude oil in 2006.

Currently, the PRC government must approve the construction and major renovation of significant refining and petrochemical facilities as well as the construction of significant

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natural gas and refined product pipelines and storage facilities. We presently have several significant projects pending approval from the relevant government authorities and will need approvals from the relevant government authorities in connection with several other significant projects. We do not have control over the timing and outcome of the final project approvals.

We receive most of our revenues in Renminbi. A portion of our Renminbi revenues must be converted into other currencies to meet our foreign currency obligations. The existing foreign exchange limitations under the PRC laws and regulations could affect our ability to obtain foreign exchange through debt financing, or to obtain foreign exchange for capital expenditures.

Prior to 2005, our company performed capping or plugging on wellheads and surface facilities that could be salvaged for alternative use. For safety reasons, our company also performed capping or plugging on certain wells that were considered to be in areas with extensive human use at the time of the abandonment. Our company, however, did not perform capping or plugging on wells that were neither considered to be in areas with extensive human use nor could be salvaged for alternative use. Consequently, such wellheads and surface facilities were left at their original sites after the wells were retired.

The Environmental Protection Regulation for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities in Heilongjiang Province and *The Environmental Protection Regulation for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities in Gansu Province* were issued in mid and late 2005. Based on our reading of the new provincial regulations and in consultation with the environmental administrative authorities in Heilongjiang and Gansu provinces, we believe that such regulations only apply to the oil and gas properties retired after these regulations were issued in 2005. Accordingly, our company established standard abandonment procedures, requesting that all of its branch and subsidiary companies recognize asset retirement provisions for their currently used oil and gas properties.

Our company believes it had no obligation to adopt such abandonment procedures prior to the issuance of the new regulations in 2005. For the oil and gas properties that were retired prior to the issuance of such regulations, the activities required to retire these assets, at a level that would be in compliance with the regulations and our internal policy, have not been performed. The costs associated with these activities have not been included in the asset retirement obligations accrued during 2005. However, Heilongjiang Province and Gansu Province could enact new regulations, amend the current regulations or retroactively apply the relevant requirements. If any of these regulations is determined to be applicable to assets other than those that were retired subsequent to the dates that these regulations were issued in 2005, we could be required to incur substantial costs associated with such asset retirement obligations. In addition, we cannot assure you that the provincial governments other than Heilongjiang Province and Gansu Province will not enact new regulations which will require our company to perform additional asset retirement activities related to the assets retired before the establishment of our company's internal policy and areas in which these assets were or continue to be located.

Because PRC laws, regulations and legal requirements dealing with economic matters are relatively new and continue to evolve, and because of the limited volume of published judicial interpretations and the non-binding nature of prior court decisions, the interpretation and enforcement of these laws, regulations and legal requirements involve some uncertainty. We have included the Mandatory Provisions and certain additional requirements that are imposed by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Listing Rules in our Articles of Association for the purpose of reducing the scope of difference between the Hong Kong Company Law and the PRC Company Law. However, because the PRC Company Law is different in certain important aspects from company laws in the United States, Hong Kong

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and other common law jurisdictions and because the PRC securities laws and regulations are still at an early stage of development, you may not enjoy shareholders' protections that you may be entitled to in other jurisdictions.

In addition to the adverse effect on our revenues, margins and profitability from any future fall in oil and natural gas prices, a prolonged period of low prices or other indicators would lead to a review for impairment of our oil and natural gas properties. This review would reflect management's view of long-term oil and natural gas prices. Such a review could result in a charge for impairment which could have a significant effect on our results of operations in the period in which it occurs.

See also Item 4 Information on the Company Regulatory Matters , Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects , Item 8 Financial Information and Item 11 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk .

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ITEM 4 INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY
Introduction

History and Development of the Company

Overview of Our Operations

We are one of the largest companies in China in terms of sales. We are engaged in a broad range of petroleum and natural gas related activities, including:

the exploration, development, production and sale of crude oil and natural gas;

the refining, transportation, storage and marketing of crude oil and petroleum products;

the production and marketing of basic petrochemical products, derivative chemical products and other chemical products; and

the transmission and storage of crude oil, refined products and natural gas as well as the sale of natural gas.

We are China's largest producer of crude oil and natural gas. Currently, substantially all of our crude oil and natural gas reserves and production-related assets are located in China. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we had total revenue of RMB 688,978 million and net income of RMB 142,224 million.

Our exploration, development and production activities commenced in the early 1950s, when we conducted exploration activities in the Yumen oil region in northwestern China. The discovery of crude oil in 1959 in northeastern China's Daqing oil region, one of the world's largest oil regions in terms of proved crude oil reserves, marked the beginning of our large-scale upstream activities. Over the past four decades, we have conducted crude oil and natural gas exploration activities in many regions of China. As of December 31, 2006, we had estimated proved reserves of approximately 11,618.0 million barrels of crude oil and approximately 53,469.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas. We believe that we hold production licenses for a majority of China's proved crude oil reserves and proved natural gas reserves. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we produced 830.7 million barrels of crude oil and 1,371.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas for sale, representing an average production of 2.28 million barrels of crude oil and 3.76 billion cubic feet of natural gas for sale per day. In 2006, we sold 832.8 million barrels of crude oil and 1,357 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Approximately 83% of the crude oil we sold in the year ended December 31, 2006 was supplied to our refineries.

We commenced limited refining activities in the mid-1950s, when we began producing gasoline and diesel at refineries in the Yumen oil region. We now operate 26 refineries located in eight provinces, four autonomous regions and one municipality. In 2006, our refineries processed approximately 785 million barrels of crude oil or an average of 2.2 million barrels per day. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we produced approximately 68.3 million tons of gasoline, diesel and kerosene and sold approximately 74.90 million tons of these products. In the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 82% of the crude oil processed in our refineries was provided by our exploration and production segment and approximately 16% of the crude oil processed in our refineries was imported. As of December 31, 2006, our retail distribution network consisted of 16,624 service stations that we own and operate, 282 service stations wholly owned by CNPC or jointly owned by CNPC and third parties to which we provide supervisory support and 1,301 franchise service stations.

Our chemicals operations commenced in the early 1950s, when we began producing urea at our first petrochemical plant in Lanzhou in northwestern China. In the early 1960s, we began producing ethylene. We currently produce and sell a wide range of basic and derivative petrochemical products and other chemical products through 12 chemical plants and four chemical products sales

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companies located in seven provinces and three autonomous regions in China. Our other segments supply substantially all of the hydrocarbon feedstock requirements of our chemicals operations.

We are China's largest natural gas transporter and seller in terms of sales volume. Our natural gas transmission and marketing activities commenced in Sichuan in southwestern China in the 1950s. In 2006, our sales of natural gas totaled 1,357 billion cubic feet, of which 1,200.5 billion cubic feet was sold through our natural gas and pipeline segment. As of December 31, 2006, we owned and operated regional natural gas pipeline networks consisting of 20,590 kilometers of pipelines, of which 19,662 kilometers were operated by our natural gas and pipeline segment. As of December 31, 2006, we owned and operated a crude oil pipeline network consisting of 9,620 kilometers of pipelines with an average daily throughput of approximately 2.49 million barrels of crude oil. As of December 31, 2006, we also had a refined product pipeline network consisting of 2,413 kilometers of pipelines with an average daily throughput of approximately 37,300 tons of refined products.

We have increased our efforts to pursue attractive business opportunities outside China as part of our business growth strategy to utilize both domestic and international resources to strengthen our competitiveness. In June 2005, we entered into a capital contribution agreement with CNODC, Central Asia Petroleum Company Limited and CNPC E&D, pursuant to which, in December 2005, we acquired a 50% interest in CNPC E&D, a subsidiary of CNODC, for a consideration of RMB 20,741 million, which was paid to CNPC E&D as a part of our capital contribution. Under this agreement, CNODC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC, transferred certain of its overseas oil and natural gas assets to CNPC E&D in November 2005. Following the completion of the transactions contemplated by this agreement, each of CNODC and us obtained a 50% interest in CNPC E&D and CNODC subsequently transferred its 50% interest in CNPC E&D to CNPC, which resulted in CNPC holding the 50% interest in CNPC E&D directly. We have the right to appoint four of the seven directors of CNPC E&D, which enables us to maintain effective control over CNPC E&D. We also entered into a transfer agreement with CNPC E&D in December 2005 to transfer all of our interest in PTRI, the operating entity of our oil and natural gas assets in Indonesia, as the remaining part of our capital contribution to CNPC E&D for a consideration of RMB 579 million.

Following the completion of the acquisition of CNPC E&D through capital contribution, we obtained a 50% interest in the oil and natural gas assets held by CNPC E&D in twelve countries, including, among others, Kazakhstan, Venezuela and Peru. The consummation of the transactions described above has significantly expanded our overseas operations, effectively increased our oil and gas reserves and production volumes, and streamlined our existing overseas business in Indonesia with the acquired businesses.

In August 2006, CNPC E&D entered into an acquisition agreement to acquire a 67% equity interest in PetroKazakhstan Inc., or PKZ, from CNPC for a consideration of US\$2,735 million. This acquisition was consummated in December 2006. This acquisition has streamlined our existing exploration and development operations in Kazakhstan and increased our oil and gas assets.

In 2006, we acquired a 100% interest in an exploration block in Chad through CNPC E&D. This Chad Block covers an area of 220,000 square kilometers and a trap resource of more than 1,000 million barrels of crude oil and is currently one of our most important overseas exploration blocks. The term "trap resource" means the geological reserve estimated on a non-filled-trap basis. It is equal to the trap area multiplied by the unit reserve factor and then multiplied by the filling percentage of the trap. The term "unit reserve factor" means the geological serve within one unit area and one unit depth.

In addition, we are currently assessing the feasibility of making further investments in international oil and gas markets.

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In the year ended December 31, 2006, we imported approximately 228.8 million barrels of crude oil, as compared to 184.9 million and 175.1 million barrels of crude oil in the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Acquisitions

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made an offer to the holders of the A Shares of Jinzhou Petrochemical Co., Ltd. or Jinzhou Petrochemical, to acquire at the purchase price of RMB 4.25 per share 150 million outstanding Jinzhou Petrochemical A Shares. As of December 31, 2006, we acquired 141,497,463 Jinzhou Petrochemical A Shares, representing 17.97% of the total share capital of Jinzhou Petrochemical, for a total cash consideration of approximately RMB 602 million. After the acquisition, we owned 98.92% of the total share capital of Jinzhou Petrochemical. Jinzhou Petrochemical was delisted from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on January 4, 2006 upon approval from the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made separate offers to the holders of the A Shares of Jilin Chemical Industrial Company Limited, or Jilin Chemical, and the holders of the H Shares of Jilin Chemical to acquire at the purchase price of RMB 5.25 per share 200 million outstanding A Shares, and at the purchase price of HK\$2.80 per Share 964.778 million outstanding H Shares (including Jilin Chemical ADSs). As of December 31, 2006, we paid an aggregate of RMB 3,799 million and acquired 189,357,726 A Shares and 961,495,999 H Shares (including ADSs) of Jilin Chemical, representing 32.32% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Jilin Chemical. Following the completion of this acquisition, we owned 99.61% of the total share capital of Jilin Chemical. Jilin Chemical H Shares, A Shares, and ADSs were delisted from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, and the New York Stock Exchange on January 23, February 20 and February 15, 2006, respectively.

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made an offer to the holders of A Shares of Liaohe Jinma Oilfield Co., Ltd. or Liaohe Jinma, to acquire at the purchase price of RMB 8.80 per share 200 million issued and outstanding Liaohe Jinma A Shares. As of December 31, 2006, we acquired 194,360,943 Liaohe Jinma A Shares, representing 17.67% of the total share capital of Liaohe Jinma for a total consideration of approximately RMB 1,713 million. Following the completion of this acquisition, we owned 99.49% of the total share capital of Liaohe Jinma. Upon the approval by China Securities Regulatory Commission, Liaohe Jinma was delisted from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on January 4, 2006.

On December 6, 2005, we entered into two separate purchase agreements with two wholly-owned subsidiaries of CNPC, Liaohe Petroleum Exploration Bureau and China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau, to acquire from the two companies a 15.56% equity interest and a 20.17% equity interest, respectively, in PetroChina Fuel Oil Company, or the Fuel Oil Company, a 55.43% subsidiary of our company, with a total cash consideration of RMB 559 million. The Fuel Oil Company principally engages in investing in and developing of fuel oil in the upstream and downstream areas outside the PRC. Upon completion of the above acquisitions, we increased our interest in the Fuel Oil Company to 91.16%.

Disposal

We have gradually been transferring our import and export businesses of crude oil and refined oil to PetroChina International, our wholly-owned subsidiary. Accordingly, we entered into an equity transfer agreement with CNPC on March 17, 2007 to dispose of our entire equity interest in China National United Oil Corporation, or China United Oil, representing 70% of the registered capital of China United Oil, for a cash consideration of approximately RMB 1.01 billion. China United Oil, over which we have no unilateral control, engages in the import, export and sale of crude oil, refined oil and other petrochemical products. The completion of the disposal is subject to certain pre-conditions, including approvals from our independent shareholders, CNPC and the relevant

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regulatory authorities. Following the disposal, we will cease to hold any equity interest in China United Oil and most of our import, export and related international trade businesses will be conducted through PetroChina International.

Our Corporate Organization and Shareholding Structure

PetroChina was established as a joint stock company with limited liability under the Company Law of the PRC on November 5, 1999 as part of a restructuring in which CNPC transferred to us most of the assets and liabilities of CNPC relating to its exploration and production, refining and marketing, chemicals and natural gas businesses. CNPC retained the assets and liabilities relating to its remaining businesses and operations, including assets and liabilities relating to international exploration and production and refining and pipeline operations. CNPC is our primary provider of a wide range of services and products. On April 7, 2000, PetroChina completed a global offering of H shares and ADSs. In September 2005, PetroChina completed a follow-on offering of over 3 billion H Shares at the price of HK\$6.00 per share. Currently, CNPC owns an approximate 88.21% interest in PetroChina.

The following chart illustrates our corporate organization and our shareholding structure:

- (1) Indicates approximate shareholding.
- (2) Includes subsidiary companies and those branches without legal person status.
- (3) Represents enterprises directly administered and operated by such segment.
- (4) Includes PetroChina Planning & Engineering Institute, PetroChina Exploration & Development Research Institute, CNPC E&D, PetroChina Foreign Cooperation Administration Department, PetroChina International Co., Ltd. and Petrochemical Research Institute.

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The following chart illustrates our management structure:

- (1) Includes subsidiary companies and those branches without legal person status.
- (2) Represents enterprises directly administered and operated by such segment.

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General Information

Our legal name is , and its English translation is PetroChina Company Limited. Our headquarters are located at 16 Andelu, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China, 100011, and our telephone number at this address is (86-10) 8488-6270. Our website address is www.petrochina.com.cn. The information on our website is not part of this annual report.

Launch of New Logo

Effective December 26, 2004, we began using a new logo that is jointly owned by us and CNPC. We have applied for trademark registration of the new logo with the State Trademark Bureau of the PRC. This application is currently pending with the State Trademark Bureau of the PRC. To date, we have registered our new logo as a trademark in Hong Kong and Burma. We are also in the process of registering the new logo in a number of other countries.

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Exploration and Production

We are engaged in crude oil and natural gas exploration, development and production. Substantially all of our total estimated proved crude oil and natural gas reserves are located in China, principally in northeastern, northern, southwestern and northwestern China. The Songliao basin, located in Heilongjiang and Jilin provinces in northeastern China, including the Daqing and Jilin oil regions, accounted for 42.8% of our proved crude oil reserves as of December 31, 2006 and 43.9% of our crude oil production in 2006. We also have significant crude oil reserves and operations in the area around the Bohai Bay. The Bohai Bay basin includes the Liaohe, Dagang, Huabei and Jidong oil regions and accounted for 19.2% of our proved crude oil reserves as of December 31, 2006 and 20.8% of our crude oil production in 2006. Our proved natural gas reserves and production are generally concentrated in northwestern and southwestern China, specifically in the Erdos, Tarim and Sichuan basins. Our overseas proved crude oil reserves and proved natural gas reserves accounted for 5.5% of our proved crude oil reserves and 1.5% of our proved natural gas reserves as of December 31, 2006 and our overseas oil production and natural gas production accounted for 6.0% of our crude oil production and 3.0% of our natural gas production in 2006.

We currently hold exploration licenses covering a total area of approximately 446.4 million acres and production licenses covering a total area of approximately 16.4 million acres. In 2006, our exploration and production segment had income from operations of RMB 219,860 million.

To further develop our crude oil and natural gas businesses, we have applied to the Ministry of Land and Resources for oil and gas exploration and production licenses covering the southern part of the South China Sea to commence offshore crude oil and natural gas exploration and production. We cannot assure you that we will ultimately obtain these licenses or that we will have sufficient capital to fund these activities.

Reserves

Our estimated proved reserves as of December 31, 2006 totaled approximately 11,618.0 million barrels of crude oil and approximately 53,469.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas. As of December 31, 2006, proved developed reserves accounted for 79.1% and 42.2% of our total proved crude oil and natural gas reserves, respectively. Total proved hydrocarbon reserves on a barrels-of-oil equivalent basis increased by 5.0% from approximately 19,556.7 million barrels-of-oil equivalent as of the end of 2005 to approximately 20,529.4 million barrels-of-oil equivalent as of the end of 2006, taking account of our overseas crude oil reserves of 642.5 million barrels and overseas natural gas reserves of 795.6 billion cubic feet, totaling 775.1 barrels-of-oil equivalent. Natural gas as a percentage of total proved hydrocarbon reserves increased from 41.0% as of December 31, 2005 to 43.4% as of December 31, 2006.

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The following table sets forth our estimated proved reserves (including proved developed reserves and proved undeveloped reserves) and proved developed reserves of crude oil and natural gas as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006. We prepared our reserve estimates as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, on the basis of reports prepared by DeGolyer & MacNaughton and Gaffney, Cline & Associates, independent engineering consultants, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 69, or SFAS No. 69. Our reserve estimates include only crude oil and natural gas which we believe can be reasonably produced within the current terms of our production licenses. See Regulatory Matters Exploration Licenses and Production Licenses for a discussion of our production licenses. Also see Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors for a discussion of the uncertainty inherent in the estimation of proved reserves.

	Crude oil	Natural gas⁽¹⁾	Combined⁽¹⁾
	(millions of barrels)	(Bcf)	(BOE, in millions)
Proved developed and undeveloped reserves			
Reserves as of December 31, 2004	11,501.2	45,248.9	19,042.7
Revisions of previous estimates	156.8	212.9	192.3
Extensions and discoveries	605.5	4,004.8	1,273.0
Improved recovery	101.4		101.4
Production for the year	(828.7)	(1,343.5)	(1,052.7)
Reserves as of December 31, 2005	11,536.2	48,123.1	19,556.7
Revisions of previous estimates	196.1	685.9	310.4
Extensions and discoveries	635.3	6,247.7	1,676.5
Improved recovery	81.1		81.1
Production for the year	(830.7)	(1,587.5)	(1,095.3)
Reserves as of December 31, 2006	11,618.0	53,469.2	20,529.4
Proved developed reserves			
As of December 31, 2004	9,067.9	17,254.5	11,943.6
As of December 31, 2005	9,194.8	19,857.8	12,504.4
As of December 31, 2006	9,185.2	22,563.9	12,945.8

⁽¹⁾ Represents natural gas remaining after field separation for condensate removal and reduction for flared gas.

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The following tables set forth our crude oil and natural gas proved reserves and proved developed reserves by region as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

	As of December 31,					
	2004		2005		2006	
	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed
	(millions of barrels)					
Crude oil reserves						
Daqing	4,615.0	4,122.3	4,396.9	3,863.9	4,200.3	3,516.0
Liaohe	1,123.1	915.1	1,114.6	937.5	1,067.5	845.8
Xinjiang	1,232.1	921.9	1,261.8	1,010.8	1,306.6	1,077.0
Changqing	1,191.6	769.6	1,267.0	840.6	1,450.6	1,182.9
Jilin	643.8	404.4	675.0	472.2	775.5	501.8
Dagang	482.3	402.0	516.1	426.7	482.1	400.0
Tarim	507.6	374.8	543.8	418.1	523.9	370.4
Huabei	510.3	353.9	536.2	381.5	500.9	388.4
Qinghai	226.1	181.2	243.0	185.5	227.9	187.2
Tuha	218.3	168.4	165.0	110.8	156.5	104.9
Sichuan	8.6	5.3	8.0	5.5	11.7	5.4
Other regions ⁽¹⁾	742.4	449.0	808.8	541.7	914.5	605.4
Total	11,501.2	9,067.9	11,536.2	9,194.8	11,618.0	9,185.2

	As of December 31,					
	2004		2005		2006	
	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed	Proved developed and undeveloped	Proved developed
	(Bcf)					
Natural gas reserves⁽²⁾						
Sichuan	8,729.8	4,767.9	9,211.2	5,063.5	10,362.8	4,867.3
Changqing	14,932.7	4,091.3	15,765.6	4,089.8	17,846.1	4,559.7
Xinjiang	1,712.3	1,036.8	1,686.8	1,120.4	1,723.0	1,047.0
Daqing	1,060.6	879.4	1,936.8	813.3	1,894.6	740.2
Qinghai	4,603.6	1,583.4	4,534.1	1,528.0	4,467.0	1,584.0
Tarim	10,897.8	2,934.8	11,838.8	5,347.9	14,443.6	7,818.4

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Liaohe	522.7	455.4	489.8	417.6	429.3	338.8
Tuha	705.3	427.8	677.4	367.8	640.5	401.8
Huabei	375.9	217.5	369.3	211.8	340.3	264.6
Dagang	599.5	186.8	586.9	207.8	275.0	189.7
Jilin	203.9	150.4	187.8	132.7	198.6	113.7
Other regions ⁽¹⁾	904.8	523	838.6	557.2	848.4	638.7
Total	45,248.9	17,254.5	48,123.1	19,857.8	53,469.2	22,563.9

(1) Represents the Jidong and Yumen oil regions and our overseas oil and gas fields as a result of our acquisition of overseas assets.

(2) Represents natural gas remaining after field separation for condensate removal and reduction for flared gas.

Table of Contents**Exploration and Development**

We are currently conducting exploration and development efforts in 11 provinces, two municipalities under the direct administration of the central government and three autonomous regions in China. We believe that we have more extensive experience in the exploration and development of crude oil and natural gas than any of our principal competitors in China. Since early 1950s, we have been working on developing exploration and recovery technologies and methods tailored to the specific geological conditions in China.

The following table sets forth the number of wells we drilled, or in which we participated, and the results thereof, for the periods indicated.

Year		Daqing	Xinjiang	Liaoh	Changqing	Huabei	Dagang	Sichuan	Others ⁽¹⁾	Total	
2004	Net exploratory wells drilled⁽²⁾	221	153	68	427	96	53	32	355	1,405	
	Crude oil	85	85	40	201	49	32	4	172	668	
	Natural gas	3	0	0	22	0	0	17	9	51	
	Dry ⁽³⁾	133	68	28	204	47	21	11	174	686	
	Net development wells drilled⁽²⁾	2,857	1,440	622	1,675	224	188	76	1,463	8,545	
	Crude oil	2,853	1,440	605	1,597	223	184	6	1,387	8,295	
	Natural gas	4	0	13	46	1	3	56	73	196	
	Dry ⁽³⁾	0	0	4	32	0	1	14	3	54	
	2005	Net exploratory wells drilled⁽²⁾	250	191	71	456	83	39	58	360	1,508
		Crude oil	78	92	47	200	53	22	0	152	644
Natural gas		6	1	0	24	0	0	30	15	76	
Dry ⁽³⁾		166	98	24	232	30	17	28	193	788	
Net development wells drilled⁽²⁾		3,722	1,608	563	2,608	250	192	101	2,587	11,631	
Crude oil		3,712	1,604	549	2,364	248	188	6	2,495	11,166	
Natural gas		10	4	12	195	2	4	83	88	398	
Dry ⁽³⁾		0	0	2	49	0	0	12	4	67	
2006		Net exploratory wells drilled⁽²⁾	250	180	64	466	83	50	62	390	1,545
		Crude oil	73	88	35	203	49	21		114	583
	Natural gas	7	21	1	37		7	31	6	110	
	Dry ⁽³⁾	170	71	28	226	34	22	31	270	852	
	Net development wells drilled⁽²⁾	4,183	1,605	713	2,023	330	179	57	2,361	11,451	
	Crude oil	4,160	1,586	688	1,772	225	173	9	2,235	10,848	
	Natural gas	23	8	14	216	105	6	40	123	535	
	Dry ⁽³⁾	0	11	11	35	0	0	8	3	68	

⁽¹⁾ Represents the Jilin, Tarim, Tuha, Qinghai, Jidong and Yumen oil regions.

- (2) Net wells refer to the wells after deducting interests of others. No third parties own any interests in any of our wells.
- (3) Dry wells are wells with insufficient reserves to sustain commercial production.

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The following table sets forth our interests in developed and undeveloped acreage by oil region and in productive crude oil and natural gas wells as of December 31, 2006.

Oil region	Acreage ⁽¹⁾ (thousands of acres)					
	Productive wells ⁽¹⁾		Developed		Undeveloped	
	Crude oil	Natural gas	Crude oil	Natural gas	Crude oil	Natural gas
Daqing	66,271	192	745.4	76.2	656.1	110.4
Liaohe	19,924	640	191.0	35.8	94.6	4.7
Xinjiang	21,422	81	328.1	44.5	98.2	25.6
Jilin	21,453	53	307.9	20.9	315.9	19.5
Changqing	18,563	1,007	452.6	1,536.6	304.3	1,801.5
Huabei	7,032	91	140.0	12.6	60.8	3.5
Dagang	4,735	62	106.2	24.9	61.1	19.8
Tuha	2,068	87	41.8	21.4	28.3	10.7
Tarim	817	160	141.5	131.7	50.6	195.3
Sichuan	414	1,423	358.5	414.6	17.6	264.5
Other regions ⁽²⁾	4,871	291	79.4	43.0	36.6	28.5
Total	167,570	4,087	2,892.5	2,362.3	1,724.1	2,484.2

(1) Includes all wells and acreage in which we have an interest. No third parties own any interests in any of our wells or acreage.

(2) Represents the Qinghai, Jidong and Yumen oil regions.

Approximately 69.1% of our proved crude oil reserves are concentrated in the Daqing, Liaohe and Xinjiang oil regions and the Changqing oil and gas region, and approximately 88.1% of our proved natural gas reserves are concentrated in the Changqing oil and gas region, the Tarim oil region, the Sichuan gas region and the Qinghai oil region. We believe that the Erdos, Junggar, and Songliao basins and Bohai Bay have the highest potential for increasing our crude oil reserve base through future exploration and development, and that the Erdos, Sichuan and Qaidam basins have the highest potential for increasing our natural gas reserve base through future exploration and development.

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The following table sets forth our historical average net daily crude oil and natural gas production by region and our average sales price for the periods ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

	For the year ended December 31,			% of 2006 Total
	2004	2005	2006	
Crude oil production⁽¹⁾				
(thousands of barrels per day, except percentages or otherwise indicated)				
Daqing	942.0	915.1	883.1	38.80
Liaohe	245.4	238.2	230.4	10.13
Xinjiang	227.1	238.8	244.2	10.73
Changqing	164.6	191.4	215.6	9.47
Tarim	109.9	122.8	123.9	5.44
Huabei	87.6	88.4	89.4	3.93
Jilin	102.6	112.1	115.6	5.08
Dagang	97.9	102.6	93.6	4.11
Tuha	48.4	45.2	44.4	1.95
Other ⁽²⁾	199.1	200.0	235.7	10.36
Total	2,224.6	2,254.5	2,275.9	100.0
Annual production (million barrels)	814.2	822.9	830.7	
Average sales price				
(RMB per barrel)	279.1	396.2	476.8	
(US\$ per barrel)	33.72	48.37	59.81	
Natural gas production⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾				
(millions of cubic feet per day, except percentages or otherwise indicated)				
Sichuan	905.7	1,107.9	1,233.9	32.8
Changqing	651.4	640.7	650.4	17.3
Daqing	135.4	133.8	138.0	3.7
Qinghai	145.5	172.8	200.7	5.3
Tuha	92.2	121.1	133.4	3.5
Xinjiang	95.7	109.8	114.2	3.0
Liaohe	58.7	56.0	52.8	1.4
Huabei	44.2	43.5	41.3	1.1
Tarim	89.2	479.5	1,015.7	27.0
Dagang	26.5	26.2	28.7	0.8
Other ⁽⁴⁾	149.8	175.9	149.6	4.1
Total	2,394.3	3,067.2	3,758.7	100.0%
Annual production (Bcf)	876.3	1,119.5	1,371.9	
Average sales price				

(RMB per Mcf)	21.11	23.35	27.6
(US\$ per Mcf)	2.55	2.85	3.46

(1) Production volumes for each region include our share of the production from all of our cooperative projects with foreign companies in that region.

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- (2) Represents production from the Qinghai, Jidong and Yumen oil regions, the Sichuan gas region and our share of overseas production as a result of our acquisition of overseas assets.
- (3) Represents production of natural gas for sale.
- (4) Represents production from the Jilin, Jidong and Yumen oil regions and our share of overseas production as a result of our acquisition of overseas assets.

In 2006, we supplied approximately 83.2% of our total crude oil sales to our refineries, 7.9% to Sinopec's refineries, 6.4% to companies or entities outside China, and the remaining 2.5% to regional refineries or other entities. We entered into a crude oil mutual supply framework agreement with Sinopec on January 29, 2007 for the supply of crude oil to each other's refineries in 2007. Under this agreement, we agreed in principle to supply 52.46 million barrels of crude oil to Sinopec, and Sinopec agreed in principle to supply to us approximately 8.27 million barrels of crude oil in 2007 at negotiated prices based on the Singapore market FOB prices for crude oil. See Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects General Factors Affecting Results of Operations Crude Oil Prices for a detailed discussion of the crude oil premium and discount calculation agreement and its supplemental agreement. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, the average lifting costs of our crude oil and natural production were US\$4.60 per barrel-of-oil equivalent, US\$5.28 per barrel-of-oil equivalent and US\$6.74 per barrel-of-oil equivalent, respectively.

Principal Oil and Gas Regions***Daqing Oil Region***

The Daqing oil region, our largest oil and gas producing property, is located in the Songliao basin and covers an area of approximately one million acres. The successful discovery and development of the oil fields in the Daqing oil region marked a critical breakthrough in the history of both our company and the PRC oil and gas industry. In terms of proved hydrocarbon reserves and annual production, the Daqing oil region is the largest oil region in China and one of the most prolific oil and gas properties in the world. We commenced exploration activities in the Daqing oil region in 1955 and discovered oil in the region in 1959. Annual crude oil production volume in the Daqing oil region reached one million barrels per day in 1976 and remained relatively stable until 2002. In 2004, 2005 and 2006, our crude oil production volume in the Daqing oil region was 942.0 thousand barrels per day, 915.1 thousand barrels per day and 883.1 thousand barrels per day, respectively. As of December 31, 2006, we produced crude oil from 20 fields in the Daqing oil region.

As of December 31, 2006, our proved crude oil reserves in the Daqing oil region were 4,200.3 million barrels, representing 36.2% of our total proved crude oil reserves. The proved crude oil reserves in our Daqing oil region have gradually decreased since 1996 because the crude oil production exceeded the crude oil reserve additions in our Daqing oil region in each year since 1996. As of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, the proved crude oil reserves in our Daqing oil region were 4,615.0 million barrels, 4,396.9 million barrels and 4,200.3 million barrels, respectively. As a result, we decreased the crude oil production in our Daqing oil region over past years, and plan to continue to decrease the crude oil production in our Daqing oil region each year in the next few years. In 2006, our oil fields in the Daqing oil region produced an average of 883.1 thousand barrels of crude oil per day, representing approximately 38.8% of our total daily crude oil production. The crude oil production in our Daqing oil region decreased by 3.5% from 334.0 million barrels in 2005 to 322.3 million barrels in 2006. In 2006, the crude oil reserve-to-production ratio of the Daqing oil region was 13.0 years, compared to 13.2 years in 2005.

The crude oil we produce in the Daqing oil region has an average API gravity of 35.7 degrees. In 2006, the crude oil we produced in the Daqing oil region had an average water cut of 90.44%, increased from the average water cut of 89.78% in 2005.

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The crude oil in the Daqing oil region is primarily located in large reservoirs with relatively moderate depths of approximately 900 meters to 1,500 meters and with relatively simple geological structures and most of the crude oil produced at Daqing is medium viscosity oil. Crude oil produced using enhanced recovery techniques accounted for 25.7%, 26.9% and 27.0% of our crude oil production from the Daqing oil region in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Because our oil fields in the Daqing oil region are relatively mature, the difficulty of extracting crude oil from these fields has increased in recent years and is likely to continue to increase gradually in the future. As a result, our lifting costs at these fields increased by 33.5% from US\$5.14 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2005 to US\$6.86 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2006. However, we have adopted a number of measures to contain the increase in our lifting costs at these fields. Those measures include:

terminating unprofitable or marginally profitable exploration and production activities;

reducing expenditures on ancillary ground facilities in the outer areas of the Daqing oil region;

increasing preventive maintenance to prolong the useful life of our production facilities; and

applying new technologies to reduce energy consumption.

Although we plan to continue to carry out these measures to contain the increase in our lifting costs, we expect our lifting costs at these fields will continue to increase gradually in the future.

We have an extensive transportation infrastructure network to transport crude oil produced in the Daqing oil region to internal and external customers in northeastern China and beyond. Crude oil pipelines link our oil fields in the Daqing oil region to the port of Dalian and the port of Qinhuangdao in Bohai Bay, providing efficient transportation for selling Daqing crude oil. These crude oil pipelines have an aggregate length of 2,590 kilometers and an aggregate throughput capacity of approximately 911 thousand barrels per day.

Daqing's crude oil has a low sulfur and high paraffin content. As many refineries in China, particularly those in northeastern China, are configured to refine Daqing crude oil, we have a stable market for the crude oil we produce in the Daqing oil region. In 2006, we refined approximately 80.3% of Daqing crude oil in our own refineries, exported approximately 1.2% and sold the remaining portion to Sinopec or local refineries.

Liaohe Oil Region

The Liaohe oil region is one of our three largest crude oil producing properties and is located in the northern part of the Bohai Bay basin. We began commercial production in the Liaohe oil region in 1971. The Liaohe oil region covers a total area of approximately 580,000 acres.

As of December 31, 2006, proved crude oil reserves in the Liaohe oil region were 1,067.5 million barrels, representing 9.2% of our total proved oil reserves. In 2006, our oil fields in the Liaohe oil region produced an average of 230.4 thousand barrels of crude oil per day, representing approximately 10.1% of our total daily crude oil production. In 2006, the crude oil reserve-to-production ratio in the Liaohe oil region was 12.7 years. In 2006, the crude oil we produced in the Liaohe oil region had an average API gravity of 26 degrees and an average water cut of 77.71%. We have proved crude oil reserves in 37 fields in the Liaohe oil region, all of which are currently in production. We produce several varieties of crude oil in the Liaohe oil region, ranging from light crude oil to heavy crude oil and high pour point crude oil.

We have easy access to crude oil pipelines for Liaohe crude oil. The pipelines linking Daqing to Dalian port and Qinhuangdao port pass through the Liaohe oil region. In 2006, we sold about approximately 89.7% of the crude oil we produced at the Liaohe oil region to our own refineries.

Table of Contents***Xinjiang Oil Region***

The Xinjiang oil region is one of our three largest crude oil producing properties and is located in the Junggar basin in northwestern China. We commenced our operations in the Xinjiang oil region in 1951. The Xinjiang oil region covers a total area of approximately 900 thousand acres.

As of December 31, 2006, our proved crude oil reserves in the Xinjiang oil region were 1,306.6 million barrels, representing 11.2% of our total proved crude oil reserves. In 2006, our oil fields in the Xinjiang oil region produced an average of 244.2 thousand barrels of crude oil per day, representing approximately 10.7% of our total crude oil production. In 2006, the crude oil reserve-to-production ratio at the Xinjiang oil region was 14.7 years. In 2006, the crude oil we produced in the Xinjiang oil region had an average API gravity of 36.8 degrees and an average water cut of 72.6%.

Sichuan Gas Region

The Sichuan gas region is the largest natural gas region in China in terms of annual natural gas production. We began natural gas exploration and production in Sichuan in the 1950s. The Sichuan gas region covers a total area of approximately 2.3 million acres. The natural gas reserve-to-production ratio in the Sichuan gas region was approximately 23.0 years in 2006. As of December 31, 2006, we had 90 natural gas fields under development in the Sichuan gas region.

As of December 31, 2006, our proved natural gas reserves in the Sichuan gas region were 10,362.8 billion cubic feet, representing 19.4% of our total proved natural gas reserves and an increase of 12.5% from 9,211.2 billion cubic feet as of December 31, 2005. In 2006, our natural gas production for sale in the Sichuan gas region reached 450.4 billion cubic feet, representing 32.8% of our total natural gas production for sale and an increase of 11.4% from 404.4 billion cubic feet in 2005.

In 2002, we discovered and proved significant natural gas reserves in Luojiashai gas field in the Sichuan gas region. As of December 31, 2006, Luojiashai gas field had a total proved natural gas reserve of 1,655.5 billion cubic feet. Currently, Luojiashai gas field is the largest gas field in the Sichuan basin. We have developed a broad range of technologies relating to natural gas exploration, production, pipeline systems and marketing activities tailored to local conditions in Sichuan.

In November 2002, we obtained approval from the State Development Planning Commission, the predecessor of the National Development and Reform Commission, to construct pipelines to transmit natural gas produced in the Sichuan gas region to major cities in central China. This is known as the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline project. By the end of 2004, we completed the construction and commenced the commercial operation of the main line of the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline and its Xiangfan branch pipeline and Huangshi branch pipeline. In addition, we completed the construction of the Xiangtan branch pipeline and commenced the commercial operation of this branch pipeline in July 2005. As of March 31, 2007, we had entered into take-or-pay contracts with 27 customers in Hubei Province and Hunan Province, including municipal governments and enterprises, to supply them with natural gas through the main line and branch lines of the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline. See *Natural Gas and Pipeline Expansion of Our Natural Gas Transmission and Marketing Business* for a discussion of the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline project.

Changqing Oil and Gas Region

The Changqing oil and gas region covers parts of Shaanxi Province and Gansu Province and the Ningxia and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Regions. We commenced operations in the Changqing oil and gas region in 1970. In 2006, we produced 78.7 million barrels of crude oil in the Changqing oil and gas region.

In the early 1990s, we discovered the Changqing gas field, which had total estimated proved natural gas reserves of 17,846.1 billion cubic feet as of December 31, 2006, representing 33.4% of

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our total proved natural gas reserves. In January 2001, we discovered the Sulige gas field with total proved natural gas reserves of 4,290.0 billion cubic feet. In 2006 we produced 237.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas for sale in the Changqing oil and gas region, representing an increase of 1.5% from 233.9 billion cubic feet in 2005. The establishment of a natural gas pipeline from Shaanxi to Beijing in 1997 has significantly expanded the range of target markets for natural gas produced in the Changqing oil and gas region over the years. In July 2005, we completed the construction and commenced commercial operation of the second Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline, with a designed annual throughput capacity of 423.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas. In 2006, we transmitted 66.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas through the second Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline. See *Natural Gas and Pipeline Expansion of Our Natural Gas Transmission and Marketing Business* for a discussion of this additional Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline project.

Tarim Oil and Gas Region

The Tarim oil and gas region is located in the Tarim basin in northwestern China with a total area of approximately 590 thousand acres. As of December 31, 2006, our proved crude oil reserves in the Tarim oil region were 523.9 million barrels. The Kela 2 natural gas field, which we discovered in 1998 in the Tarim oil and gas region, had estimated proved natural gas reserves of approximately 6,973.7 billion cubic feet as of December 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2006, the proved natural gas reserves in the Tarim oil and gas region reached 14,443.6 billion cubic feet, representing 27.0% of our total proved natural gas reserves. Currently, the Kela 2 natural gas field is the largest natural gas field in China in terms of proved natural gas reserves.

In 2006, we produced 370.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas for sale in the Tarim oil and gas region. We have completed the construction of the pipelines to deliver natural gas in the Tarim oil and gas region to the central and eastern regions of China where there is strong demand for natural gas transmitted through our West to East natural gas pipeline project. See *Natural Gas and Pipeline Expansion of Our Natural Gas Transmission and Marketing Business* for a discussion of our West to East natural gas pipeline project. The commencement of the operation of this West to East natural gas pipeline significantly increased our natural gas production in the Tarim oil and gas region.

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Refining and Marketing

We engage in refining and marketing operations in China through 26 refineries, 22 regional sales and distribution branch companies and one lubricants branch company. These operations include the refining, transportation, storage and marketing of crude oil, and the wholesale, retail and export of refined products, including gasoline, diesel, kerosene and lubricant.

In 2006, our refining and marketing segment had loss from operations of RMB 29,164 million.

The following sets forth the highlights of our refining and marketing segment in 2006:

as of December 31, 2006, our refineries' annual primary distillation capacity totaled 935.8 million barrels of crude oil per year, or 2,563.9 thousand barrels per day;

we processed 785 million barrels of crude oil, or 2.20 million barrels per day;

we produced approximately 68.30 million tons of gasoline, diesel and kerosene and sold approximately 74.9 million tons of these products;

as of December 31, 2006, our retail distribution network consisted of:

16,624 service stations owned and operated by us,

282 service stations either wholly owned by CNPC or jointly owned by CNPC and third parties and to which we provide supervisory support, representing a significant decrease from last year, as a result of our taking ownership of or operating certain service stations previously owned by CNPC or jointly owned by CNPC and third parties, and

1,301 franchise service stations owned and operated by third parties with which we have long-term refined product supply agreements, representing a significant decrease from last year, as a result of our termination of cooperation arrangements with certain franchise service stations that had demonstrated deficiencies in image, service or oil quality; and

in 2006, our service stations, which are located throughout China, sold approximately 47.0 million tons of gasoline and diesel, representing 64.5% of the total of these products sold through our marketing operations.

Refining

Our refineries are located in eight provinces, four autonomous regions and one municipality in the northeastern, northwestern and northern regions of China.

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We produce a wide range of refined products at our refineries. Some of the refined products are for our internal consumption and used as raw materials in our petrochemical operation. The table below sets forth production volume for our principal refined products for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Product	Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	(in thousands of tons)		
Diesel	38,941.8	43,000.7	44,226.5
Gasoline	20,606.1	21,414.6	22,027.2
Fuel oil	4,290.2	3,816.3	3,491.4
Naphtha	4,942.8	4,872.8	6,317.9
Asphalt	1,946.8	1,484.7	1,605.7
Kerosene	1,961.8	1,970.3	2,063.7
Lubricants	1,467.8	1,528.6	1,488.4
Paraffin	1,140.0	1,139.3	1,051.8
Total	75,297.3	79,227.3	82,272.6

We generally adjust our product mix to reflect market demand and to focus on the production of high margin products. This has resulted in an overall modest increase in the production of lighter refined products which generally are higher margin products, such as gasoline. In 2004 and 2005, we increased our production volume of lubricants to 1,467.8 thousand tons and 1,528.6 thousand tons, respectively, to meet the growing market demands for lubricants. In 2006, we produced 1,488.4 thousand tons of lubricants. This decrease is primarily due to increases in the production of packaged lubricants and high-end lubricants, as a result of our effort to adjust product mix. We have decreased the production of low margin products, such as fuel oil.

In recent years, we have made significant capital investments in facility expansions and upgrades to improve product quality to meet evolving market demand and environmental requirements in China. In each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, our capital expenditures for our refining and marketing segment were RMB 17,684 million, RMB 16,454 million, and RMB 19,206 million, respectively. These capital expenditures were incurred primarily in connection with the expansion and upgrades of our refining facilities and expansion of our refined product retail marketing network and storage infrastructure for the purpose of maintaining and increasing our market share. We built or renovated 10 of our refining facilities in 2005, including, among others, the regular pressure reducing unit at Dalian Petrochemical with a designed annual capacity of 10 million tons, the delayed coking unit at Lanzhou Petrochemical with an annual capacity of 1,000 thousand tons and the catalytic reforming unit at Jinzhou Petrochemical with an annual capacity of 600 thousand tons. In 2006, we built a coking unit at Daqing Petrochemical with an annual capacity of 1.2 million tons and upgraded the heavy oil catalytic cracking unit at Jinxi Petrochemical to increase its annual capacity to 1.8 million tons. In 2006, we operated an aggregate of 18,207 service stations. In addition, we have also focused on enhancing our processing technologies and methods. These efforts have enabled us to improve the quality of refined products at our refineries, particularly that of gasoline and diesel. We believe that our refined products generally meet product specification and environmental protection requirements as set by the PRC government, including the specification limiting the olefin and sulfur content in gasoline.

Our Refineries

Most of our refineries are strategically located close to our crude oil storage facilities, along our crude oil and refined product transmission pipelines and/or railways. These systems provide our

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refineries with secure supplies of crude oil and facilitate our distribution of refined products to the domestic markets. In each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, our exploration and production operations supplied approximately 84%, 89% and 82%, respectively, of the crude oil processed in our refineries.

The table below sets forth certain operating statistics regarding our refineries as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

	As of December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
Primary distillation capacity⁽¹⁾ (thousand barrels per day)			
Lanzhou Petrochemical ⁽²⁾	212.6	212.6	212.6
Dalian Petrochemical	212.6	212.6	415.0
Fushun Petrochemical	186.2	186.2	186.2
Daqing Petrochemical	121.5	121.5	121.5
Jinzhou Petrochemical ⁽³⁾	127.5	131.6	131.6
Jinxi Petrochemical	131.6	131.6	131.6
Jilin Petrochemical ⁽⁴⁾	107.3	141.7	141.7
Urumqi Petrochemical	101.2	101.2	101.2
Other refineries	982.8	1,098.2	1,122.5
Total	2,183.3	2,337.2	2,563.9
Refining throughput (thousand barrels per day)			
Lanzhou Petrochemical ⁽²⁾	166.4	178.7	191.4
Dalian Petrochemical	242.3	223.7	244.7
Fushun Petrochemical	181.7	194.4	196.4
Daqing Petrochemical	119.2	125.5	128.5
Jinzhou Petrochemical ⁽³⁾	120.8	127.9	137.8
Jinxi Petrochemical	123.9	129.2	132.1
Jilin Petrochemical ⁽⁴⁾	129.6	138.0	146.5
Urumqi Petrochemical	81.8	85.3	98.0
Other refineries	773.6	858.4	875.3
Total	1,939.3	2,061.1	2,150.8
Conversion equivalent⁽⁵⁾ (percent)			
Lanzhou Petrochemical ⁽²⁾	41.9	53.3	53.3
Dalian Petrochemical	54.3	54.3	27.8
Fushun Petrochemical	70.7	68.5	70.7
Daqing Petrochemical	76.7	76.7	76.7
Jinzhou Petrochemical ⁽³⁾	63.5	84.6	84.6
Jinxi Petrochemical	60.0	66.2	66.2
Jilin Petrochemical ⁽⁴⁾	75.5	61.4	61.4
Urumqi Petrochemical	62.0	62.0	62.0
Average of other refineries	53.7	50.5	51.8

- (1) Represents the primary distillation capacity of crude oil and condensate.
- (2) Includes Lanzhou Refinery, which was merged into Lanzhou Petrochemical in October 2000 as part of our ongoing restructuring.

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- (3) Includes a 1.08% minority interest held by unrelated third parties in Jinzhou Petrochemical Company Limited in the relevant periods.
- (4) Includes Jilin Chemical Industrial Company Limited, in which we held a 99.61% equity interest in the relevant periods. Data regarding the primary distillation capacity, refining throughput and conversion equivalent of Jilin Petrochemical includes a 0.39% minority interest held by unrelated third parties in Jilin Chemical Industrial Company Limited in the relevant periods.
- (5) Stated in fluid catalytic cracking, delayed coking and hydrocracking equivalent/ topping (percentage by weight), based on 100% of balanced distillation capacity.

In each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, the average utilization rate of the primary distillation capacity at our refineries was 93.2%, 95.5% and 95.9%, respectively. The average yield for our four principal refined products (gasoline, kerosene, diesel and lubricants) at our refineries was 65.6%, 66.7% and 65.7%, respectively, in the same periods. Yield represents the number of tons of a refined product expressed as a percentage of the number of tons of crude oil from which that product is processed. In each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, the yield for all refined products at our refineries was 91.5%, 92.3% and 92.2%, respectively.

Dalian Petrochemical, Fushun Petrochemical and Lanzhou Petrochemical were our leading refineries in terms of both primary distillation capacity and throughput in 2006. They are all located close to our major oil fields in the northeast and northwest regions of China and produce a wide range of refined products. Lanzhou Petrochemical has a strategic position in our plan to expand our markets in refined product sales in the southwestern and central regions of China. It is located in the northwestern part of China, providing easy access to markets in the southwestern and central regions in China. As of December 31, 2006, these three refineries had an aggregate primary distillation capacity of 297.0 million barrels per year, or 813.8 thousand barrels per day, representing approximately 31.7% of the total primary distillation capacity of all our refineries as of the same date. In 2006, these three refineries processed an aggregate of 230.9 million barrels of crude oil, or 632.5 thousand barrels per day, representing approximately 29.4% of our total throughput in the same period.

Marketing

We market a wide range of refined products, including gasoline, diesel, kerosene and lubricants, through an extensive network of sales personnel and independent distributors and a broad wholesale and retail distribution system across China. As of December 31, 2006, our marketing network consisted of:

approximately 1,073 regional wholesale distribution outlets nationwide. Substantially all of these outlets are located in high demand areas such as economic centers across China, particularly in the coastal areas, along major railways and along the Yangtze River; and

16,624 service stations owned and operated by us, 282 service stations wholly owned by CNPC or jointly owned by CNPC and third parties that exclusively sell refined products produced or supplied by us and to which we provide supervisory support under contractual arrangement, and 1,301 franchise service stations owned and operated by third parties.

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In 2006, we sold approximately 72.9 million tons of gasoline and diesel. The PRC government and other institutional customers, including railway, transportation and fishery operators, are our long-term purchasers of the gasoline and diesel that we produce. We sell gasoline and diesel to these customers at the ex-works median prices published by the PRC government with an 8% floating range. See Regulatory Matters Pricing Refined Products for a discussion of refined product pricing. In 2006, sales of gasoline and diesel to these customers accounted for approximately 3.3% and 14.4% of our total sales of gasoline and diesel, respectively. The following table sets forth our refined product sales volumes by principal product category for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Product	Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	(in thousands of tons)		
Diesel	43,178.3	47,811.0	48,863.9
Gasoline	21,714.2	26,161.6	23,993.2
Fuel oil	5,747.4	6,409.6	8,711.2
Naphtha	5,325.9	5,574.1	6,887.6
Kerosene	2,116.2	2,008.0	2,047.4
Lubricants	1,974.0	2,181.6	2,044.4
Asphalt	2,348.7	2,475.6	3,321.2
Paraffin	1,138.1	1,160.3	1,104.3
Total	83,542.8	93,781.8	96,973.2

Wholesale Marketing

We sell refined products both directly and through independent distributors into various wholesale markets, as well as to utility, commercial, petrochemical, aviation, agricultural, fishery and transportation companies in China. Our gasoline and diesel sales also include the amount we transferred to our retail operations. We made wholesale sales of approximately 0.6 million tons of gasoline and diesel to Sinopec in 2006, representing approximately 0.8% of our total sales of these products in the same period. In 2006, we sold approximately 16.4 million tons of our other principal refined products.

As part of the restructuring of the CNPC group in 1999, we completed the implementation of a plan to consolidate our wholesale operations and reduce distribution layers and the number of wholesale outlets. In 2001, we completed a series of initiatives to change the business scope, adjust the business functions or shut down operations in respect of 558 county level outlets. In addition, we merged 18 municipal level outlets in 2001. In 2002, we continued these initiatives by integrating our markets in Shandong Province and Anhui Province, enhancing our logistics system and shutting down a number of inefficient oil storage facilities. In 2003, we further consolidated our wholesale operations. In 2004, we consolidated our sales operations in the southern and central regions of China, respectively, by establishing a branch company in each area which is fully engaged in sales and marketing.

Retail Marketing

In 2006, we sold approximately 47.0 million tons of gasoline and diesel through our service station network, accounting for 64.5% of the total of these products sold through our marketing operations in the same period. Although sales volumes vary significantly by geographic region, the weighted average sales volume of gasoline and diesel per business day at our service station network in 2004, 2005 and 2006 was 5.5 tons, 6.7 tons and 7.8 tons per service station, respectively.

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We sell our refined products to service stations owned and operated by CNPC. These service stations sell exclusively refined products produced or supplied by us in accordance with contractual arrangements between CNPC and us. Under these contractual arrangements, we also provide supervisory support to these service stations.

We currently operate a majority of our service stations under the trade name of . We intend to gradually adopt our new logo for all our service stations in the next few years.

Most of the service stations in our service station network are concentrated in the northern, northeastern and northwestern regions of China where we have a dominant wholesale market position. However, the eastern and southern regions of China have a higher demand for gasoline and diesel. We have made significant efforts in recent years to expand our sales and market share in those regions through expanding the number of our service stations and storage facilities in those regions. As part of our expansion initiatives, on May 14, 2004, we entered into the Joint Venture Contract and the Articles of Association with BP Global Investments Limited, a subsidiary of BP Amoco p.l.c., to form BP PetroChina Petroleum Company Limited in Guangdong Province. We and BP Global Investments Limited hold 51% and 49% equity interests in BP PetroChina Petroleum Company Limited, respectively. We expect that BP PetroChina Petroleum Company Limited will build, acquire and manage approximately 500 service stations in Guangdong Province within three years from its establishment. As of December 31, 2006, BP PetroChina Petroleum Company Limited owned and operated 445 service stations in the Pearl River Delta of Guangdong Province.

We invested a total of RMB 4,923 million in expanding our service station network in 2006, of which 76.4% was invested in the eastern and southern regions of China. In 2006, we sold approximately 21,480 thousand tons of gasoline and diesel through our owned and franchised service stations in these regions, as compared to approximately 13,130 thousand tons and approximately 17,490 thousand tons we sold in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

In 2006, we acquired or constructed an aggregate of 902 service stations that are owned and operated by us, of which 583 are in the eastern and southern regions of China. We plan to further increase our retail market share and improve the efficiency of our retail operations, with a continued focus on the eastern and southern regions of China. We plan to invest approximately RMB 8,000 million in 2007 to expand our service station network and storage infrastructure by adding approximately 800 new service stations.

The following table sets forth the number of the service stations in our marketing network as of December 31, 2006:

Owned and operated by us ⁽¹⁾	16,624
Wholly owned by CNPC or jointly owned by CNPC and third parties ⁽²⁾	282
Franchised	1,301
Total	18,207

(1) Includes 445 service stations owned and operated by BP PetroChina Petroleum Company Limited.

(2) These service stations exclusively sell refined products produced or supplied by us. We also provide supervisory support to these service stations.

In order to improve the efficiency and profitability of our existing service station network, we standardize the interior and exterior of our service stations, our service procedures, staff uniforms and the product quality of all our service stations. We are in the process of promoting the use of pre-paid gasoline/diesel filling cards at our service stations. We have equipped 4,813 service stations located in 18 municipalities with facilities that allow customers to purchase gasoline or diesel with their pre-paid filling cards. In addition to selling gasoline and diesel, we have planned to gradually increase the sale of lubricants and other non-fuel products at our service stations.

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Through 12 chemical plants and four chemical products sales companies, we produce and market basic petrochemical products, derivative petrochemical products, and other chemical products. As of December 31, 2006, our chemicals and marketing segment had income from operations of RMB 5,058 million.

Our chemical plants and sales companies are located in seven provinces and three autonomous regions in China. Most of our chemical plants are co-located with our refineries and are also connected with the refineries by pipelines, providing additional production flexibility and opportunities for cost competitiveness. Our exploration and production, refining and marketing, and natural gas and pipeline operations supply substantially all of the hydrocarbon feedstock requirements for our chemicals operations. We believe that the proximity of our refineries to our chemical plants promotes efficiency in production, secures feedstock supply and minimizes the risk of production interruption. Our production capacity and our market share in China for chemical products allow us to solidify our dominant position in the northern and western regions of China. In addition, our stable customer base in the eastern and southern regions of China provides us with the opportunity to expand our market share in these regions.

Our Chemical Products

The table below sets forth the production volumes of our principal chemical products for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
(in thousand tons)			
Basic petrochemicals			
Propylene	1,969.1	2,493.5	2,671.2
Ethylene	1,845.6	1,887.9	2,067.9
Benzene	712.7	707.9	749.6
Derivative petrochemicals			
Synthetic resin			
Polyethylene	1,309.5	1,355.9	1,531.3
Polypropylene	986.9	1,142.8	1,291.0
ABS	228.1	223.0	223.0
Other synthetic resin products	27.6	35.2	15.8
Synthetic fiber			
Polyacrylic fiber	108.1	97.1	81.0
Terylene fiber	94.3	86.2	53.3
Other synthetic fiber products	7.4	6.3	6.4
Synthetic rubber			
Styrene butadiene rubber	190.2	194.4	212.9
Other synthetic rubber products	95.6	87.0	99.1
Intermediates			
Alkylbenzene	194.9	205.7	207.9
Other chemicals			
Urea	3,652.3	3,577.6	3,576.3
Ammonium nitrate	32.0	5.4	

We are one of the major producers of ethylene in China. We use the bulk of the ethylene we produce as a principal feedstock for the production of many chemical products, such as

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polyethylene. In 2001, we implemented a five-year plan to invest RMB 10,000 million to upgrade our ethylene production facilities at Daqing Petrochemical, Jilin Petrochemical, Liaoyang Petrochemical, Dushanzi Petrochemical and Lanzhou Petrochemical. As of December 31, 2006, we had completed the upgrades of all ethylene projects included in such five-year plan. In 2006, we also completed a new capacity-expansion project at Jilin Petrochemical. As of December 31, 2006, our annual ethylene production capacity was 2,630 thousand tons, an increase of 780 thousand tons from the year ended December 31, 2005. Our production volume of ethylene increased by 9.5% from 1,887.9 thousand tons in 2005 to 2,067.9 thousand tons in 2006. We expect to complete the further upgrading of the ethylene facilities at Liaoyang Petrochemical prior to the end of 2007 and the upgrading of the ethylene production facilities at Dushanzi Petrochemical by 2009. The petrochemical ethylene projects at Fushun Petrochemical and Sichuan Petrochemical have been approved by the National Development and Reform Commission and we are currently in the process of implementing these projects.

In 2006, the monthly average capacity utilization rate at our ethylene production facilities was 95.1%. The cost of ethylene production is an important component of our overall chemical production costs. Reduction of energy consumption and raw material loss is a key factor in reducing ethylene production costs. We have implemented a series of measures to reduce energy consumption. The average energy consumption of our ethylene production facilities was 734.3, 751.5 and 748.4 kilograms of standard oil per ton in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. This is significantly higher than the world average of 500 to 690 kilograms of standard oil per ton. We plan to continue to implement measures to reduce our energy consumption.

In addition, high ethylene percentage loss has also contributed to the relatively high cost of our ethylene production. In order to reduce high ethylene percentage loss in our ethylene production, we have implemented a series of measures at our chemical plants in the past several years, such as improving our process management of key units for ethylene production, reducing unplanned temporary interruptions of our chemical facilities and enhancing pyrolysis material composition and production plans. As a result, the average ethylene percentage loss at our chemical plants decreased from 0.57% in 2003 to 0.54% in 2004. The average ethylene percentage loss rate went up to 0.61% in 2005, due to the significant losses resulting from the trial of an upgraded ethylene production facility. In 2006, our average ethylene percentage loss decreased to 0.55%. We believe that our measures will enable us to further reduce the cost of our ethylene production without incurring significant capital expenditures.

We produce a number of synthetic resin products, including polyethylene, polypropylene and ABS. As of December 31, 2006, our production capacities for polyethylene, polypropylene and ABS were 2,212 thousand tons, 1,874 thousand tons and 220 thousand tons, respectively. In 2006, we produced 1,531 thousand tons and 1,291 thousand tons of polyethylene and polypropylene, respectively, which respectively increased by 12.9% and 13.0% as compared with 2005. In 2006, we produced 223.0 thousand tons of ABS that is consistent with our ABS production volume in 2005. Currently, China imports significant volumes of these products to meet the domestic demand due to an inadequate supply of high-quality domestically produced polyethylene and polypropylene. We intend to increase the production, and improve the quality, of these products. We have built new production facilities with new technology for the production of these products in Daqing Petrochemical, Daqing Refining and Chemical, Jilin Petrochemical, Lanzhou Petrochemical, Dalian Petrochemical and other branch companies to meet this target.

Sales and Marketing

Our chemical products are distributed to a number of industries that manufacture components used in a wide range of applications, including automotive, construction, electronics, medical manufacturing, printing, electrical appliances, household products, insulation, packaging, paper, textile, paint, footwear, agriculture and furniture industries.

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The following table sets forth the sales volumes of our chemical products by principal product category for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Product	Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	(in thousands of tons)		
Derivative petrochemicals			
Synthetic resin			
Polyethylene	1,423.6	1,477.0	1,594.8
Polypropylene	793.3	972.3	1,069.6
ABS	231.8	232.0	233.4
Synthetic fiber			
Terylene fiber	103.6	103.3	59.4
Polyacrylic fiber	115.8	95.5	91.2
Synthetic rubber			
Butadiene styrene rubber	187.8	202.2	203.4
Intermediates			
Alkylbenzene	110.9	112.3	127.9
Other chemicals			
Urea	3,662.8	3,413.8	3,570.6
Ammonium nitrate	32.8	4.1	1.4

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We are China's largest natural gas transporter and seller in terms of sales volume, with revenues of RMB 38,917 million and total sales volume of 1,357.0 billion cubic feet in 2006, of which 1,200.5 billion cubic feet was sold by our natural gas and pipeline segment. In 2006, our natural gas and pipeline segment generated income from operations of RMB 8,986 million. We sell natural gas primarily to fertilizer and chemical companies, commercial users and municipal utilities owned by local governments.

The following table sets forth the length of our natural gas pipelines as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the volume of natural gas sold by us in each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

	As of December 31 or year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
Length of natural gas pipelines used by our natural gas segment (km)	17,868	19,212	19,662
Total length of natural gas pipelines (km)	18,995	20,340	20,590
Volume of natural gas sold by our natural gas segment (Bcf)	657.3	888.8	1,200.5
Total volume of natural gas sold ⁽¹⁾ (Bcf)	781.4	1,052.2	1,357.0

⁽¹⁾ Including both the natural gas sold to third parties and the natural gas sold within our company for the production of other products.

In addition, we also conduct the operation of crude oil and refined product transmission and storage infrastructure in the natural gas and pipeline segment.

Our Principal Markets for Natural Gas

In 2006, 34.7%, 17.7%, 16.1%, 5.0%, 2.7% and 23.8% of our natural gas sales were to the southwestern, northern, northwestern, northeastern, central, and eastern regions of the PRC, respectively.

Currently, Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality in southwest China are two of our principal markets for natural gas. We sold 415.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas to Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality in 2006, as compared to 388.1 billion cubic feet in 2005, representing approximately 31.8% of our total natural gas sales in 2006. We supply natural gas to Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality from our exploration and production operations in the Sichuan oil region. Our natural gas pipelines in these areas are well developed, consisting of a natural gas transmission network with a total length of approximately 5,661 kilometers. As these areas lack adequate supply of alternative energy resources, such as coal, we believe that we can further expand our natural gas sales as energy demand increases in these areas.

Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, Hebei Province and Shandong Province in northern China have high energy consumption levels. These areas are also important markets for our natural gas transmission and marketing business. We sold an aggregate of 217.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas to these areas in 2006, as compared to 167.5 billion cubic feet in 2005. Our natural gas sales to Beijing Municipality increased 23.0% from 110.2 billion cubic feet in 2005 to 135.6 billion cubic feet in 2006. We supply natural gas to Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality and Hebei Province primarily from the Changqing oil region through the Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline, which is one of our natural gas trunk pipelines, and from the Huabei and Dagang oil regions. Currently, we have 2,921 kilometers of natural gas pipelines in these areas.

Henan Province, Anhui Province, Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province, Hubei Province, Hunan Province, Shanxi Province, Gansu Province and Qinghai Province are also our natural gas markets. In 2001, we completed the construction of the Sebei to Xining to Lanzhou

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natural gas pipeline and in 2004, we completed the construction and commenced commercial operation of the mainlines of the West to East natural gas pipeline and the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline. These three pipelines link our Xinjiang, Changqing, Sichuan and Qinghai gas fields with our natural gas markets referred to above.

Each year, we must supply natural gas to customers subject to the government-formulated guidance supply plan first as required by the PRC government. We enter into natural gas supply contracts with those customers on the basis of the amount of natural gas to be supplied according to the guidance supply plan for the following year's supply.

We have entered into long-term take-or-pay contracts with 23 municipalities and enterprises in Qinghai Province, Gangsu Province, Shanxi Province and Tianjin Municipality, 27 municipalities and enterprises in Hubei Province and Hunan Province, 16 municipalities in Shandong Province and 50 municipalities and enterprises in Henan Province, Anhui Province, Shanghai Municipality and other provinces located in the Yangtze River Delta. Under these take-or-pay contracts, we have agreed in principle to supply natural gas to these customers in the next 20 to 25 years at prices determined based on the ex-works prices published by the National Development and Reform Commission, formerly the State Development Planning Commission, supplemented by the pipeline transportation tariffs. See **Regulatory Matters Pricing Natural Gas** for a discussion of natural gas pricing.

Driven by environmental and efficiency concerns, the PRC government is increasingly encouraging industrial and residential use of natural gas to meet primary energy and environmental protection needs. The PRC government has adopted a number of laws and regulations to require municipal governments to increase the use of clean energy, such as natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas, to replace the use of raw coal. Several municipal governments, including that of Beijing, have adopted policies to facilitate natural gas consumption in order to reduce the air pollution level. The PRC government has also adopted a preferential value-added tax rate of 13% for natural gas production as compared to a 17% value-added tax rate for crude oil production.

We believe that these policies have had a positive effect on the development and consumption of natural gas in many municipalities that are our existing or potential markets for natural gas. We believe that these favorable policies will continue to benefit our natural gas business.

Natural Gas Transmission Infrastructure

As of December 31, 2006, our natural gas and pipeline segment owned and operated approximately 19,662 kilometers of natural gas pipelines in China, which represented the vast majority of China's onshore natural gas pipelines. Our existing natural gas pipelines form regional natural gas supply networks in northwestern, southwestern, northern and central China as well as the Yangtze River Delta. Our experience in the design, construction management and operation of our existing natural gas pipelines has enabled us to develop relatively advanced technologies and skills in China in long distance pipeline design, construction and automated operational communications. We believe that we will continue to benefit from those technologies and skills in the future expansion of our natural gas pipeline networks and their ancillary facilities.

Expansion of Our Natural Gas Transmission and Marketing Business

In October 2004, we completed the construction of the main line of our West to East natural gas pipeline and commenced commercial operation in December 2004. Our West to East natural gas pipeline project is designed to link our natural gas fields in Xinjiang and Changqing with Henan Province, Anhui Province, Shanghai Municipality and other areas in the Yangtze River Delta. The total length of the main line for the West to East natural gas pipeline project is 3,786 kilometers. As of December 31, 2006, we had invested RMB 37,717 million in this project. We have completed the construction of two connecting pipelines for the West to East natural gas pipeline project, the Hebei to Nanjing pipeline and the Huaiyang to Wuhan pipeline. The Hebei to Nanjing pipeline starts at Qingshan, Jiangsu Province and ends at Anping, Hebei Province, with its mainline having a length of

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886 kilometers. We completed the construction and commenced the commercial operation of the main line of this pipeline in January 2006. The Huaiyang to Wuhan pipeline starts at Huaiyang, Anhui Province and ends at Wuhan, Hubei Province with a total length of 455 kilometers. We completed the construction and commenced the commercial operation of this pipeline in December 2006. We are currently constructing another connecting pipeline for the West to East natural gas pipeline project, the Lanzhou to Yinchuan pipeline. The Lanzhou to Yinchuan pipeline starts at Lanzhou, Gansu Province and ends at Yinchuan, Ningxia Autonomous Region with a total length of 402 kilometers. We expect to complete the construction and commence commercial operation of this pipeline in June 2007. As of March 31, 2007, we entered into take-or-pay contracts with 50 subscribers and distributors to supply them with natural gas through the West to East natural gas pipeline. We believe that the successful completion of this natural gas pipeline and associated storage facilities will substantially enhance our ability to capitalize on anticipated growth in demand for natural gas in these regions. We are currently expanding the transmission capacity of the West to East natural gas pipeline by upgrading the existing 10 gas compression stations and building additional 12 gas compression stations to increase the capacity from 12 billion cubic meters to 17 billion cubic meters per year.

The Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline is designed to link the Sichuan gas region with Wuhan City, the other areas in Hubei province and Hunan Province, and has a designed annual throughput capacity of 105.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas. We commenced the construction of the pipeline in August 2003. In December 2004, we completed the construction and commenced commercial operation of the main line of the Zhong County to Wuhan City natural gas pipeline and its Xiangfan branch pipeline and Huangshi branch pipeline. We completed the construction and commenced commercial operation of the Xiangtan branch line in July 2005. As of March 31, 2007, we had entered into take-or-pay contracts with 27 customers in Hubei Province and Hunan Province including municipal governments and enterprises, to supply them with natural gas to be transmitted through the main line and branch lines of the Zhong County to Wuhan City pipeline.

We completed constructing the second natural gas pipeline from Shaanxi to Beijing Municipality in July 2005. This second Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline has a total length of 935 kilometers and can be used to deliver natural gas from our Changqing oil and gas region to Shaanxi Province, Shanxi Province, Hebei Province and Beijing Municipality with a designed annual throughput capacity of 423.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas. In 2006, we transmitted 66.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas through the second Shaanxi to Beijing natural gas pipeline.

Crude Oil and Refined Product Transportation and Storage Infrastructure

We have an extensive network for the transportation, storage and distribution of both crude oil and refined products, which covers many regions of China. Our goal is to exploit and optimize our existing infrastructure to further consolidate our presence as the leading integrated oil and gas company in China.

In 2005, we completed the construction of a portion of the Sino-Kazakhstan oil pipeline that lies within the territory of the PRC. It starts at Ala Mountain Pass and ends at Dushanzi in Xinjiang Autonomous Region with a total length of 246 kilometers. Commercial operation of the Sino-Kazakhstan oil pipeline commenced in July 2006.

As of December 31, 2006, our crude oil transportation and storage infrastructure consisted of:

9,620 kilometers of crude oil pipelines with an average daily throughput of approximately 2.50 million barrels;
and

crude oil storage facilities with an aggregate storage capacity of approximately 17.2 million cubic meters.

We deliver crude oil to customers through our pipeline and storage facility network, through crude oil storage facilities that we lease from third parties and by ships leased by customers. In

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2006, approximately 86.7% of our crude oil production was delivered to refineries through our crude oil pipeline network. We believe that our crude oil pipeline network is sufficient for our current and anticipated transportation needs. During the past three years, we have not experienced any delays in delivering crude oil due to pipeline capacity constraints.

Our transportation and storage infrastructure also includes:

2,413 kilometers of refined product pipelines with an average daily throughput of approximately 37,000 tons; and

refined product storage facilities with a total storage capacity of approximately 18.7 million cubic meters.

Most of our refineries are located in the northeastern and northwestern regions of China. Our ability to distribute products through our own product distribution infrastructure to the eastern and southern regions will provide us with greater flexibility in supplying refined products to the domestic markets across China. We plan to continue to enhance our product distribution infrastructure in the northeastern, northwestern, northern and southwestern regions where we already have a significant market share, and to expand our product distribution infrastructure in the eastern and southern regions by acquiring and constructing transportation storage facilities and distribution storage facilities in these regions.

Together with the expansion of our service stations, we expect that our pipelines, primary storage and secondary distribution storage facilities will significantly enhance our existing distribution infrastructure for refined products. We believe that our enhanced distribution infrastructure will help us increase the sales of our refined products.

Competition

As an oil and gas company operating in a competitive industry, we compete in each of our business segments in both China and international markets for desirable business prospects and for customers. Our principal competitors in China are Sinopec, including its subsidiary China National Star Petroleum Corporation, or CNSPC, and China National Offshore Oil Corporation, or CNOOC.

Exploration and Production Operations

We are the largest onshore oil and gas company in China in terms of proved crude oil and natural gas reserves as well as crude oil and natural gas production and sales. However, we compete with Sinopec for the acquisition of desirable crude oil and natural gas prospects. We believe that our experience in crude oil and natural gas exploration and production and our advanced exploration and development technologies that are suitable for diverse geological conditions in China will enable us to maintain our dominant position in discovering and developing crude oil and natural gas reserves in China.

Refining and Marketing and Chemicals and Marketing Operations

We compete with Sinopec in our refining and marketing and chemicals and marketing operations on the basis of price, quality and customer service. Most of our refineries and chemical plants are located in the northeastern, northwestern and northern regions of China where we have the dominant market share for refined products and chemical products. We also sell our refined products and chemical products in the eastern, southern, southwestern and central-southern regions of China, where our products have a considerable market share. The eastern and southern regions of China, where refined products and chemical products are in higher demand, are important markets for our refined products and chemical products. Sinopec has a strong presence in the eastern and southern regions of China in competition with us, and most of Sinopec's refineries, chemical plants and distribution networks are located in these regions in close proximity to these

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markets. Moreover, as the newly constructed facilities of CNOOC commenced operation, the competition is further intensified. We expect that we will continue to face competition from, among other competitors, Sinopec in increasing our refined products and chemical products sales in these regions. See Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors .

We also face competition from imported refined products and chemical products on the basis of price and quality. As a result of China's entry into the WTO, we expect that competition from foreign producers of refined products and chemical products may increase as tariff and non-tariff barriers for imported refined products and chemical products will be reduced or eliminated over time, including the opening over time of retail and wholesale markets in China for refined products and chemical products to foreign competition. Our ability to compete with foreign producers of refined products and chemical products will depend on our ability to reduce our production costs and improve the quality of our products. See Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors .

Natural Gas and Pipeline Operations

We are the largest supplier of natural gas in terms of volume of natural gas supplied. Currently, we face very limited competition in the supply of natural gas in Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, Hebei Province, Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province, Anhui Province, Henan Province, Hubei Province, Hunan Province and the northwestern regions of China, our existing principal markets for natural gas. Currently, Sinopec has natural gas fields in Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality and sells natural gas to users in Sichuan and Chongqing. We, therefore, have limited competition from Sinopec in our markets in Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality. Further, we intend to expand our markets for natural gas into the coastal regions in eastern China where we may face competition from CNOOC and, to a lesser extent, Sinopec. We believe that our dominant natural gas resources base, our relatively advanced technologies and skills in managing long distance pipelines will enable us to continue to be a dominant player in the natural gas markets in China.

Environmental Matters

Together with other companies in the industries in which we operate, we are subject to numerous national, regional and local environmental laws and regulations concerning our oil and gas exploration and production operations, petroleum and petrochemical products and other activities. In particular, these laws and regulations:

require an environmental evaluation report to be submitted and approved prior to the commencement of exploration, production, refining and chemical projects;

restrict the type, quantities, and concentration of various substances that can be released into the environment in connection with drilling and production activities;

limit or prohibit drilling activities within protected areas and certain other areas; and

impose penalties for pollution resulting from oil, natural gas and petrochemical operations, including criminal and civil liabilities for serious pollution.

These laws and regulations may also restrict air emissions and discharges to surface and subsurface water resulting from the operation of natural gas processing plants, chemical plants, refineries, pipeline systems and other facilities that we own. In addition, our operations are subject to laws and regulations relating to the generation, handling, storage, transportation, disposal and treatment of solid waste materials.

We anticipate that the environmental laws and regulations to which we are subject will become increasingly strict and are therefore likely to have an increasing impact on our operations. It is difficult, however, to predict accurately the effect of future developments in such laws and regulations on our future earnings and operations. Some risk of environmental costs and liabilities is inherent in

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certain of our operations and products, as it is with other companies engaged in similar businesses. We cannot assure you that material costs and liabilities will not be incurred. However, we do not currently expect any material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations as a result of compliance with such laws and regulations. We paid pollutant discharge fees of approximately RMB 182 million, RMB 199 million and RMB 211 million in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

To meet future environmental obligations, we are engaged in a continuous program to develop effective environmental protection measures. This program includes research on:

reducing sulphur levels in heavy fuel oil and diesel fuel;

reducing olefin and benzene content in gasoline and the quantity of emissions and effluents from our refineries and petrochemical plants; and

developing and installing monitoring systems at our pollutant discharge openings and developing environmental impact assessments for major projects.

Our capital expenditures on environmental programs in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were approximately RMB 1,345 million, RMB 1,633 million and RMB 4,634 million, respectively.

On December 23, 2003, a gas blow-out incident occurred at our Luojia No. 16H gas well located in Kaixian County, Chongqing Municipality. The gas blow-out caused the leakage of a large quantity of sulfurated hydrogen, resulting in injuries and death to many residents living in the surrounding areas. The PRC government investigated this gas blow-out and found CNPC, who had provided drilling services to us for the Luojia No. 16H gas well, liable. This incident has not had, and we do not believe it will have, a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. Because a number of our production facilities are located in populated areas, we have established a series of preventative measures to improve the safety of our employees and surrounding residents and minimize disruptions or other adverse effects on our business. These measures include:

providing each household in areas surrounding our production facilities with printed materials to explain and illustrate safety and protection knowledge and skills; and

enhancing the implementation of various safety production measures we have adopted previously.

We believe that these preventative measures have helped minimize the possibility of similar incidents resulting in serious casualties and environmental consequences. In addition, the adoption of these preventative measures has not required significant capital expenditures to date, and therefore, will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

On November 13, 2005, an explosion occurred at one of our branch companies in Jilin Province. The Chinese government completed the investigation of this accident in December 2006. Based on the results of the investigation, our company paid a fine of RMB 1 million in settlement of all liabilities arising from the accident.

We have implemented the following measures to prevent future occurrences of similar incidents:

conducting environmental risk monitoring; and

establishing preventive systems for emergency use at refinery and petrochemical enterprises.

Legal Proceedings

We are not involved in any judicial and arbitral proceedings, the results of which, in the aggregate, would have a material adverse impact on our financial condition.

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Properties

Under a restructuring agreement we entered into with CNPC on the date of our establishment in 1999, CNPC undertook to us the following:

CNPC would use its best endeavors to obtain formal land use right licenses to replace the entitlement certificates in relation to the 28,649 parcels of land, which were leased or transferred to us from CNPC, within one year from August, September and October 1999 when the relevant entitlement certificates were issued;

CNPC would complete, within one year from November 5, 1999, the necessary governmental procedures for the requisition of the collectively owned land on which 116 service stations owned by us are located; and

CNPC would obtain individual building ownership certificates in our name for all of the 57,482 buildings transferred to us by CNPC, before November 5, 2000.

As of December 31, 2006, CNPC obtained formal land use right certificates for 27,494 of the 28,649 parcels of land and ownership certificates for some buildings. The governmental procedures for the above-mentioned service stations located on collectively owned land have not been completed to date. Our directors believe that the use of and the conduct of relevant activities at the above-mentioned parcels of land, service stations and buildings are not affected by the fact that the relevant land use right certificates or building ownership certificates have not been obtained or the fact that the relevant governmental procedures have not been completed. Our directors believe that this will not have any material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We own substantially all of the equipment and production facilities relating to all our business activities. We hold exploration and production licenses covering all of our interests in developed and undeveloped acreage and oil and natural gas wells. See Exploration and Production Properties .

Regulatory Matters

Overview

China's oil and gas industry is subject to extensive regulation by the PRC government with respect to a number of aspects of exploration, production, transmission and marketing of crude oil and natural gas as well as production, transportation and marketing of refined products and chemical products. The following central government authorities exercise control over various aspects of China's oil and gas industry:

The Ministry of Land and Resources has the authority for granting, examining and approving oil and gas exploration and production licenses, the administration of registration and transfer of exploration and production licenses.

The Ministry of Commerce:

sets the import and export volume quotas for crude oil and refined products according to the overall supply and demand for crude oil and refined products in China as well as the WTO requirements for China;

issues import and export licenses for crude oil and refined products to oil and gas companies that have obtained import and export quotas; and

examines and approves production sharing contracts and Sino-foreign equity and cooperative joint venture contracts.

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The National Development and Reform Commission:

has the industry administration and policy coordination authority over China's oil and gas industry;

determines mandatory minimum volumes and applicable prices of natural gas to be supplied to certain fertilizer producers;

publishes guidance prices for natural gas and retail median guidance prices for certain refined products, including gasoline and diesel;

approves significant petroleum, natural gas, oil refinery and chemical projects set forth under the Catalogues of Investment Projects Approved by the Central Government; and

approves Sino-foreign equity and cooperative projects exceeding certain capital amounts.

Exploration Licenses and Production Licenses

The Mineral Resources Law authorizes the Ministry of Land and Resources to exercise administrative authority over the exploration and production of mineral resources within the PRC. The Mineral Resources Law and its supplementary regulations provide the basic legal framework under which exploration licenses and production licenses are granted. The Ministry of Land and Resources has the authority to issue exploration licenses and production licenses. Applicants must be companies approved by the State Council to engage in oil and gas exploration and production activities.

Applicants for exploration licenses must first register with the Ministry of Land and Resources blocks in which they intend to engage in exploration activities. The holder of an exploration license is obligated to make a progressively increasing annual minimum exploration investment relating to the exploration blocks in respect of which the license is issued. Investments range from RMB 2,000 per square kilometer for the initial year to RMB 5,000 per square kilometer for the second year, and to RMB 10,000 per square kilometer for the third and subsequent years. Additionally, the holder has to pay an annual exploration license fee that starts at RMB 100 per square kilometer for each of the first three years and increases by an additional RMB 100 per square kilometer per year for subsequent years up to a maximum of RMB 500 per square kilometer. The maximum term of an exploration license is seven years, subject to twice renewal upon expiration of the original term, with each renewal being for a two-year term. At the exploration stage, an applicant can also apply for a progressive exploration and production license that allows the holder to test and develop reserves not yet fully proven. Upon the detection and confirmation of the quantity of reserves in a certain block, the holder must apply for a production license based on economic evaluation, market conditions and development planning in order to shift into the production phase in a timely fashion. In addition, the holder needs to obtain the right to use that block of land. Generally, the holder of a full production license must obtain a land use rights certificate for industrial land use covering that block of land.

The Ministry of Land and Resources issues production licenses to applicants on the basis of the reserve reports approved by the relevant authorities. Production license holders are required to pay an annual production right usage fee of RMB 1,000 per square kilometer. Administrative rules issued by the State Council provide that the maximum term of a production license is 30 years. In accordance with a special approval from the State Council, the Ministry of Land and Resources has issued production licenses with terms coextensive with the projected productive life of those reservoirs. Each of our production licenses is renewable upon our application 40 days prior to expiration. If oil and gas prices increase, the productive life of our crude oil and natural gas reservoirs may be extended beyond the current terms of the relevant production licenses.

Among the major PRC oil and gas companies, the exploration licenses and production licenses held by PetroChina, Sinopec and CNOOC account for the majority of mining rights in China. Among

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those companies, PetroChina and Sinopec primarily engage in onshore exploration and production, while CNOOC primarily engages in offshore exploration and production.

Pricing***Crude Oil***

PetroChina and Sinopec set their crude oil median prices each month based on the average Singapore market FOB prices for crude oil of different grades in the previous month. In addition, PetroChina and Sinopec negotiate a premium or discount to reflect transportation costs, the differences in oil quality and market supply and demand. The National Development and Reform Commission will mediate if PetroChina and Sinopec cannot agree on the amount of premium or discount.

Refined Products

Since October 2001, PetroChina has set its retail prices within an 8% floating range of the published retail median guidance prices of gasoline and diesel published by the National Development and Reform Commission (but after March 26, 2006, the price of diesel for fishing vessels has been set in line with the retail base price published in the current year, with no upward adjustment for the time being). These retail median guidance prices of gasoline and diesel vary in each provincial level distribution region. From October 2001 to early 2006, the National Development and Reform Commission published the retail median guidance prices of gasoline and diesel from time to time based on the weighted average FOB Singapore, Rotterdam and New York trading prices for diesel and gasoline plus transportation costs and taxes. Generally, adjustments were made only if the weighted average prices fluctuate beyond 8% of the previously published retail median guidance price. In 2006, the PRC government, under its macro economic controls, introduced a new mechanism for determining the prices of refined products.

PetroChina sets the wholesale prices for its gasoline and diesel on the basis of its retail prices and a discount to its retail prices of at least 4.5% as required by the National Development and Reform Commission.

In addition, the National Development and Reform Commission sets the ex-works median prices for gasoline and diesel sold for military use and national reserve. For other institutional customers including airlines and railway operators, PetroChina may charge on the basis of the ex-works median prices adjustment within an upward or downward adjustment up to 8%.

Chemical Products

PetroChina determines the prices of all of its chemical products.

Natural Gas

The price of natural gas has two components: ex-works price and pipeline transportation tariff.

Prior to December 26, 2005, ex-works prices varied depending on whether or not the natural gas sold was within the government-formulated natural gas supply plan. For natural gas sold within the government-formulated supply plan, the National Development and Reform Commission fixed ex-works prices according to the nature of the customers. Most of these customers were fertilizer producers. For natural gas sold to customers not subject to the government-formulated supply plan, the National Development and Reform Commission published median guidance ex-works prices, and allowed natural gas producers to adjust prices upward or downward by up to 10%.

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On December 26, 2005, the National Development and Reform Commission reformed the mechanism for setting the ex-works prices of domestic natural gas by changing the ex-works prices to governmental guidance prices, and categorizing domestic natural gas into two categories. On the basis of the ex-works price set by the government, subject to the negotiations between the seller and the buyer, the actual ex-works price of the first category may float upward or downward up to 10%; while the actual ex-works price of the second category may float upward up to 10% and downward to any level. The price of the first category will be adjusted to the same level as the second category within three to five year. The National Development and Reform Commission does not allow PetroChina and Sinopec to charge different prices towards internal and external enterprises.

PetroChina negotiates the actual ex-works price with natural gas users within the benchmark price set by the government and the adjustment range.

The National Development and Reform Commission sets the pipeline transportation tariff for the natural gas transported by pipelines constructed prior to 1991. For natural gas transported by pipelines constructed after 1991, PetroChina submits to the National Development and Reform Commission for examination and approval proposed pipeline transmission tariffs based on the capital investment made in the pipeline, the depreciation period for the pipeline, the ability of end users to pay and PetroChina's profit margin.

Production and Marketing***Crude Oil***

Each year, the National Development and Reform Commission publishes the projected target for the production and sale of crude oil by PetroChina, Sinopec and CNOOC, based on the domestic consumption estimates submitted by domestic producers, including PetroChina, Sinopec and CNOOC, the production of these companies as well as the forecast of international crude oil prices. The actual production levels are determined by the producers themselves and may vary from the submitted estimates. Since January 1, 2007, qualified domestic producers are permitted to engage in the sale and storage of crude oil. Foreign companies are also allowed to establish and invest in enterprises to conduct crude oil-related business.

Refined Products

Previously, only PetroChina, Sinopec and joint ventures established by the two companies had the right to conduct gasoline and diesel wholesale business. Other companies, including foreign invested companies, were not allowed to engage in wholesale of gasoline and diesel in China's domestic market. In general, only domestic companies, including Sino-foreign joint venture companies, were permitted to engage in retail of gasoline and diesel. Since December 11, 2004, wholly-owned foreign enterprises are permitted to conduct crude oil retail business. Since January 1, 2007 when the Measures on the Administration of the Refined Products Market became effective, all entities meeting certain requirements are allowed to submit applications to the Ministry of Commerce to conduct gasoline and diesel wholesale, retail and storage businesses.

Natural Gas

The National Development and Reform Commission publishes in each year the production targets for natural gas producers based on the annual production target prepared on the basis of consumption estimates submitted by all natural gas producers such as PetroChina. The National Development and Reform Commission also formulates the annual natural gas guidance supply plan, which requires natural gas producers to distribute a specified amount of natural gas to specified fertilizer producers, municipal governments and enterprises. The actual production levels of natural gas, except the amount supplied to the fertilizer producers, are determined by the natural gas producers.

Table of Contents**Foreign Investments*****Cooperation in Exploration and Production with Foreign Companies***

Currently, only CNPC and Sinopec have the right to cooperate with foreign companies in onshore crude oil and natural gas exploration and production in China. CNOOC has the right to cooperate with foreign companies in offshore crude oil and natural gas exploration and production in China.

Sino-foreign cooperation projects and foreign parties in onshore oil and gas exploration and production in China are generally selected through open bids and bilateral negotiations. Those projects are generally conducted through production sharing contracts. The Ministry of Commerce must approve those contracts.

As authorized by the Regulations of the PRC on Exploration of Onshore Petroleum Resources in Cooperation with Foreign Enterprises, CNPC has the right to enter into joint cooperation arrangements with foreign oil and gas companies for onshore crude oil and natural gas exploration and production. PetroChina does not have the capacity to enter into production sharing contracts directly with foreign oil and gas companies under existing PRC law.

Accordingly, CNPC will continue to enter into production sharing contracts. After signing a production sharing contract, CNPC will, subject to approval of the Ministry of Commerce, assign to PetroChina most of its commercial and operational rights and obligations under the production sharing contract as required by the Non-competition Agreement between CNPC and PetroChina. See Item 7 Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Contract for the Transfer of Rights under Production Sharing Contracts .

Transportation and Refining

PRC regulations permit foreign minority ownership in pipeline transportation, oil storage facilities and oil jetties. There is no express general restriction on foreign investment in refineries and petrochemical facilities. However, construction of new refinery or ethylene facilities, expansion of existing refinery facilities and upgrading of existing ethylene facilities by increasing annual production capacity of more than 200 thousand tons are subject to the approval of relevant government authorities. The production of ethylene with an annual production capacity exceeding 600 thousand tons must be conducted by companies majority-owned by Chinese entities. Furthermore, when appropriate, projects must receive necessary approvals from relevant PRC government agencies. See Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors .

Import and Export

Since January 1, 2004, the import of crude oil and refined products by state-owned trading companies has been exempted from import quota and licensing control. Non-state-owned trading companies which are qualified to import crude oil and refine products are subject to quotas. Both state-owned trading companies and non-state-owned trading companies are permitted to export crude oil and refined oil products subject to quotas. The Ministry of Commerce has granted PetroChina the right to conduct crude oil and refined product import and export business.

Capital Investment and Financing

Capital investments in exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas made by Chinese oil and gas companies are subject to approval by or filing with relevant government authorities. The development of new oil field with an annual production capacity equal to or exceeding one million tons and new natural gas field with an annual production capacity equal to or exceeding two billion cubic meters is required to be approved by the National Development and Reform Commission. Any other development project of crude oil and natural gas needs to be filed with the National Development and Reform Commission. Oil and gas companies need to obtain approval from the

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National Development and Reform Commission and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange to borrow from foreign banks and foreign governments in connection with those capital investments.

Taxation, Fees and Royalty

PetroChina is subject to a variety of taxation, fees and royalty. The table below sets forth the various taxation, fees and royalty payable by PetroChina or by Sino-foreign oil and gas exploration and development cooperative projects. Since January 1, 2000, PetroChina and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Daqing Oilfield Company Limited, and branch companies have been taxed on a consolidated basis as approved by the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Bureau.

Tax item	Tax base	Tax Rate
<i>Enterprise income tax</i>	Taxable income	Currently at a rate of 33%. However, our qualified branch companies in the west regions of the PRC are entitled to a rate of 15%. Tax concession or exemption enjoyed by any subsidiary or branch company continues to apply. Effective from January 1, 2008, PRC enterprises will be subject to new income tax rates. Its impact on our operating results and financial positions of future periods remains uncertain until more detailed regulations and measures are announced.
<i>Value-added tax</i>	Revenue	13% for liquified natural gas, natural gas, liquified petroleum gas, agricultural film and fertilizers and 17% for other items. PetroChina charges value-added tax from its customers at the time of settlement on top of the selling prices of its products on behalf of the taxation authority. The value-added tax paid by PetroChina for purchasing materials to be consumed during the production process and for charges paid for drilling and other engineering services and labor is deducted from output value-added tax payable by PetroChina. Since March 14, 2006, the rebate of the value-added tax paid in connection with export of gasoline has been suspended.
	Sales volume	5% for the Sino-foreign oil and gas exploration and development cooperative projects. However input value-added tax cannot be deducted.

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Tax item	Tax base	Tax Rate
<i>Business tax</i>	Revenue from transportation services	3%
<i>Consumption tax</i>	Aggregate volume sold or self-consumed	<p>RMB 277.6 per ton for gasoline; since January 1, 1999, RMB 388.64 per ton for leaded gasoline.</p> <p>RMB 117.6 per ton for diesel.</p> <p>Since April 1, 2006, RMB 277 per ton for naphtha and levied at the rate of 30% of the taxable amount for the time being.</p> <p>Since April 1, 2006, RMB 256.4 per ton for solvent naphtha and levied at the rate of 30% of the taxable amount for the time being.</p> <p>Since April 1, 2006, RMB 225.2 per ton for lubricants and levied at the rate of 30% of the taxable amount for the time being.</p> <p>Since April 1, 2006, RMB 101.5 per ton for fuel oil and levied at the rate of 30% of the taxable amount for the time being.</p> <p>Since April 1, 2006, RMB 124.6 per ton for aviation kerosene and not levied for the time being.</p>
<i>Resource tax</i>	Aggregate volume sold or self-consumed	<p>Since July 1, 2005, resource tax applicable to crude oil of our company was adjusted upward from the original RMB 8 to 30 per ton to RMB 14 to 30 per ton, and the resource tax for natural gas was adjusted from the original RMB 2 to 15 per thousand cubic meter to RMB 7 to 15 per thousand cubic meter.</p> <p>The actual applicable rate for each oil field may differ depending on the resource differences, volume of the exploration and production activities and costs required for the production at the particular oil field.</p>

<i>Compensatory fee for mineral resources</i>	Revenue	1% for crude oil and natural gas
<i>Crude oil special gain levy</i>	Sales amount above certain threshold	Effective March 26, 2006, levied on the domestic crude oil sold at or above US\$40/barrel, with a five-level progressive tax rates, varying from 20% to 40%

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Tax item	Tax base	Tax Rate
<i>Exploration license fee</i>	Area	RMB 100 to 500 per square kilometer per year
<i>Production license fee</i>	Area	RMB 1,000 per square kilometer per year
<i>Royalty fee⁽¹⁾</i>	Production volume	Progressive rate of 0-12.5% for crude oil and 0-3% for natural gas

⁽¹⁾ Payable only by Sino-foreign oil and gas exploration and development cooperative projects. The project entity of those cooperative projects is not subject to any other resource tax or fee.

The PRC Highway Law, as amended on October 31, 1999, provides that the PRC government will collect funds for highway maintenance by imposing fuel taxes. The State Council will formulate specific implementation methods and procedures for the imposition of fuel tax. The State Council has not yet announced or published any specific rate, implementation method or procedure for the imposition of the tax.

Environmental Regulations

China has adopted extensive environmental laws and regulations that affect the operation of the oil and gas industry. There are national and local standards applicable to emissions control, discharges to surface and subsurface water and disposal, and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of solid waste materials.

The environmental regulations require a company, such as us, to register or file an environmental impact report with the relevant environmental bureau for approval before it undertakes any construction of a new production facility or any major expansion or renovation of an existing production facility. The new facility or the expanded or renovated facility will not be permitted to operate unless the relevant environmental bureau has inspected to its satisfaction that environmental equipment that satisfies the environmental protection requirements has been installed for the facility. A company that wishes to discharge pollutants, whether it is in the form of emission, water or materials, must submit a pollutant discharge declaration statement detailing the amount, type, location and method of treatment. After reviewing the pollutant discharge declaration, the relevant environmental bureau will determine the amount of discharge allowable under the law and will issue a pollutant discharge license for that amount of discharge subject to the payment of discharge fees. If a company discharges more than is permitted in the pollutant discharge license, the relevant environmental bureau can fine the company up to several times the discharge fees payable by the offending company for its allowable discharge, or require the offending company to close its operation to remedy the problem.

ITEM 4A UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

We do not have any unresolved Staff comments that are required to be disclosed under this item.

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ITEM 5 OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

General

You should read the following discussion together with our consolidated financial statements and their notes included elsewhere in this annual report. Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, which differ in many respects from US GAAP. Note 37 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report and the section headed "Other Information US GAAP Reconciliation" summarize the significant differences between IFRS and US GAAP as they relate to us.

Overview

We are engaged in a broad range of petroleum and natural gas related activities, including:

the exploration, development, production and sale of crude oil and natural gas;

the refining, transportation, storage and marketing of crude oil and petroleum products;

the production and marketing of basic petrochemical products, derivative chemical products and other chemical products; and

the transmission and storage of crude oil, refined oil products and natural gas as well as the sale of natural gas.

We are China's largest producer of crude oil and natural gas and are one of the largest companies in China in terms of sales. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we produced approximately 830.7 million barrels of crude oil and approximately 1,371.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas for sale. Our refineries also processed approximately 785 million barrels of crude oil in the year ended December 31, 2006. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we had total revenue of RMB 688,978 million and net income of RMB 142,224 million.

Factors Affecting Results of Operations

Our results of operations and the period-to-period comparability of our financial results are affected by a number of external factors, including changes in the prices of crude oil, refined products, natural gas and chemical products, decrease in our crude oil reserves in China and fluctuations in exchange rates and interest rates.

Crude Oil Prices

Our results of operations are substantially affected by crude oil prices. Since March 2001, we and Sinopec have set our crude oil median prices monthly based on the Singapore market FOB prices for crude oil. Our actual realized crude oil prices include a premium on, or discount from, the median prices which primarily reflects transportation costs, differences in oil quality and market supply and demand conditions.

Since September 1, 1999, the discounts and premiums applied to our crude oil sales have been determined in accordance with a crude oil premium or discount calculation agreement and its supplemental agreement we entered into with Sinopec. These agreements establish premiums or discounts which effect adjustments to the benchmark prices. These agreements do not obligate either party to purchase or sell any crude oil and is thus subject to renegotiation. Under these agreements, the National Development and Reform Commission, formerly the State Development Planning Commission, will mediate if we cannot agree with Sinopec on the premium or discount applicable to a particular crude oil purchase. The table below sets forth the median prices for our principal grades of crude oil in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the negotiated premiums or discounts applicable to those grades of crude oil since 2004.

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Grade of crude oil	Benchmark	Median prices for principal grades of crude oil (RMB/barrel)			Premium/(discount) (RMB/barrel)		
		Year 2004 average	Year 2005 average	Year 2006 average	2004	2005	2006
Daqing	Minas	300.7	430	513	0	(4.4)	(3.8)
Jidong	Minas	300.7	430	513	0	(4.4)	(3.8)
Huabei	Minas	300.7	430	513	1.3	(3.0)	(2.4)
Dagang	Cinta	290.5	412	494	1.4	(1.8)	(2.5)
Tarim	Minas	300.7	430	513	(34.6)	(34.9)	(34.6)
Tuha	Tapis	329.2	457	554	(25.5)		(29.0)

In 2006, the median prices for our principal grades of crude oil and crude oil produced in our Daqing oil region were RMB 501 per barrel and RMB 513 per barrel, respectively.

Increases or decreases in the price of crude oil in China have a significant effect on the revenue from our exploration and production segment. As a result of the increases in the prices and sales volume of crude oil and natural gas, the revenue from our exploration and production segment increased 24.9% from RMB 337,208 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 421,340 million in the year ended December 31, 2006. In the year ended December 31, 2006, our average realized selling price for crude oil was RMB 477 per barrel, increased by 20% from RMB 396 per barrel in the year ended December 31, 2005. See Item 4 Information on the Company Regulatory Matters Pricing for a more detailed discussion of current PRC crude oil pricing regulations.

Refined Product Prices

Prior to October 2001, the State Development Planning Commission published from time to time retail median gasoline and diesel guidance prices for major cities and provinces. Once published, the retail median prices remained unchanged until either we or Sinopec requested an adjustment and demonstrated that the cumulative change of the FOB Singapore gasoline or diesel trading price from the then applicable retail median guidance price exceeded 5%. From October 2001 to early 2006, the State Development Planning Commission or the National Development and Reform Commission has adjusted such retail median prices from time to time to reflect the FOB Singapore, Rotterdam and New York trading prices for gasoline and diesel, supplemented by transportation costs and taxes. In 2006, the PRC government, under its macro economic controls, introduced a new mechanism for determining the prices of refined products. See Item 4 Information on the Company Regulatory Matters Pricing for a more detailed discussion of current PRC refined products pricing regulations.

Since October 2001, we and Sinopec have set our retail prices within an 8% floating range of the published median gasoline and diesel guidance prices. We determine the prices of other refined products with reference to the published median guidance prices of gasoline and diesel. Our retail prices may differ from those of Sinopec within a given market. Our average realized selling prices tend to be higher in the western and northern regions of China, where we dominate the market, as compared to our average realized selling prices in the eastern and southern regions,

where Sinopec has a stronger presence.

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The following table sets forth the retail median prices for 90(#) gasoline and 0(#) diesel published by the State Development Planning Commission or the National Development and Reform Commission from January 2006 to March 2007 when such adjustments were made.

Date	90(#) Gasoline (RMB/ton)	0(#) Diesel (RMB/ton)
March 26, 2006	5,172	4,510
May 24, 2006	5,672	5,010
January 14, 2007	5,452	

Chemical Product Prices

We determine and set the prices of all chemical products produced by our chemicals business segment.

Natural Gas Prices

The price of our natural gas price is comprised of the ex-works price and pipeline transportation tariff.

Prior to December 26, 2005, ex-works prices varied depending on whether the natural gas sold was within the government-formulated natural gas supply plan. For natural gas sold within the government-formulated supply plan, the National Development and Reform Commission fixed ex-works prices according to the nature of the customers. Most of these customers were fertilizer producers. For natural gas sold to customers not subject to the government-formulated supply plan, the National Development and Reform Commission published median guidance ex-works prices, and allowed natural gas producers to adjust the prices upward or downward by up to 10%.

On December 26, 2005, the National Development and Reform Commission reformed the mechanism for setting the ex-works prices of domestic natural gas by changing the ex-works prices to governmental guidance prices, and categorizing the domestic natural gas into two tiers. On the basis of the ex-works price set by the government, subject to the negotiations between the seller and the buyer, the actual ex-works price of the first tier may float upward or downward of up to 10%; while the actual ex-works price of the second tier may float upward of up to 10% and downward to any level. The price of the first tier will be adjusted to the same level as the second tier within three to five years.

PetroChina negotiates the actual ex-works price with natural gas users on the basis of the benchmark price set by the government and the adjustment range.

The National Development and Reform Commission sets the pipeline transportation tariff for the natural gas transported by pipelines constructed prior to 1991. For natural gas transported by pipelines constructed after 1991, PetroChina submits to the National Development and Reform Commission for examination and approval proposed pipeline transmission tariffs based on the capital investment made in the pipeline, the depreciation period for the pipeline, the ability of end users to pay and PetroChina's profit margin.

We sell our natural gas at prices which exceed our production and transportation costs.

The results of operations of these segments will be impacted to the extent that our prices do not vary to reflect increases or decreases in our costs. See Item 4 Information on the Company Regulatory Matters Pricing for a further discussion of these pricing controls.

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For a discussion of the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on our results of operations, please see Item 11 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Foreign Exchange Rate Risk .

Interest Rate Exposure

For a discussion of the effect of interest rate changes on our results of operations, please see Item 11 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Interest Rate Risk .

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires our management to select and apply significant accounting policies, the application of which may require management to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of our financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Notwithstanding the presentation of our principal accounting policies in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report, we have identified the accounting policies below as most critical to our business operations and the understanding of our financial condition and results of operations presented in accordance with IFRS. Although these estimates are based on our management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

Accounting of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities

We use successful efforts method of accounting, with specialized accounting rules that are unique to the oil and gas industry, for oil and gas exploration and production activities. Under this method, geological and geophysical costs incurred are expensed prior to the discovery of proved reserves. However, all costs for developmental wells, support equipment and facilities, and mineral interests in oil and gas properties are capitalized. Costs of exploratory wells are capitalized as construction in progress pending determination of whether the wells find proved reserves. The costs of exploratory wells will be further capitalized pending determination of whether the wells find sufficient economically exploitable reserves. For exploratory wells located in regions that do not require substantial capital expenditures before the commencement of production, the evaluation of the economic benefits of the reserves in such wells will be completed within one year following the completion of the exploration drilling. Where such evaluation indicates that no economic benefits can be obtained, the relevant costs of exploratory wells will be converted to dry hole exploration expenses. The relevant costs will be capitalized if the evaluation indicates that economic benefits can be obtained. For wells that found economically viable reserves in areas where a major capital expenditure would be required before production can begin, the related well costs remain capitalized only if additional drilling is under way or firmly planned. Otherwise the well costs are expensed as dry holes. We have no costs of unproved properties capitalized in oil and gas properties.

Oil and Gas Reserves

The estimation of the quantities of recoverable oil and gas reserves in oil and gas fields is integral to effective management of our exploration and production operations. Because of the subjective judgments involved in developing and assessing such information, engineering estimates of the quantities of recoverable oil and gas reserves in oil and gas fields are inherently imprecise and represent only approximate amounts.

Before estimated oil and gas reserves are designated as proved, certain engineering criteria must be met in accordance with industry standards and the regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Proved oil and gas reserves are the estimated quantities of crude oil and natural gas which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable

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certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. Therefore, these estimates do not include probable or possible reserves. Our proved reserve estimates are updated annually by independent, qualified and experienced oil and gas reserve engineering firms in the United States. Our oil and gas reserve engineering department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that these estimates are consistent with these authoritative guidelines. Among other factors as required by authoritative guidelines, this estimation takes into account recent information about each field, including production and seismic information, estimated recoverable reserves of each well, and oil and gas prices and operating costs as of the date the estimate is made. Prices include consideration of changes in existing prices provided only by contractual arrangements, but not on escalations based upon future conditions. Therefore, as prices and cost levels change from year to year, the estimate of proved reserves also changes. We have no costs of unproved properties capitalized in oil and gas properties.

Despite the inherent imprecision in these engineering estimates, estimated proved oil and gas reserve quantity has a direct impact on certain amounts reported in the financials statements. In addition to the capitalization of costs related to oil and gas properties on the balance sheet discussed earlier, estimated proved reserves also impact the calculation of depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses of oil and gas properties. The cost of oil and gas properties is amortized at the field level on the unit of production method. Unit of production rates are based on the total oil and gas reserves estimated to be recoverable from existing facilities based on the current terms of our production licenses. Our reserve estimates include only crude oil and natural gas which management believes can be reasonably produced within the current terms of the production licenses that are granted by the Ministry of Land and Resources, ranging from 30 years to 55 years from the effective date of issuance in March 2000, renewable upon application 30 days prior to expiration. Consequently, the impact of changes in estimated proved reserves is reflected prospectively by amortizing the remaining book value of the oil and gas property assets over the expected future production. If proved reserve estimates are revised downward, earnings could be affected by higher depreciation expense or an immediate write-down of the property's book value had the downward revisions been significant. See *Property, Plant and Equipment* below. Given our large number of producing properties in our portfolio, and the estimated proved reserves, it is unlikely that any changes in reserve estimates will have a significant effect on prospective charges for depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses.

In addition, due to the importance of these estimates to better understanding the perceived value and future cash flows of a company's oil and gas operations, we have also provided supplemental disclosures of proved oil and gas reserve estimates prepared in accordance with authoritative guidelines elsewhere in this annual report.

Property, Plant and Equipment

We record property, plant and equipment, including oil and gas properties, initially at cost less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization. Cost represents the purchase price of the asset and other costs incurred to bring the asset into existing use. Subsequent to their initial recognition, property, plant and equipment are carried at revalued amount, being the estimated fair value at the date of the revaluation less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluations are performed by independent qualified valuers on a periodic basis to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation surpluses realized through the depreciation or disposal of revalued assets are retained in the revaluation reserve and will not be available to offset against possible future revaluation losses. As disclosed in Note 18 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report, our property, plant and equipment, excluding oil and gas reserves, were revalued as of June 30, 1999. Subsequently, our refining and chemical production equipment and oil and gas properties were revalued as of September 30, 2003 and our oil and gas properties as of March 31, 2006.

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Depreciation, depletion and amortization to write off the cost or valuation of each asset, other than oil and gas properties, to its residual value is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of such asset as follows:

Buildings	20-40 years
Plant and machinery	10-25 years
Motor vehicles	7-15 years

We do not provide depreciation for construction in progress until it is completed and ready for use.

The useful lives of non-oil-and-gas properties are estimated at the time these purchases are made after considering future changes, business developments and our strategies. Estimated production lives for oil and gas properties are also made after considering the specific factors discussed under Oil and Gas Reserves above. Should there be unexpected adverse changes in these circumstances or events, which include, among others, declines in projected operating results and negative industry or economic trends we would be required to assess the need to shorten the useful lives and/or make impairment provisions.

In performing this impairment assessment, we review internal and external sources of information to identify indications of these unexpected adverse changes. The sources utilized to identify indications of impairment are often subjective in nature and require us to use judgment in applying such information to our businesses. Our interpretation of this information has a direct impact on whether an impairment assessment is performed as at any given balance sheet date. Such information is particularly significant as it relates to our oil and gas properties. If an indication of impairment is identified, the recoverable amount of each cash generating unit is estimated, which is the higher of its fair price net of selling cost and its value in use, which is the estimated net present value of future cash flows to be derived from the continuing use of the asset and from its ultimate disposal. To the extent the carrying amount of a cash generating unit exceeds the recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized in the income statement.

Depending on our assessment of the overall materiality of the asset under review and complexity of deriving reasonable estimates of the recoverable value, we may perform such assessment utilizing internal resources or we may engage external advisors to advise us in making this assessment. Regardless of the resources utilized, we are required to make many assumptions in making this assessment, including our utilization of such asset, plans to continue to produce and develop proved and associated probable or possible reserves, the cash flows to be generated based on assumptions for future commodity prices and development costs, appropriate market discount rates and the projected market and regulatory conditions. Changes in any of these assumptions could result in a material change to future estimates of the recoverable value of any asset.

Provision for Asset Decommissioning

Provision for future decommissioning and restoration is recognized in full upon the actual decommissioning and restoring of oil and gas properties. The amount recognized is the present value of the estimated future expenditure determined in accordance with local conditions and requirements. A corresponding addition to the related oil and gas properties of an amount equivalent to the provision is also created. This is subsequently depreciated as part of the capital costs of the oil and gas properties. Any change in the present value of the estimated expenditure other than the one due to passage of time which is regarded as interest cost, is reflected as an adjustment to the provision and oil and gas properties.

Impairment of Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized costs, using the effective interest method, less provisions made for the impaired

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receivables. Accounts where there are indications that a receivable may be impaired or not collectible, a provision would be recorded based on best estimates to reduce the receivable balance to the amount that is expected to be collected. Factors considered in making a provision include the historical payment and collection experience, debtors' credit worthiness and appropriate discount rates. The recording of provisions requires the application of judgments about the ultimate resolution of these accounts receivable. As a result, provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect our current best estimates.

Deferred Tax Assets

We are required to exercise considerable judgment in making provisions for deferred tax under the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax is provided for temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes. Specifically, we must make estimates of projected capital expenditures to be incurred and the resulting incremental timing difference that such capital expenditures would generate for the determination of the amount of temporary difference that will be recovered. We use currently enacted tax rates to determine deferred tax. If these rates change, we would have to adjust our deferred tax in the period in which these changes happen through the income statement.

The principal temporary differences arise from depreciation on oil and gas properties and equipment and provision for impairment of receivables, inventories, investments and property, plant and equipment. Deferred tax assets relating to the carry-forward of unused tax losses are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilized.

Revenue Recognition

Sales are recognized upon delivery of products and customer acceptance or performance of services, net of sales taxes and discounts. Revenues are recognized only when we have transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods in the ordinary course of business, and when the amount of revenue and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably and the collectibility of the related receivables is reasonably assured.

We sell part of the natural gas produced by us under take-or-pay contracts entered into with our customers. Customers who entered into such a take-or-pay contract are required to take or pay for the minimum amount of natural gas specified in the contract. Revenues from the sale and transportation of natural gas under take-or-pay contracts are recognized under the above accounting policies. Any advance payment for natural gas that has not been consumed will be recorded as deferred revenue until the natural gas has been actually consumed.

We entered into a Crude Oil Mutual Supply Framework Agreement with Sinopec, which can be characterized as a buy/sell contract, and recognized the revenue derived from this agreement in our consolidated statements of income. Since the transactions under the agreement are separately invoiced and settled and cannot be offset with each other, they were not treated as non-monetary transactions as defined in APB Opinion No. 29 Accounting for Non-monetary transactions. In February 2005, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission issued a letter to the oil and gas industry requesting additional disclosures regarding buy/sell contracts. Accordingly, we have reviewed such transactions and estimated that, if we are required to report the net amount of such buy/sell contracts, our reported amount in the line items of Sales and other operating revenues and Purchase, services and other for the year ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 would be reduced by RMB 2,217 million, RMB 1,384 million and RMB 2,119 million, respectively. No change will occur to our net income as a result of this.

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For detailed discussions of significant differences between IFRS and US GAAP, see Note 37 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report and the section headed "Other Information - US GAAP Reconciliation" below.

Acquisitions

In June 2005, we entered into a capital contribution agreement with CNODC, Central Asia Petroleum Co., Ltd. and CNPC E&D, whereby, in December 2005 we acquired a 50% interest in CNPC E&D, a subsidiary of CNODC, for a consideration of RMB 20,741 million which was paid to CNPC E&D as our capital contribution. Upon consummation of the transaction, we obtained a 50% interest in certain overseas oil and gas assets transferred by CNODC to CNPC E&D. We also entered into a transfer agreement, pursuant to which, in December 2005, we transferred all of our interest in PTRI to CNPC E&D for a consideration of RMB 579 million. See "Item 4 - Information on the Company - Introduction - History and Development of the Company - Overview of Our Operations."

Upon completion of the acquisition and transfer, we obtained control over CNPC E&D by having the right to appoint four of the seven directors. Our investment in CNPC E&D and the transfer of PTRI to CNPC E&D will be accounted for in a manner similar to a uniting of interests since these transactions are among entities under common control by CNPC. Our consolidated financial statements will be restated as if operations of PetroChina and CNPC E&D had always been combined.

We plan to continue to pursue attractive opportunities outside China as part of our business growth strategy to utilize both domestic and international resources to strengthen our competitiveness. As we continue to implement this strategy, we expect that acquisitions of overseas assets will over time have a material effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Pursuant to an acquisition agreement by and between our company and CNPC dated March 28, 2005, we acquired the refinery and petrochemical operations respectively owned by CNPC's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Dayuan and Qingyang, from CNPC for which we paid a cash consideration of RMB 9 million.

The acquisition is deemed a combination of entities under common control since we and the refinery and petrochemical operations of Dayuan and Qingyang are under the common control of CNPC. As a result, we have accounted for the acquisition in a manner similar to a uniting of interests, whereby the assets and liabilities of the refinery and petrochemical operations acquired are accounted for at historical cost to CNPC with net liabilities of RMB 183 million as at the effective date. Our prior years' consolidated financial statements were restated to give effect to the acquisition in these periods as if the operations of our company and these operations had always been combined in these periods. The difference between the RMB 9 million acquisition price and the net liabilities transferred from CNPC was adjusted against equity.

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made an offer to the holders of the A Shares of Jinzhou Petrochemical to acquire 150 million outstanding Jinzhou Petrochemical A Shares at the purchase price of RMB 4.25 per share. As of December 31, 2006, we acquired 141,497,463 Jinzhou Petrochemical A Shares, representing 17.97% of the total share capital of Jinzhou Petrochemical, for a total cash consideration of approximately RMB 602 million. After the acquisition, we own 98.92% of the total share capital of Jinzhou Petrochemical. Jinzhou Petrochemical was delisted from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on January 4, 2006 upon approval from the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made separate offers to the holders of the A Shares of Jilin Chemical and the holders of the H Shares of Jilin Chemical to acquire 200 million outstanding A Shares at the purchase price of RMB 5.25 per share, and 964.778 million outstanding H Shares (including ADSs) at the purchase price of HK\$2.80 per Share.

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As of December 31, 2006, we paid an aggregate of RMB 3,799 million and acquired 189,357,726 A Shares and 961,495,999 H Shares (including ADSs) of Jilin Chemical, representing 32.32% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Jilin Chemical. Following the completion of this acquisition, we owned 99.61% of the total share capital of Jilin Chemical. Jilin Chemical H Shares, A Shares and ADSs were delisted from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange on January 23, February 20 and February 15, 2006, respectively.

Pursuant to our board resolutions dated October 26, 2005, we made an offer to the holders of A Shares of Liaohe Jinma to acquire 200 million issued and outstanding Liaohe Jinma A Shares at the purchase price of RMB 8.80 per share. As of December 31, 2006, we acquired 194,360,943 Liaohe Jinma A Shares, representing 17.67% of the total share capital of Liaohe Jinma for a total consideration of approximately RMB 1,713 million. Following the completion of this acquisition, we own 99.49% of the total share capital of Liaohe Jinma. Upon the approval by China Securities Regulatory Commission, Liaohe Jinma was delisted from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on January 4, 2006.

On December 6, 2005, we entered into two separate purchase agreements with two wholly-owned subsidiaries of CNPC, Liaohe Petroleum Exploration Bureau and China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau, to acquire from the two companies a 15.56% equity interest and a 20.17% equity interest, respectively, in the Fuel Oil Company, a 55.43% subsidiary of our company, with a total cash consideration of RMB 559 million. The Fuel Oil Company principally engages in investing in and developing of fuel oil in the upstream and downstream areas outside the PRC. Upon completion of the above acquisitions, we increased our interest in the Fuel Oil Company to 91.16%.

In August 2006, CNPC E&D entered into an acquisition agreement to acquire a 67% equity interest in PetroKazakhstan Inc., or PKZ, from CNPC for a consideration of US\$2,735 million. This acquisition, completed in December 2006, has been accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. This acquisition increased the level of our oil and gas assets and streamlined our existing exploration and development operations in Kazakhstan.

In 2006, we acquired a 100% interest in an exploration block in Chad through CNPC E&D. This Chad Block covers an area of 220,000 square kilometers and a trap resource of more than 1,000 million barrels of crude oil and is currently one of our most important overseas exploration blocks.

Operating Results

The following discussion is based on our historical results of operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, such results of operations may not be indicative of our future operating performance.

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Our income statement for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 is summarized in the table below.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	in million RMB	in million RMB	in million RMB
Total revenues	397,354	552,229	688,978
Operating expenses	(246,216)	(360,058)	(491,002)
Income from operations	151,138	192,171	192,976
Exchange gain (loss), net	8	88	74
Interest expense, net	(1,523)	(838)	(1,154)
Income from equity affiliates and jointly controlled entities	1,621	2,401	2,277
Income before income taxes	151,244	193,822	199,173
Income taxes	(43,598)	(54,180)	(49,776)
(Income) loss attributable to minority interest	(3,803)	(6,280)	(7,173)
Net income	103,843	133,362	142,224

The table below sets forth our revenues by business segment for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 as well as the percentage changes in revenues for the periods shown.

	2004	2005	2005	2006	2006
			vs.		vs.
			2004		2005
(RMB in millions, except percentages)					
Sales and other operating revenues					
Exploration and production	233,948	337,208	44.1%	421,340	24.9%
Refining and marketing	296,427	428,494	44.6%	543,299	26.8%
Chemicals and marketing	57,179	73,978	29.4%	82,791	11.9%
Natural gas and pipeline	18,255	26,214	43.6%	38,917	48.5%
Other	0	0		1,080	
Total	605,809	865,894	42.9%	1,087,427	25.6%
Less intersegment sales	(208,455)	(313,665)	50.5%	(398,449)	27.0%
Consolidated net sales from operations	397,354	552,229	39.0%	688,978	24.8%

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The table below sets forth our operating profits by business segment for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, as well as the percentage changes in operating income for the periods shown. Other income from operations shown below consists of research and development, business services and infrastructure support to our operating business segments.

	2004	2005	2005 vs. 2004	2006	2006 vs. 2005
(RMB in millions, except percentages)					
Income (loss) from operations					
Exploration and production	130,213	208,080	59.8%	219,860	5.7%
Refining and marketing	11,891	(19,810)		(29,164)	
Chemicals and marketing	7,655	3,276	(57.2)%	5,058	54.4%
Natural gas and pipeline	2,535	3,183	25.6%	8,986	182.3%
Other	(1,156)	(2,558)	121.3%	(6,764)	
Total	151,138	192,171	27.1%	197,976	3.0%

Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005**Consolidated Results of Operation****Overview**

For the year ended December 31, 2006, our total revenue was RMB 688,978 million, representing an increase of 24.8% from the total revenue of RMB 552,229 for the year ended December 31, 2005. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 142,224 million, representing an increase of 6.6% from RMB 133,362 for the year ended December 31, 2005. Our basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to our shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 0.79, representing an increase of 5.3% from RMB 0.75 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Total Revenue. Total revenue increased 24.8% from RMB 552,229 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 688,978 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to the increases in the selling prices and sales volume of our principal products, including crude oil, natural gas and certain refined products. The average realized selling price for crude oil increased from US\$48.37 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2005 to US\$59.81 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 36.4% from RMB 360,058 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 491,002 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to (i) a 35.3% increase in purchases, services and other expenses, (ii) a 32.0% increase in employee compensation costs, (iii) a 19.7% increase in depreciation, depletion and amortization, (iv) a 18.3% increase in selling, general and administrative expenses and (v) a 20.9% increase in exploration expenses.

Purchases, Services and Other Expenses. Purchases, services and other expenses increased 35.3% from RMB 200,321 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 271,123 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to (i) an increase in the purchase cost of crude oil and other feedstock as a result of the increases in the purchase price and purchase volume of crude oil and other feedstock from external suppliers, as we purchased an aggregate of 22.22 million tons of crude oil and other feedstock at an average price of RMB 3,832 per ton in 2006, as compared to 18.98 million tons of crude oil and other feedstock at an average price of RMB 3,194 per ton in 2005; (ii) an increase in the purchase cost of refined products as a result of the increases in the purchase price and purchase volume of refined products from external suppliers, as we purchased 16.93 million tons of refined products at an average price of RMB 3,308 per ton in

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2006 as compared to 13.11 million tons of refined oil products at an average price of RMB 2,883 in 2005; and (iii) an increase in the lifting costs of oil and gas operations and the processing costs of our refineries as a result of the increases in prices of raw materials, fuel, electricity and other production materials as well as our expanded production scale. In addition, the increase in the purchase expenses also resulted from an increase in the refined product supply operation in 2006.

Employee Compensation Costs. Employee compensation costs increased 32.0% from RMB 29,675 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 39,161 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to an increase of RMB 7,278 million in the employees' salaries and benefits as a result of the improvement of our operating results and the expansion of our production scale and retail distribution network.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization. Depreciation, depletion and amortization increased 19.7% from RMB 51,305 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 61,388 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to an increase of RMB 8,220 million in the provision for depreciation, depletion and amortization that resulted from increases in the average balance of fixed assets and the average balance of oil and gas assets during 2006.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 18.3% from RMB 36,538 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 43,235 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This was primarily due to (i) an increase of RMB 3,050 million in transportation expenses that resulted from increases in railway freights and marine fuel prices and an increase in the sales volume of refined and petrochemical products, and (ii) an increase of RMB 1,065 million in research and development expenses as a result of intensified research and development efforts.

Exploration Expenses. Exploration expenses increased 20.9% from RMB 15,566 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 18,822 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to increased expenditures in exploration activities, for the purpose of increasing our crude oil and gas reserves, and an increase in the expensing of exploratory well costs.

Taxes other than Income Taxes. Taxes other than income taxes increased 139.9% from RMB 23,616 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 56,666 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to (i) a recorded levy of RMB 28,914 million to the PRC government as the PRC government commenced to impose a special levy on petroleum exploration enterprises such as our company from March 26, 2006; (2) an increase of RMB 1,510 million in consumption tax as a result of increased sales volume of gasoline and diesel and an expansion of the scope of consumption tax in the PRC in 2006; and (3) an increase of RMB 632 million in resource tax as a result of an increase in resource tax rates in the second half of 2005 and increased production volumes of crude oil and natural gas.

Income from Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 3.0% from RMB 192,171 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 197,976 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Net Exchange Gain. Net exchange gain decreased 15.9% from RMB 88 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 74 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease in the net exchange gain was primarily due to the appreciation of Renminbi against both the United States Dollar and the Japanese Yen, offset by the depreciation in Renminbi against both the Euro and the Pound Sterling.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expenses increased 37.7% from RMB 838 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 1,154 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily due to an increase of RMB 736 million in accretion expense, recognized as interest expense, in relation to asset retirement obligations.

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Income Before Income Taxes. Income before income taxes increased by 2.8% from RMB 193,822 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 199,173 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Income Taxes. Income taxes decreased 8.1% from RMB 54,180 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 49,776 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This decrease was primarily due to the reversal of a tax liability of RMB 4,401 million in relation to certain crude oil sales that were exempted from income tax prior to the establishment of our company in November 1999.

Net Income. As a result of the factors discussed above, net income increased 6.6% from RMB 133,362 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 142,224 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Exploration and Production

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 24.9% from RMB 337,208 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 421,340 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to increases in the prices and sales volumes of crude oil and natural gas. Our average realized selling price of crude oil in 2006 was US\$ 59.81 per barrel, representing an increase of US\$ 11.44 per barrel or 23.7% from US\$ 48.37 per barrel in the year ended December 31, 2005. In 2006, our exploration and production segment sold 832.8 million barrels of crude oil and 1,322.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas, representing an increase of 5.6% and 26.0% from 2005, respectively.

Intersegment sales revenue increased 25.3% from RMB 270,943 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 339,619 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was mainly due to an increase in the prices of crude oil and natural gas and an increase in the intersegment sales volume. In 2006, our revenue from sales of crude oil to Sinopec was RMB 33,682 million, representing an increase of 21.9% from 2005.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 56.0% from RMB 129,128 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 201,480 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to an increase of RMB 31,114 million in taxes other than income taxes, an increase of RMB 27,564 million in purchase expenses and an increase of RMB 7,021 million in depreciation, depletion and amortization.

Income from Operations. Income from operations increased 5.7% from RMB 208,080 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 219,860 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Refining and Marketing

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 26.8% from RMB 428,494 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 543,299 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was due primarily to increases in the selling prices and sales volume of our key refined products.

Sales revenue from gasoline increased 9.4% from RMB 110,438 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 120,771 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily due to a 19.3% increase in our average realized selling price from RMB 4,221 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 5,034 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2006, partially offset by a 8.3% decrease in the sales volume from 26.16 million tons for the year ended December 31, 2005 to 23.99 million tons for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Sales revenue from diesel increased 21.7% from RMB 176,999 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 215,459 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The average

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realized selling price of diesel increased 19.1% from RMB 3,702 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 4,409 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2006, resulting in an increase in revenue by RMB 34,544 million. The sales volume of diesel increased 2.2% from 47.81 million tons for the year ended December 31, 2005 to 48.86 million tons for the year ended December 31, 2006, resulting in an increase in revenue by RMB 3,916 million.

Sales revenue from kerosene increased 23.2% from RMB 7,480 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 9,219 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Intersegment sales revenue increased 35.7% from RMB 33,019 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 44,806 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily due to increases in the selling prices and changes in intersegment sales volume of key refined products.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 27.7% from RMB 448,304 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 572,463 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily due to an increase of RMB 80,650 million in purchase expenses of crude oil, other feedstock and refined products from external suppliers, and an increase of RMB 2,784 million in the selling, general and administrative expenses. In addition, the increase in our supply of refined products in 2006 also contributed to the increase in the operating expenses. In 2006, we purchased 775 million barrels of crude oil, representing an increase of 31 million barrels as compared with 2005. The average purchase price of crude oil in 2006 was RMB 494 per barrel, representing an increase of RMB 85 per barrel as compared with 2005. As a result, our expenses for purchased crude oil in 2006 were RMB 383,087 million, representing an increase of RMB 78,731 million as compared with 2005.

Loss From Operations. Loss from operations amounted to RMB 29,164 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, compared to RMB 19,810 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, primarily due to the fact that the price increase for crude oil in the international market exceeded that of refined products in the domestic market.

Chemicals and Marketing

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 11.9% from RMB 73,978 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 82,791 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily due to increases in the sales volumes and selling prices of certain chemical products. The average realized selling prices of polyethylene, polyester, styrene butadiene rubber and urea in 2006 increased 11%, 4%, 22% and 3%, respectively, from 2005. Our chemicals and marketing segment sold 13,562 thousand tons of chemical products for the year ended December 31, 2006, representing an increase of 3.4% from the year ended December 31, 2005.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 9.9% from RMB 70,702 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 77,733 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to the increase in purchase expenses for direct materials.

Income from Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 54.4% from RMB 3,276 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 5,058 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Natural Gas and Pipeline

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 48.5% from RMB 26,214 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 38,917 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to increases in the sales volume and selling prices of natural gas, as well as increases in the transmission volume and average transmission price of natural gas. Our natural gas and pipeline segment sold 1,200.5 billion cubic

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feet of natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2006, representing an increase of 35.1% from the year ended December 31, 2005. The selling price of natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2006 was US\$2.44 per thousand cubic feet, representing an increase of 15.1% from the year ended December 31, 2005. Our natural gas and pipeline segment transmitted 1,123 billion cubic feet of natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2006, representing an increase of 36.8% from the year ended December 31, 2005. The average natural gas transmission price in the year ended December 31, 2006 was US\$1.2 per thousand cubic feet, representing an increase of 24.7% from the year ended December 31, 2005.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 30.0% from RMB 23,031 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 29,931 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 due primarily to (i) an increase of RMB 5,155 million in purchase expenses of natural gas primarily as a result of the increase of 312 billion cubic feet in the natural gas purchase volume, as well as the increase of the average purchase price of natural gas from US\$1.8 per thousand cubic feet in 2005 to US\$1.9 per thousand cubic feet in 2006, and (ii) an increase of RMB 785 million in depreciation expenses.

Income from Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 182.3% from RMB 3,183 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 8,986 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004***Consolidated Results of Operation******Overview***

For the year ended December 31, 2005, our total revenue was RMB 552,229 million, representing an increase of 39.0% from the year ended December 31, 2004. Our net income in the year ended December 31, 2005 was RMB 133,362 million, increased 28.4% from the year ended December 31, 2004. Our basic and diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2005 was RMB 0.75, representing an increase of 27.1% from RMB 0.59 for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Total Revenue. Total Revenue increased 39.0% from RMB 397,354 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to 552,229 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase was primarily due to the increases in the sales prices and sales volume of the principal products, such as crude oil, gasoline and diesel, as well as increases in the sales volume of natural gas. The average realized selling price for crude oil increased 43.4% from US\$33.72 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2004 to US\$48.37 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 46.2% from RMB 246,216 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 360,058 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to (i) a 75.3% increase in purchases, services and other expenses, (ii) a 29.4% increase in employee compensation costs, (iii) a 28.8% increase in exploration expenses, (iv) a 6.1% increase in depreciation, depletion and amortization and (v) a 29.1% increase in selling expenses and in general and administrative expenses.

Purchases, Services and Other Expenses. Purchases, services and other expenses increased 75.3% from RMB 114,249 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 200,321 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to (i) increases in the processing volume at our refineries and the increase of crude oil prices, as we purchased 157 million barrels of crude oil, 15.7 million tons of refined products and 1,706 thousand tons of chemical products in 2005, as compared to 121.8 million barrels of crude oil, 12.0 million tons of refined products and 990 thousand tons of chemical products in 2004; the average purchase price of the crude oil in 2005 was RMB 423 per barrel, representing a 30.6% increase from 2004, (ii) increases in the prices of other raw materials such as water and electricity, and (iii) the

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expansion of our production scale. The increase in our refined product supply operation in 2005 also contributed to the increase in purchase, services and other expenses.

Employee Compensation Costs. Employee compensation costs increased 29.4% from RMB 22,934 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 29,675 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 4,992 million in salaries and other benefits with the improvement of our operating results and an increase in labor costs as a result of the expansion of our retail distribution network.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization. Depreciation, depletion and amortization increased 6.1% from RMB 48,362 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 51,305 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 4,020 million in the allocation of depreciation and depletion expenses as a result of the increase in the average balance of the assets, and a decrease of RMB 1,720 million in the depreciation expenses as a result of fixed asset disposals and a decrease in the provisions for impairment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 29.1% from RMB 28,302 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 36,538 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 2,580 million in transportation expenses as a result of our increased sales volume of refined products and the increased railway transportation price, as well as an increase of RMB 720 million in repair expenses and lease expenses.

Exploration Expenses. Exploration expenses increased 28.8% from RMB 12,090 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 15,566 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to increased expenditures in exploration activities for the purpose of increasing our crude oil and gas reserves.

Taxes Other than Income Taxes. Taxes other than income taxes increased 18.4% from RMB 19,943 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 23,616 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 1,309 million in consumption tax as a result of increased sales volume of gasoline and diesel, an increase of RMB 951 million in resources compensation fees as a result of increased revenues from crude oil and natural gas, as well as an increase of RMB 504 million in resources tax as a result of the government's upward adjustment to the tax rate.

Income From Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 27.1% from RMB 151,138 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 192,171 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Net Exchange Gain. Net exchange income increased from RMB 8 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 88 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to the appreciation of RMB in 2005.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense decreased 45.0% from RMB 1,523 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 838 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This decrease was due primarily to a decrease of RMB 134 million in the interest expenses resulted from the decrease in the average outstanding balance of interest-bearing debts and an increase of RMB 551 million in the interest income as a result of sufficient cashflow derived from operating activities.

Income Before Income Taxes. Income before income taxes increased 28.2% from RMB 151,244 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 193,822 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

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Income Taxes. Income taxes increased 24.3% from RMB 43,598 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 54,180 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to the increase in the taxable income.

Net Income. As a result of the factors discussed above, net income increased 28.4% from RMB 103,843 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 133,362 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Exploration and Production

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 44.1% from RMB 233,948 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 337,208 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to increases in the price and sales volume of crude oil, as well as an increase in sales volume of natural gas. Our average realized selling price of crude oil for the year ended December 31, 2005 was US\$48.37 per barrel, representing an increase of US\$14.65 per barrel or 43.4% from US\$33.72 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2004. In 2005, we sold 788.8 million barrels of crude oil, representing an increase of 21.5 million barrels as compared with 2004. Our exploration and production segment sold 1,049.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2005, as compared to 810.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2004.

Intersegment sales increased 50.4% from RMB 180,129 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 270,943 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to an increase in the price of crude oil and an increase of intersegment sales volume of crude oil and natural gas. Sales of crude oil to Sinopec increased 14.9% from 24,053 million in 2004 to 27,640 million in 2005 as a result of the increase in the price of crude oil.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 24.5% from RMB 103,735 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 129,128 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to (i) an increase of RMB 13,543 million in purchase expenses, and (ii) an increase of RMB 3,822 million in exploration expenses resulting from the increase of the investment in the hydrocarbon exploration for the purpose of increasing hydrocarbon reserve, and (iii) an increase of RMB 3,221 million in salaries and other benefits.

Income From Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 59.8% from RMB 130,213 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 208,080 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Refining and Marketing

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 44.6% from RMB 296,427 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 428,494 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to increases in the prices and the sales volumes of our products.

Sales revenue from gasoline increased 43.6% from RMB 76,919 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 110,438 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The average realized selling price of gasoline increased 19.2% from RMB 3,542 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 4,221 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2005, which contributed RMB 17,763 million to the increase of gasoline sales revenue. We sold approximately 26,160 thousand tons of gasoline for the year ended December 31, 2005, representing an increase of 20.5% from approximately 21,710 thousand tons for the year ended December 31, 2004, which contributed RMB 15,756 million to the increase of gasoline sales revenue.

Sales revenue from diesel increased 29.5% from RMB 136,649 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 176,999 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The average realized selling price of diesel increased 17.0% from RMB 3,165 per ton for the year ended

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December 31, 2004 to RMB 3,702 per ton for the year ended December 31, 2005, which contributed RMB 25,674 million to the increase of diesel sales revenue. Sales volume of diesel increased from 43,180 thousand tons for the year ended December 31, 2004 to 47,810 thousand tons for the year ended December 31, 2005, representing an increase of 10.7%, which contributed RMB 14,676 million to the increase of diesel sales revenue.

Sales revenue from kerosene increased 27.2% from RMB 5,881 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 7,480 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Intersegment sales revenue increased 51.0% from RMB 21,862 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 33,019 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to increases in the prices and intersegment sales volume of our principal products.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 57.6% from RMB 284,536 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 448,304 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to (i) an increase of RMB 141,600 million in purchasing crude oil and refined oil, and (ii) an increase of RMB 5,354 million in sales and administrative expenses. In 2005, we purchased 744 million barrels of crude oil, representing an increase of 58 million barrels as compared with 2004. The average purchase price of crude oil was RMB 409 per barrel, which was an increase of RMB 116 per barrel as compared with 2004. As a result, our expenses for purchased crude oil in 2005 were RMB 304,400 million, representing an increase of RMB 103,200 million as compared with 2004. In addition, the increase in our sales volume of refined products in 2005 also contributed to the increase in the operating expenses.

Loss From Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, in the year ended December 31, 2005 we suffered a loss of RMB 19,810 million from operations while in the year ended December 31, 2004 we realized an income of RMB 11,891 million from operations, due primarily to the fact that, in 2005, the price increase of crude oil exceeded that of refined oil products in China.

Chemicals and Marketing

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 29.4% from RMB 57,179 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 73,978 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to increases in the prices and sales volumes of chemical products. The average realized selling prices of polyethylene, polyester, styrene butadiene rubber and urea in 2005 increased 13.9%, 3.4%, 9.6% and 17.4%, respectively, from 2004. Our chemicals and marketing segment sold 13,113 thousand tons of chemical products for the year ended December 31, 2005, representing an increase of 10.5% from the year ended December 31, 2004.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 42.8% from RMB 49,524 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 70,702 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to an increase of RMB 11,892 million in the purchase expenses of direct materials and an increase of RMB 782 million in the sales and administrative expenses.

Income From Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations decreased 57.2% from RMB 7,655 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 3,276 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 due primarily to the increase in the prices of the raw materials.

Natural Gas and Pipeline

Sales and Other Operating Revenue. Sales and other operating revenue increased 43.6% from RMB 18,255 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 26,214 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to increases in the sales volume and selling price of natural gas, as well as increases in the transmission volume and transmission price of natural gas.

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Our natural gas and pipeline segment sold 888.81 billion cubic feet natural gas in the year ended December 31, 2005, representing an increase of 231.51 billion cubic feet from 657.3 billion cubic feet in the year ended December 31 2004, which resulted in an increase in sales revenue of RMB 4,020 million. In 2005, our average realized selling price of natural gas was US\$2.12 per thousand cubic feet, representing an increase of US\$0.09 as compared with 2004. The increase of RMB 2,848 million in our income from pipeline transmission of natural gas in 2005 was attributable to an increase in the pipeline transmission volume of natural gas from 616.0 billion cubic feet in 2004 to 820.9 billion cubic feet in 2005, and an increase in the transmission price of natural gas from RMB 5.6 per thousand cubic feet in 2004 to RMB 7.7 per thousand cubic feet in 2005.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased 46.5% from RMB 15,720 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 23,031 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to (i) an increase of RMB 3,479 million in purchase expenses of natural gas primarily as a result of the increase of 235.1 billion cubic feet in the natural gas purchase volume, as well as the increase of the average purchase price of natural gas from RMB 14.6 per thousand cubic feet in 2004 to RMB 14.7 per thousand cubic feet in 2005, and (ii) an increase of RMB 1,833 million in depreciation expenses.

Income From Operations. As a result of the factors discussed above, income from operations increased 25.6% from RMB 2,535 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 3,183 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of funding include cash generated by operating activities and short-term and long-term borrowings. Our primary uses of funds were for operating activities, acquisitions, capital expenditures, repayment of short-term and long-term borrowings and distributions of dividends to shareholders. Our payments to CNPC are limited to dividends and payments for services provided to us by CNPC. In the year ended December 31, 2006, we distributed as dividends 45% of our reported net income. We expect that we will continue to distribute as dividends approximately 40% to 50% of our reported net income for all years. See Item 8 Financial Information Dividend Policy for a discussion of factors which may affect the determination by our board of directors of the appropriate level of dividends.

We finance a significant portion of our business operations with short-term borrowings, including short-term debt obtained from PRC State-owned banks. As of December 31, 2006, short-term debt comprised approximately 5.2% of our capital employed as compared to approximately 4.7% as of December 31, 2005. Our financing ability may be limited by our financial condition, our results of operations and the international and domestic capital markets. Prior to accessing the international and domestic capital markets, we must obtain approval from the relevant PRC government authorities. In general, we must obtain PRC government approval for any project involving significant capital investment for our refining and marketing, chemicals and marketing and natural gas and pipeline segments. For a more detailed discussion of factors which may affect our ability to satisfy our financing requirements, see Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors .

We plan to fund the capital and related expenditures described in this annual report principally through cash generated by operating activities, short-term and long-term borrowings and cash and cash equivalents. Net cash generated by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 198,102 million. As of December 31, 2006, we had cash and cash equivalents of RMB 48,559 million. While each of the projects described in this annual report for which significant capital expenditures will be required is important to our future development, we do not believe that failure to implement any one of these projects would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. If the price of crude oil undergoes a steep decline in the future, it is likely that we would delay or reduce the scale of the capital expenditures for our exploration and production segment.

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Our shareholders approved at our shareholders meeting held on May 28, 2003 the proposed issuances of our corporate bonds in the principal amount of up to RMB 1,500 million and RMB 4,000 million to PRC citizens and enterprises. Upon the grant of PRC government approval, we issued a portion of these corporate bonds in the principal amount of RMB 1,500 million in October 2003. We received RMB 1,500 million in net proceeds from this issuance. We used the proceeds received from the issuance of these corporate bonds for various crude oil and natural gas exploration projects in a number of our oil and gas regions, as well as for upgrading refining facilities in Daqing Petrochemical and constructing the natural gas pipeline from Zhong County to Wuhan City. We issued another portion of these corporate bonds in the principal amount of RMB 2,000 million in October 2006. We received RMB 2,000 million in net proceeds from this issuance. We used the proceeds received from the issuance of these corporate bonds for various crude oil and natural gas exploration projects in a number of our oil and gas regions, as well as for the construction of supporting facilities to transmit natural gas from our Southwest Oil and Gas Field to eastern China and upgrading PTA (Pure Terephthalic Acid) and raw materials facilities in Liaoyang PetroChemical. In addition, we consider from time to time opportunities to fund our capital needs by accessing the domestic equity capital markets.

We currently do not have any outstanding options, warrants or other rights for any persons to require us to issue any common stock at a price below its market value. We do not currently intend to issue any such rights or to otherwise issue any common stock for a price below its market value.

In addition, we did not have for the year ended December 31, 2006, and do not currently have, any transactions, arrangements or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons that are reasonably likely to materially affect the liquidity or availability of or requirements for our capital resources.

The table below sets forth our cash flows for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and our cash equivalents at the end of each period.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	(RMB in millions)		
Net cash generated by operating activities	141,691	203,885	198,102
Net cash used for investing activities	(102,276)	(91,576)	(158,451)
Net cash used for financing activities	(39,586)	(42,634)	(71,739)
Currency translation difference	246	(458)	(258)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	11,688	80,905	48,559

Our cash and cash equivalents decreased by 40.0% from RMB 80,905 million as of December 31, 2005 to RMB 48,559 million as of December 31, 2006.

Cash Generated by Operating Activities

Our net cash generated by operating activities was RMB 198,102 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, representing a decrease of RMB 5,783 million from RMB 203,885 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, due primarily to an increase of RMB 6,657 million in income tax paid during the year ended December 31, 2006.

We had a working capital deficit of RMB 17,657 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, compared with a working capital balance of RMB 22,057 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This decrease in working capital was due primarily to (i) a payment of approximately RMB 21,376 million for the acquisition of the 67% equity interest of PKZ, and (ii) an increase of RMB 14,922 million in the dividends we distributed to our shareholders.

Our net cash flow generated by operating activities was RMB 203,885 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, representing an increase of RMB 62,194 million from RMB 141,691 million for

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the year ended December 31, 2004, due primarily to an increase of RMB 31,996 million in income for the year and an increase of RMB 22,089 million in our accounts payable.

We had a working capital balance of RMB 22,057 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared with the working capital deficit of RMB 8,272 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. This increase in working capital balance was due primarily to (i) the increase in our cash and cash equivalents as a result of a substantial increase of RMB 154,875 million in our sales revenue and (ii) an increase of RMB 15,356 million in inventory, as a result of the expansion of our sales and an increase in the purchase price.

Our notes and other receivables include notes receivable from customers. Other receivables represent advances to employees, non-trade related receivables from other companies, and receivables from government agencies. Allowance for doubtful accounts were primarily related to other receivables which we estimated to be uncollectible. Our notes receivable do not include past due customer amounts and, as a majority portion of our notes receivable are approved by banks, we do not have special arrangements with respect to extended payment terms on notes receivable.

Cash Used for Financing Activities

Our net borrowings as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were as follows:

	December 31,		
	2004	2005	2006
	(RMB in millions)		
Short-term debt (including current portion of long-term debt)	34,937	28,689	35,763
Long-term debt	44,648	44,570	35,634
Total debt	79,585	73,259	71,397
Less:			
Cash and cash equivalents	11,688	80,905	48,559
Time deposits with term exceeding three months within one year	1,425	1,691	3,012
Investments in Collateralized Loans	33,217	235	
Time deposits exceeding one year	3,751	3,428	2,499
Net debt	29,504	(13,000)	17,327

See Note 24 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report for information regarding the maturity profile of debt, currency and interest rate structure.

The debts which were guaranteed by CNPC amounted to RMB 756 million, RMB 674 million and RMB 597 million in the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. CNPC and we have undertaken to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange that we will continue to, on a best endeavor basis, approach each lender with respect to these guaranteed debts with a view toward obtaining the unconditional release of such guarantees.

Of the total debts outstanding as of December 31, 2006, approximately 29.3% were fixed-rate loans and approximately 70.7% were floating-rate loans. Of the total debts outstanding as of December 31, 2006, approximately 74.0% were denominated in Renminbi, approximately 24.8% were denominated in the U.S. dollar and approximately 1.2% were denominated in other major foreign currencies.

Our debts included short-term and long-term debts owed to China Petroleum Finance Company Limited of RMB 29,932 million, RMB 27,319 million and RMB 27,184 million in the three years ended December 31,

2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The amount of such short-term debts in the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 4,351 million, RMB 520 million and RMB 320 million, respectively. The amount of such long-term debts in each of the three years ended

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December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 25,581 million, RMB 26,799 million and RMB 26,864 million, respectively. These debts were unsecured with interest at below the prime rate as published by the People's Bank of China. We also maintain a portion of our deposits at China Petroleum Finance Company Limited at the same deposit interest rate for commercial banks published by the People's Bank of China.

Our net cash used for financing activities increased 68.3% from RMB 42,634 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 71,739 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase resulted primarily from the following:

an increase in the distribution of dividends leading to an increase of RMB 14,922 million in cash outflow; and

our follow-on offering of H shares in 2005 leading to an increase of RMB 19,692 million in cash inflow while no such financing activity occurred in 2006.

Our net cash used for financing activities increased 7.7% from RMB 39,586 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 42,634 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase resulted primarily from the following:

a decrease in new long-term debts leading to a decrease of RMB 2,939 million in cash inflow;

an increase in the repayment of short-term debts leading to an increase of RMB 10,667 million in cash outflow; and

an increase in the distribution of dividends leading to an increase of RMB 19,339 million in cash outflow; These changes were offset primarily by the following:

our follow-on offering of H shares leading to an increase of RMB 19,692 million in cash inflow.

an increase in new short-term debts leading to an increase of RMB 3,906 million in cash inflow; and

a decrease in the repayment of long-term debts leading to a decrease of RMB 9,156 million in cash outflow.

As at December 31, 2006, our debts consisted of RMB 359 million secured loans, most of which were secured by our assets and time deposits with a term longer than one year.

Our debt to capital employed ratio (calculated by dividing interest-bearing debts by the aggregate of interest-bearing debts and shareholder's equity) as of December 31, 2006 was 10.4%, as compared to 11.9% as of December 31, 2005.

Capital Expenditures and Investments

Our net cash used for investing activities includes capital expenditures and investments, offset by proceeds from the sale of assets and dividends received. The table below sets forth our capital expenditures and investments (including non dry hole exploration expenses) by business segment for each of the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 as well as those anticipated for the

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year ending December 31, 2007. Actual capital expenditures and investments for periods after January 1, 2007 may differ materially from the amounts indicated below.

	2004		2005		2006		2007 anticipated	
	(RMB in millions)	%	(RMB in millions)	%	(RMB in millions)	%	(RMB in millions)	%
Exploration and production	70,217	66.06	92,233	68.92	114,520	72.44	127,200	64.34
Refining and marketing	17,684	16.64	16,454	12.30	19,206	12.15	28,000	14.16
Chemicals and marketing	4,319	4.06	13,569	10.14	10,681	6.76	16,000	8.09
Natural gas and pipeline	13,901	13.08	11,137	8.32	11,309	7.15	18,000	9.10
Corporate and other	174	0.16	427	0.32	2,358	1.50	8,500	4.31
Total	106,295	100.0	133,820	100.0	158,074	100.0	197,700	100.0

Our capital expenditures and investments increased 18.1% from RMB 133,820 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 158,074 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 22,287 million in capital expenditures and investments in the exploration and production segment and an increase of RMB 2,752 million in capital expenditures in the refining and marketing segment, which were partially offset by a decrease of RMB 2,888 million in capital expenditures in the chemicals and marketing segment. Taking into account the exclusion of the investments relating to the non-dry hole exploration expenses, our capital expenditures for the years ended 2004, 2005 and 2006 would have been RMB 98,946 million, RMB 124,801 million and RMB 148,746 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2006, the capital expenditures contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognized in our consolidated financial statements were approximately RMB 9,193 million.

Exploration and Production

A majority of our capital expenditures and investments relate to our exploration and production segment. Our capital expenditures and investments in this segment for the year ended December 31, 2006 totaled RMB 114,520 million, including RMB 29,809 million for exploration activities and RMB 75,050 million for development activities. Our capital expenditures and investments for the segment for the year ended December 31, 2005 totaled RMB 92,233 million, including RMB 25,518 million for exploration activities and RMB 59,113 million for development activities. The increase in our capital expenditures and investments from the year ended December 31, 2005 to the year ended December 31, 2006 was primarily due to the increased capital expenditures for oil and natural gas exploration activities as a part of our efforts to achieve a stable production of crude oil in eastern regions, a rapid development of our operations in western regions and an expedited development of our natural gas business. In addition, we also increased our capital expenditures for safety and environmental protections for this segment in 2006. Taking into account the exclusion of the investments relating to the non-dry hole exploration expenses, the capital expenditures of our exploration and production segment for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 would have been RMB 62,868 million, RMB 83,214 million and RMB 105,192 million, respectively.

Our anticipated capital expenditures and investments for our exploration and production segment for the year ending December 31, 2007 amount to RMB 127,200 million. Approximately RMB 32,000 million is expected to be used for exploration activities and approximately RMB 95,200 million for development activities. We plan to focus our exploration and development efforts in Erdos, Junggar, Tarim, Songliao, Sichuan, Bohai Bay and Qaidam basins.

Refining and Marketing

Our capital expenditures for our refining and marketing segment for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 17,684 million, RMB 16,454 million and

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RMB 19,206 million, respectively. The increase in 2006 is due primarily to an increase of RMB 4,034 million in our investment in the construction of refining facilities. In addition, we also increased the capital expenditures for safety production protection for this segment in 2006.

Our anticipated capital expenditures for our refining and marketing segment for the year ending December 31, 2007 amount to RMB 28,000 million, which include:

approximately RMB 20,000 million for the construction and expansion of our refining facilities; and

approximately RMB 8,000 million for the construction of our service stations and retail facilities for finished oil products.

Chemicals and Marketing

Our capital expenditures for our chemicals and marketing segment for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 4,319 million, RMB 13,569 million and RMB 10,681 million, respectively. Lower capital expenditures in 2006 were primarily due to the completion and commencement of commercial production of the upgrades and expansion of the ethylene production facilities in Jilin Petrochemical and Lanzhou Petrochemical in 2006.

Our anticipated capital expenditures for our chemicals and marketing segment for the year ending December 31, 2007 amount to RMB 16,000 million, which mainly include capital expenditures for the ethylene facilities in Dushanzi Petrochemical and Fushun Petrochemical.

Natural Gas and Pipeline

Our capital expenditures for our natural gas and pipeline segment for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 13,901 million, RMB 11,137 million and RMB 11,309 million, respectively.

Our anticipated capital expenditures for our natural gas and pipeline segment for the year ending December 31, 2007 amount to approximately RMB 18,000 million, to be used for increasing transmission capacity of the West-East Gas Pipeline, the construction of underground natural gas storage facilities and the construction of pipelines for crude oil and refined products. See Item 4 Information on the Company Natural Gas and Pipeline Expansion of Our Natural Gas Transmission and Marketing Business for a more detailed discussion of the expansion plans of our natural gas and pipeline segment.

Other

Our non-segment-specific capital expenditures and investments for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were RMB 174 million, RMB 427 million and RMB 2,358 million, respectively. Since we started from January 1, 2006 to include capital expenditures and investments for certain research and development activities, which were previously included in the capital expenditures of our four operational segments, in our non-segment-specific capital expenditures, our expenditures for this category increased significantly in 2006.

Our anticipated non-segment-specific capital expenditures and investments for the year ending December 31, 2007 amount to RMB 8,500 million. These planned capital expenditures and investments mainly include capital expenditures for scientific research activities and the construction of the ERP information system.

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There are no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

All information that is not historical in nature disclosed under Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Long-Term Contractual Obligations and Other Commercial Commitments and Payment Obligations is deemed to be a forward looking statement. See Forward Looking Statements for additional information.

Long-Term Contractual Obligations and Other Commercial Commitments and Payment Obligations

The tables below set forth certain information in connection with our long-term contractual obligations and other commercial commitments outstanding as of December 31, 2006.

Payment due by period

Contractual obligations	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	After 5 years
(RMB in millions)					
Long-term debt	56,241	20,607	18,211	4,035	13,388
Capital lease obligations	0	0	0	0	0
Operating leases	94,780	3,099	5,463	6,142	80,076
Capital commitments	9,193	4,871	4,315	3	4
Unconditional purchase obligations	1,412.1	1,063.2	274.1	28.4	46.4
Other long-term obligations	0	0	0	0	0
Total contractual cash obligations	161,626.1	29,640.2	28,263.1	10,208.4	93,514.4

Amount of commitment expiration per period

Other commercial commitments	Total amounts committed	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	Over 5 years
(RMB in million)					
Lines of credit	0	0	0	0	0
Standby letters of credit	0	0	0	0	0
Guarantees	203	87	49	22	45
Total commercial commitments	203	87	49	22	45

We are obligated to make annual payment with respect to our exploration and production licenses to the Ministry of Land and Resources. The table below sets forth the estimated amount of the annual payments in the future five years:

Year	Annual payment (RMB in millions)
2007	750

2008	780
2009	800
2010	850
2011	900

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We sell a substantial portion of our natural gas under long-term take-or-pay contracts. Under these contracts, the customers are required to take or pay, and we are obligated to deliver, minimum quantities of natural gas annually.

As of December 31, 2006, our future minimum delivery commitments under such take-or-pay contracts are as follows:

	Quantities
	(billion of cubic feet)
2007	720
2008	885
2009	943
2010	1,002
2011	1,050
2012 and thereafter	10,460

Oil-and-Gas Assets Retirement Obligation

Before the issuance of two provincial regulations, *The Environmental Protection Regulation for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities in Heilongjiang Province* and *The Environmental Protection Regulation for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Activities in Gansu Province*, which set forth specific abandonment and disposal processes for oil and gas exploration and production activities in 2005, our company was neither legally obligated to, nor was our company under the constructive obligation, to take any abandonment measures for its retired oil and gas properties located in China. In 2005, our company established standard abandonment procedures, including plugging all retired wells, dismantling all retired metering stations and other related facilities and performing site restoration, in response to the issuance of two provincial regulations which set forth specific abandonment and disposal processes for oil and gas exploration and production activities. As a result, our company became legally obligated to take abandonment measures for its retired oil and gas properties located in the two provinces where the new regulations were enacted, and is under the constructive obligation to take abandonment measures for its retired oil and gas properties located in other provinces where comparable regulations were not enacted. An obligation of RMB 3,589 million was recorded in 2006 and did not have a material impact on our financial condition.

Research and Development

We have a research and development management department, directly under which there are three research institutions. Except for our branch companies which are engaged in marketing activities, each of our branch companies has its own research and development management department. Most of our branch companies have their own research institutions. Our research and development management departments are mainly responsible for managing and coordinating the research and development activities conducted by each of the research institutions. As of December 31, 2006, we had 22,035 employees engaged in research and development functions.

In 2006, we applied for 423 patents and 135 trademarks in China and 499 trademarks in other countries. We were granted patent rights for 259 patents in China in the same year.

In each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, our total expenditures for research and development were approximately RMB 2,977 million, RMB 3,195 million and RMB 4,260 million, respectively.

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Exploration and Production

Most of China's major oil and gas fields are characterized by a broad range of geological conditions, and a majority of China's oil and gas fields are in continental sedimentary basins with complex structures. Our research and development efforts with respect to our exploration and production business focus on:

geological structures of crude oil and natural gas reserves;

oil and gas exploration and development;

oil and gas production and pipeline transportation; and

energy conservation and environment protection.

Refining and Chemicals

In order to organize and coordinate our research and development activities related to our refining and chemicals businesses, we established PetroChina Refining & Chemicals Technology Research Center in July 2003. In order to enhance our competitiveness and develop core technologies, we have integrated the resources of our down-stream scientific research and development. In April 2006, we expanded PetroChina Refining & Chemicals Technology Research Center and renamed it to PetroChemical Research Institute to carry out our research and development of technologies for refining and chemicals. In the meantime, we have integrated the research and development resources of our local petrochemical companies, and established four research and development centers in Lanzhou Petrochemical, Daqing Petrochemical, Jilin Petrochemical and Liaoyang Petrochemical.

Trend Information

Streamlining of Production Facilities

We plan to continue to streamline our production facilities within the next several years to further improve our operating efficiency and competitiveness by consolidating or shutting down some of our production facilities. We do not believe that the implementation of such plans will have a material adverse impact on our financial position, although we believe that it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations because we would be required under our accounting policies to recognize in our income statement any impairment loss or impairment provision associated with shutting down our production facilities. See **General Critical Accounting Policies** and **General Factors Affecting Results of Operations** above for a detailed discussion of other trend information.

Other Information

Inflation

Inflation or deflation has not had a significant impact on our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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Non-Exchange Traded Contracts

We did not engage for the year ended December 31, 2006, and do not currently engage, to a material extent, in any trading activities involving commodity contracts that are accounted for at fair value but for which a lack of market price quotations makes it necessary to apply fair value estimation techniques.

Related Party Transactions

For a discussion of related party transactions, see Item 7 Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Related Party Transactions and Note 35 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report.

Recent IFRS

As we prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, any adoption of new standards or amendment or interpretation to existing standards, when effective, may affect our consolidated results of operation, consolidated financial position and consolidated cash flows.

The following standard and interpretations to existing standards, which are relevant to our operations, have been published and are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after May 1, 2006. We did not adopt such standard or interpretations as of December 31, 2006:

The IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and the complementary Amendment to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements Capital Disclosures, introduces new disclosures relating to financial instruments. We do not expect this standard to have any impact on the classification or valuation of our financial instruments.

The IFRIC Interpretation 10, Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment, prohibits impairment losses, recognized in an interim period, relating to goodwill, investments in equity instruments and investments in financial assets carried at cost to be reversed at a subsequent balance sheet date. We will adopt IFRIC Interpretation 10 from January 1, 2007, but do not expect it will have any impact on our consolidated financial statements.

US GAAP Reconciliation

We prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS. This basis of accounting may differ from US GAAP. Such differences involve methods for measuring the amounts shown in the financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by US GAAP.

A summary of the principal differences and additional disclosures applicable to us is set out below:

Acquisition of PKZ

As described in Note 19 to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report, we acquired a 67% equity interest in PKZ from CNPC International limited (CNPCI), a subsidiary of CNPC, for a consideration of RMB 21,376 million. The acquisition was completed on December 28, 2006, when we paid the consideration for the acquisition to CNPCI. As both CNPCI and our company are under common control by CPNC, our acquisition of the 67% equity interest in PKZ has been accounted for in a manner similar to pooling of interest under US GAAP accounting and the US GAAP financial data reflects the acquisition since PKZ was first acquired by CNPCI on October 26, 2005.

On December 15, 2006, PKZ paid to CNPCI a dividend of RMB 3,044 million and was recorded as a deemed distribution to CNPCI.

Table of Contents***Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment***

As described in Note 18 to the consolidated financial statements, the property, plant and equipment, excluding oil and gas reserves, transferred to our company by CNPC were appraised as of June 30, 1999, as required by the relevant PRC regulations, by a firm of independent valuers registered in the PRC, China Enterprise Appraisal. In September 2003, our company's refining and chemical production equipment was revalued by a firm of independent valuers registered in the PRC, China United Assets Appraiser Co., Ltd, on a depreciated replacement cost basis. In March 2006, our company's oil and gas properties were revalued by two independent valuers, China United Assets Appraiser Co., Ltd and China Enterprise Appraisals, on a depreciated replacement cost basis.

The June 1999 revaluation resulted in RMB 80,549 million in excess of the prior carrying value and a revaluation loss of RMB 1,122 million on certain property, plant and equipment.

The September 2003 revaluation resulted in RMB 872 million in excess of the carrying value of certain property, plant and equipment immediately prior to the revaluation and a revaluation loss of RMB 1,257 million.

The March 2006 revaluation did not result in significant differences from the carrying value of our oil and gas properties.

The depreciation charge, which includes impairment charge, on the revaluation surplus from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 was RMB 3,828 million, from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 was RMB 6,528 million, and from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 was RMB 8,170 million.

The depreciation charge, which includes impairment charge, on the revaluation loss from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 was RMB Nil, from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 was RMB 149 million, and from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 was RMB 830 million.

The loss on disposal of revalued property, plant and equipment, which includes shut down of manufacturing assets, from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 was RMB 287 million, from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 was RMB 432 million, and from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 was RMB 523 million.

For purposes of reconciling to the US GAAP financial data, the effect of the revaluation, the related depreciation charges and loss on disposal is reversed. A deferred tax asset relating to the reversal of the effect of revaluation in 1999 is established, together with a corresponding increase in the shareholders' equity. Under a special approval granted by the Ministry of Finance, the effect of the revaluation in 1999 is available as additional depreciation base for purposes of determining taxable income.

One-time Compensatory Payments for Staff Housing

The Ministry of Finance of the PRC issued several public notices and regulations during the years ended December 31, 2000 and 2001 with respect to the one-time compensatory payments for staff housing payable to certain employees who joined the workforce prior to December 31, 1998 and have housing conditions below local standards as determined in accordance with government regulations and guidelines. These Ministry of Finance notices and regulations also provided that the portion of remedial payments attributable to the periods prior to a restructuring of the employer enterprise from a wholly state-owned status to a less than wholly state-owned status is to be borne by the state shareholder of the enterprise.

The restructuring that resulted in the formation of CNPC group took place in November 1999. As such, the one-time compensatory housing payments payable to the eligible employees of our company are to be borne by the state shareholder of our company.

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Under IFRS, such direct payments to employees or reimbursements will not be recorded through the consolidated profit and loss account of CNPC. US GAAP contains no such exemption but requires this principal shareholder's action on behalf of our company to be recorded in the consolidated profit and loss account. In the last quarter of year 2002, our company and CNPC completed the process of estimating the amount payable to qualified employees of our company. This amount, RMB 2,553 million, was reflected in determining net income of CNPC for the year ended December 31, 2002, under US GAAP. Since this amount is borne by CNPC, a corresponding amount has been included as an addition to the other reserves in the shareholders' equity of our company. There were no significant changes in this estimate during 2005 and 2006.

Minority Interest

In accordance with the revised IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* and IAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*, minority interest becomes part of the profit for the year and total equity of our company, whereas under US GAAP, it is respectively excluded from the net income and shareholders' equity of our company. In addition, the reconciling item also includes the impact of minority interest's share of the revaluation gain and loss, on the property, plant and equipment of non-wholly owned subsidiaries and minority interest arising as a result of the acquisition of 67% equity interest in PKZ through a non-wholly owned subsidiary of our company, to net income and shareholders' equity under US GAAP.

Purchase from Minority Interest of Listed Subsidiaries

As described in Note 39 to the consolidated financial statements, our company acquired certain outstanding A shares from the minority interest of Jinzhou Petrochemical Company Limited (JPCL) and Liaohe Jinma Oilfield Company Limited (LJOCL) and certain A shares and H shares (including ADSs) from the minority interest of Jilin Chemical Industrial Company Limited (JCC). Under IFRS, our company applies a policy of treating transactions with minority interest as transactions with equity participants of our company. Therefore, the assets and liabilities of JPCL, LJOCL and JCC additionally acquired by our company from minority interest were recorded by our company at cost. The difference between the company's purchase cost and the book value of the interests in JPCL and LJOCL acquired by our company from minority interest was recorded in equity. Under US GAAP, the acquisition of additional minority interest is accounted for under purchase method. Assets and liabilities additionally acquired were restated to fair value and the difference of purchase cost over fair value of the minority interest acquired and identified intangible assets was recorded as goodwill. Additional depreciation charge for the assets restated to fair value was recorded.

Recent US Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2005, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) reached consensus on Issue No. 04-13, *Accounting for Purchases and Sales of Inventory with the Same Counterparty* (EITF 04-13) which requires two or more inventory purchase and sales transactions with the same counterparty that are entered into in contemplation of one another to be combined for purposes of applying Opinion 29, *Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions*. The Task Force also agreed that an entity should disclose the amount of revenue and costs (or gains and losses) associated with inventory exchanges recognized at fair value. EITF 04-13 should be applied to new arrangements entered into, or modifications or renegotiations of existing arrangements, beginning in the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after March 15, 2006 and early application is permitted in periods for which financial statements have not been issued. Our company did not early adopt EITF 04-13 and does not expect the adoption of EITF 04-13 to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In June 2006, EITF issued No. 06-3, *How Sales Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement* (EITF 06-3).

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EITF 06-3 requires disclosure of the presentation of taxes on either a gross or a net basis as an accounting policy decision. The provisions of EITF 06-3 are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2006, and early application is permitted. Our company did not early adopt EITF 06-3 and does not expect the adoption of EITF 06-3 to have a material impact on the presentation of our financial statements.

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for recognizing, measuring, presenting and disclosing in the financial statements uncertain tax positions that an enterprise has taken or expects to take in its tax returns. The provisions of FIN 48 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Earlier adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an enterprise's fiscal year, provided the enterprise has not yet issued financial statements, including financial statements for any interim period, for that fiscal year. The cumulative effect of applying the provisions of this Interpretation should be reported as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for that fiscal year. Our company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 48.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS157), which defines fair value, establishes guidelines for measuring fair value and expands disclosures regarding fair value measurements. FAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements but rather eliminates inconsistencies in guidance found in various prior accounting pronouncements. FAS 157 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and all interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is permitted if the entity has not issued interim or annual financial statements for that fiscal year. Our company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FAS 157 but does not expect the adoption of which to have a material effect on our company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In September 2006, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) released SAB No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements (SAB 108). SAB 108 provides interpretive guidance on the SEC's views on the consideration of effects of prior year misstatements in quantifying current year misstatements for the purpose of determining whether the current year's financial statements are materially misstated. The provisions of SAB 108 are effective for fiscal years ending after November 15, 2006. The application of SAB 108 did not have any material effect on our company's consolidated financial position, and results of operations.

Quantitative Disclosure Relating to US GAAP and IFRS***Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005***

Net income. Net income under US GAAP increased 6.0% from RMB 137,866 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 to RMB 146,087 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 9,755 million in the net income under IFRS as discussed in Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects – Operating Results.

Shareholders' equity. Shareholders' equity under US GAAP increased 12.6% from RMB 510,141 million as of December 31, 2005 to RMB 574,470 million as of December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to the net income of RMB 146,087 million under US GAAP, which was partially offset by the payment of (i) the final dividend of RMB 32,282 million for the year of 2005 and (ii) the interim dividend of RMB 36,307 million for the year of 2006.

Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004

Net income. Net income under US GAAP increased 26.4% from RMB 109,051 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to RMB 137,866 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

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This increase was due primarily to an increase of RMB 31,996 million in the net income under IFRS as discussed in Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Operating Results .

Shareholders equity. Shareholders equity under US GAAP increased 25.8% from RMB 405,573 million as of December 31, 2004 to RMB 510,141 million as of December 31, 2005. This increase was due primarily to the net income of RMB 137,866 million under US GAAP, which was partially offset by the payment of (i) the final dividend of RMB 25,936 million for the year of 2004 and (ii) the interim dividend of RMB 27,731 million for the year of 2005.

Environmental Expenses and Capital Expenditures

We paid pollutant discharge fees of approximately RMB 182 million, RMB 199 million and RMB 211 million respectively, in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Our capital expenditures on environmental programs in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were approximately RMB 1,345 million, RMB 1,633 million and RMB 4,634 million, respectively. On November 13, 2005, an explosion occurred at our branch company in Jilin Province. The Chinese government completed its investigation of this accident in December 2006, and we paid a fine of RMB 1 million in settlement of all liabilities arising from the accident.

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ITEM 6 DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES
Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors

Our board of directors currently consists of twelve directors, three of whom are independent non-executive directors. The directors are elected at a meeting of our shareholders for a term of three years. The directors may be re-elected and re-appointed upon the expiration of his/her term of office. The functions and duties conferred on the board of directors include:

convening shareholders meetings and reporting its work to the shareholders meetings;

implementing the resolutions of the shareholders meetings;

determining our business plans and investment plans;

formulating our annual budget and final accounts;

formulating our proposals for dividend and bonus distributions and for the increase or reduction of capital; and

exercising other powers, functions and duties as conferred by our articles of association.

Seven of the directors are currently affiliated with CNPC or an affiliate of CNPC.

The PRC Company Law requires a joint stock company with limited liability to establish a supervisory committee. This requirement is reflected in our articles of association. The supervisory committee is responsible for monitoring our financial matters and overseeing the actions of our board of directors and our management personnel. The supervisory committee consists of seven supervisors, six of whom are elected, including four shareholders representatives and two independent supervisors, and may be removed, by the shareholders in a general meeting and one of whom is an employees representative who is elected by our staff, and may be removed, by our staff. Three of our supervisors are affiliated with CNPC. The term of office of our supervisors is three years. The supervisors may be re-elected and re-appointed upon the expiration of his/her term of office. An elected supervisor cannot concurrently hold the position of a director, manager or financial controller. The functions and powers conferred on the supervisory committee include:

attending board meetings;

examining our financial affairs;

examining balance sheets, profit and loss accounts, business reports, dividend distribution proposals and other financial information proposed at shareholders general meetings by the directors from time to time; and

overseeing the actions of our board of directors and our senior management personnel in carrying out their duties.

In the event that any action of our directors adversely affects our interests, supervisors shall confer with or initiate legal proceedings against such directors on our behalf. A resolution proposed at any meeting of the supervisory committee shall be adopted only if it is approved by two-thirds or more of our supervisors.

Our senior management is appointed by and serves at the discretion of our board of directors.

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The following table sets forth certain information concerning our current directors, supervisors and executive officers.

Name	Age	Position	Date of election⁽¹⁾
Chen Geng	60	Chairman of the board of directors	May 18, 2004
Jiang Jiemin	51	Vice Chairman of the board of directors and President	May 18, 2004
Duan Wende	55	Director and Senior Vice President	May 18, 2004
Zheng Hu	60	Director	May 26, 2006
Zhou Jiping	54	Director	May 18, 2004
Wang Yilin	50	Director	November 8, 2005
Zeng Yukang	56	Director	November 8, 2005
Gong Huazhang	60	Director	November 8, 2005
Jiang Fan	43	Director	November 8, 2005
Chee-Chen Tung	64	Independent non-executive director	November 8, 2005
Liu Hongru	76	Independent non-executive director	November 8, 2005
Franco Bernabè	58	Independent non-executive director	May 26, 2006
Li Huaqi	57	Secretary to the board of directors	
Wang Guoliang	54	Chief Financial Officer	
Liao Yongyuan	44	Vice President	
Jia Chengzao	58	Vice President	
Hu Wenrui	57	Vice President	
Wang Fucheng	56	Chairman of the supervisory committee	
Wen Qingshan	48	Supervisor	
Sun Xianfeng	54	Supervisor	
Xu Fengli	59	Supervisor	
Qin Gang	53	Supervisor	
Li Yongwu	62	Independent supervisor	
Wu Zhipan	50	Independent supervisor	

(1) For directors only.

Directors

Chen Geng, aged 60, is Chairman of the Board of our company. Mr Chen is a senior economist and holds a college degree. He has nearly 40 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Chen was appointed Deputy Director of Changqing Petroleum Exploration Bureau in October 1983, Deputy Director of the Labor Department under the Ministry of Petroleum Industry in April 1985, Director of the Labor Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation from August 1988, Assistant to the General Manager of China National Petroleum Corporation in December 1993, Deputy General Manager of China National Petroleum Corporation in September 1997, Deputy Director of the State Petroleum and Chemical Industry Bureau in March 1998, Deputy General Manager of CNPC in February 2001, and the General Manager of CNPC from April 2004 to November 2006. Mr Chen was appointed as a Director of our company in June 2001. He was the President of our company from December 2002 to May 2004. He became the Chairman of our company in May 2004.

Jiang Jiemin, aged 51, is the Vice Chairman, President of our company and the General Manager of CNPC. Mr Jiang is a senior economist and holds a master's degree. Mr Jiang has over 30 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. He was made Deputy Director of the

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Shengli Petroleum Administration Bureau in March 1993, Senior Executive of the Qinghai Petroleum Administration Bureau in June 1994 and Director of Qinghai Petroleum Administration Bureau in November 1994, and Assistant to the General Manager and Team Leader for the Restructuring and Listing Preparatory Team of CNPC in February 1999, and a Director and Vice President of our company in November 1999. Mr Jiang was appointed Deputy Provincial Governor of the Qinghai Province since June 2000, was made a member of the provincial party committee of the Qinghai Province and Deputy Provincial Governor of Qinghai in November 2000, and the deputy secretary of the provincial party committee of Qinghai Province and Deputy Provincial Governor of Qinghai in June 2003. Mr Jiang became the Vice Chairman and President of our company in May 2004 and the General Manager of CNPC in November 2006.

Duan Wende, aged 55, is a Director and Senior Vice President of our company. He is a senior engineer and holds a master's degree. He has over 35 years of working experience in China's petrochemical industry. From April 1975, Mr Duan was the Deputy Factory Manager of Fushun Chemical Fibers Factory, the Commander of the Fushun Ethylene Project Command Division, Deputy Factory Manager of the ethylene factory, the Factory Manager of the acrylic fibers factory and the Factory Manager of the detergent factory. He was made Deputy Manager of Fushun Petrochemical Corporation in May 1997 and Manager in May 1999. He was made General Manager of PetroChina Fushun Petrochemical Company in October 1999. He had been an Assistant to the General Manager of CNPC since August 2001. He had been a Vice President of our company since March 2002. He has been a Director of our company since May 2004. He has been a Senior Vice President of our company since November 2005.

Zheng Hu, aged 60, is a Director of our company and a Deputy General Manager of CNPC. Mr Zheng is a senior engineer and holds a college degree. He has nearly 40 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. From May 1990, Mr Zheng was the Vice Chancellor of Beijing Petroleum Managers Training Institute. From July 1992, Mr Zheng worked as Deputy General Manager of China Petroleum Materials and Equipment (Group) Corporation and concurrently as General Manager of China Petroleum Technology Development Corporation. Mr Zheng was appointed Director of Personnel and Labour Department of CNPC in September 1999. He has been a Director of our company since June 2000, and a Deputy General Manager of CNPC since August 2000.

Zhou Jiping, aged 54, is a Director of our company and a Deputy General Manager of CNPC. Mr Zhou is a senior engineer and holds a master's degree. He has over 35 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. In November 1996, he was appointed Deputy Director of the International Exploration and Development Cooperation Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation and Deputy General Manager of China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation. In December 1997, he was appointed General Manager of China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation and Deputy Director of the International Exploration and Development Cooperation Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation. Since August 2001, he was Assistant to the General Manager of CNPC and General Manager of China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation. Since December 2003, Mr Zhou has been a Deputy General Manager of CNPC. Mr Zhou was appointed a Director of our company in May 2004.

Wang Yilin, aged 50, is a Director of our company and a Deputy General Manager and the Safety Director of CNPC. Mr Wang is a senior engineer and holds a doctor's degree. He has nearly 25 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Wang had been the Deputy Director and Chief Exploration Geologist of Xinjiang Petroleum Administration Bureau since June 1996. He was appointed as the General Manager of the Xinjiang Oilfield Branch of our company in September 1999. He had been the Senior Executive of Xinjiang Petroleum Administration Bureau and the General Manager of the Xinjiang Oilfield Branch of our company since June 2001. From July 2003 onwards, he had been the Assistant to General Manager of CNPC, Senior Executive of Xinjiang Petroleum Administration Bureau and the General Manager of Xinjiang Oilfield Branch of our company concurrently. In December 2003, he was appointed Deputy General Manager of CNPC and

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Senior Executive of Xinjiang Petroleum Administration Bureau and the General Manager of Xinjiang Oilfield Branch of our company concurrently. From May 2004, he ceased to work as the Senior Executive of Xinjiang Petroleum Administration Bureau and the General Manager of the Xinjiang Oilfield Branch of our company. From July 2004 onwards, he had also worked as the Safety Director of CNPC. He has been a Director of our company since November 2005.

Zeng Yukang, aged 56, is a Director of our company and a Deputy General Manager of CNPC. Mr Zeng is a senior economist and holds a college degree. He has nearly 40 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Zeng had been the Senior Executive of the Exploration and Development Institute of Daqing Petroleum Administration Bureau since December 1996. From February 2000 onwards, he was appointed as the Standing Deputy Director of Daqing Petroleum Administration Bureau. Since March 2001, he had been the Director of Daqing Petroleum Administration Bureau. Since November 2002, he had been the Assistant to the General Manager of CNPC. From September 2005 onwards, he has been a Deputy General Manager of CNPC. He has been a Director of our company since November 2005.

Gong Huazhang, aged 60, is a Director of our company and the General Accountant of CNPC. Mr Gong is a senior accountant and has over 40 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Gong worked as Chief Accountant, Deputy Director and Director of the Finance Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation from 1991. He had been the Director of Finance and Assets Department of CNPC since October 1998 and has been the General Accountant of CNPC since February 1999. Mr Gong has been a Director of our company since November 1999.

Jiang Fan, aged 43, is a Director of our company and the General Manager of Dalian Petrochemical Company. Mr Jiang is a senior engineer and holds a master's degree. He has over 20 years of working experience in China's petrochemical industry. Mr Jiang was appointed as the Deputy Manager of Dalian Petrochemical Company since December 1996. In September 1999, he was appointed as the Deputy General Manager of Dalian Petrochemical Company. In February 2002, he became the General Manager of Petrochina Dalian Petrochemical Company. Mr Jiang has been a Director of our company since November 2005.

Independent Non-executive Directors

Chee-Chen Tung, aged 64, is an independent non-executive Director of our company. Mr Tung is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orient Overseas (International) Limited. He was educated at the University of Liverpool, England, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He later acquired a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States. He served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Shipowners' Association between 1993 and 1995. From 1999 to 2001, he was the Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. He is an independent non-executive director of Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd., BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited, Sing Tao News Corporation Limited, Wing Hang Bank Limited and Cathay Pacific Airways Limited, and a member of the Hong Kong Port Development Board. Mr Tung is also the Chairman of the Institute for Shipboard Education Foundation, the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Academic Center of the University of Pittsburgh and the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University. Mr Tung has been an independent non-executive Director of our company since November 5, 1999.

Liu Hongru, aged 76, is an independent non-executive Director of our company. Mr Liu graduated from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Moscow in 1959 with an associate Doctorate's degree. Mr Liu worked as Vice Governor of the Agricultural Bank of China, Vice-Governor of the People's Bank of China, Deputy Director of the State Economic Restructuring Committee, and the Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission. Mr Liu is currently the Chairman of the China Foundation for Development of Financial Education and the Chairman of the Capital Market Research Institute. Mr Liu is also a professor at the Peking University, the

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Postgraduate School of the People's Bank of China and the City University of Hong Kong. Mr Liu serves as an independent non-executive director or non-executive director in three listed companies in Hong Kong, and possesses the accounting or financial management qualification required under the Listing Rules. Mr Liu was appointed as an independent Supervisor of our company in December 1999. Upon his resignation from this post, he has been an independent non-executive Director of our company since November 19, 2002.

Franco Bernabè, aged 58, is an independent non-executive Director of our company. Mr Bernabè is the Chairman of the Franco Bernabè Group and Vice Chairman of H3G. He is also a Vice Chairman of Rothschild Europe. He is a former CEO of ENI and of Telecom Italia. He has also served as a special representative of the Italian government for the reconstruction of the Balkan region. Mr Bernabè joined ENI in 1983 to become an assistant to the chairman; in 1986 he became director for development, planning and control; and between 1992 and 1998 was the Chief Executive Officer of ENI. Mr Bernabè led the restructuring program of the ENI Group, making it one of the world's most profitable oil companies. Between 1998 and 1999, Mr Bernabè was the Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Italia. Prior to his joining ENI, Mr Bernabè was the head of economic studies at FIAT. Mr Bernabè was a senior economist at the OECD Department of Economics and Statistics in Paris. Earlier he was a professor of economic politics at the School of Industrial Administration, Turin University. Mr Bernabè has been an independent non-executive Director of our company since June 30, 2000.

Secretary to the Board of Directors

Li Huaqi, aged 57, is the Secretary to the Board of Directors of our company. Mr Li is a senior economist. He has over 35 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Li once worked in the Daqing Oilfield, the Liaohe Oilfield and the Huabei Oilfield and in the Nanhai Petroleum Company. From June 1992, Mr Li worked as Deputy Director and Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation successively. From October 1998, Mr Li was appointed as Director of the International Co-operation Department (Foreign Affairs Bureau) of CNPC. Mr Li has been the Secretary to the Board of Directors of our company since August 2001.

Other Senior Management Personnel

Wang Guoliang, aged 54, is Chief Financial Officer of our company. Mr Wang is a senior accountant and holds a master's degree. Mr Wang has 25 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Wang worked as the Vice President of China Petroleum Finance Company Limited from October 1995. From November 1997, he was the Deputy General Manager and General Accountant of China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Exploitation Corporation. Mr Wang had been the Chief Financial Officer of our company since November 1999. From November 1999 to March 2002, he was also the General Manager of our company's Finance Department.

Liao Yongyuan, aged 44, is the Vice President of our company. Mr Liao is a master's degree holder and a senior engineer. He has nearly 25 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. He was Deputy Director of the New Zone Exploration and Development Department of China National Petroleum Corporation from June 1996, the Standing Deputy Commander and then Commander of Tarim Petroleum Exploration and Development Headquarters from November 1996. He was the General Manager of Tarim Oilfield Branch Company from September 1999, and also Deputy Director of Gansu Provincial Economic and Trade Committee from October 2001. He has worked as the Assistant to the General Manager of CNPC since January 2004 and has been concurrently the Head of Coordination Team for Oil Enterprises in Sichuan and Chongqing and Director of Sichuan Petroleum Administration since April 2004. He has been a Vice President of our company since November 2005.

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Jia Chengzao, aged 58, is a Vice President of our company. Mr Jia is a Doctorate degree holder, a senior engineer and a fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He has over 25 years of working experience in China's oil and geological industry. From August 1994, Mr Jia worked as the Deputy Chief Geologist, the Chief Geologist and Deputy Commander of the Tarim Petroleum Exploration and Development Headquarters. From February 1998 to July 2000, he worked as a Vice President of the China Oil Exploration and Exploitation Scientific Research Institute of CNPC. From September 1999, Mr Jia worked as the Deputy General Manager of the Tarim Oilfield Branch of our company. He has been the Chief Geologist of our company from July 2000. Mr Jia also served as the President of the China Oil Exploration and Exploitation Research Institute from December 2002 to October 2006. Mr Jia has been a Vice President of our company since November 2005.

Hu Wenrui, aged 57, is a Vice President of our company. Mr Hu is a senior engineer and has over 35 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. From April 1984, Mr Hu was Manager of Changqing Oilfield No. 2 Oil Extraction Plant. He had been Deputy Director of Changqing Petroleum Exploration Bureau since April 1989, Standing Deputy Director since November 1996, and eventually Director of Changqing Petroleum Exploration Bureau since April 1999. From September 1999, he was the General Manager of Changqing Oilfield Branch Company. He has been the General Manager of our company's Exploration and Production Branch since December 2002. Mr Hu has been a Vice President of our company since November 2005.

Supervisors

Wang Fucheng, aged 56, is the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee. Mr Wang is a senior economist and holds a bachelor's degree. Mr Wang has over 40 years of working experience in China's oil and gas industry. From August 1986, Mr Wang worked as Senior Executive of the Shengli Petroleum Administration Bureau. Since December 1992, Mr Wang had worked as Senior Executive of the Liaohe Petroleum Administration Bureau. Since November 1997, Mr Wang had worked as Director of the Liaohe Petroleum Administration Bureau. Since October 1999, Mr Wang had been the General Manager of the Liaohe Oilfield Branch of our company. Mr Wang was appointed as a Director of our company in June 2000 and was appointed as the Vice President of our company in July 2000. Prior to the appointment as Supervisor of our company, Mr Wang resigned from his office as Director of our company. Mr Wang has been the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of our company since November 2005.

Wen Qingshan, aged 48, is a Supervisor of our company and the Director of the Finance and Assets Department of CNPC. Mr Wen is a senior accountant and holds a master's degree. He was the Deputy Chief Accountant of the Finance and Assets Department of CNPC from November 1998, Deputy Director of the Finance and Assets Department of CNPC from May 1999 and Director of the Finance and Assets Department of CNPC from May 2002. He has been a Supervisor of our company since November 2002.

Sun Xianfeng, aged 54, is a Supervisor of our company and the Director of the Audit Department and the Audit Services Centre of CNPC. Mr Sun holds a college degree. Mr Sun worked as Deputy Director of the Supervisory Bureau of China National Petroleum Corporation from November 1996, and was transferred to the Eighth Office of the State Council Compliance Inspectors' General Office (Supervisory Committee of Central Enterprises Working Commission) as its temporary head in June 1998. He had been the Deputy Director of the Audit Department of CNPC from October 2000 and has been the Director of the Audit Services Centre from December 2000. He had been the Director of the Audit Department of CNPC and the Director of the Audit Service Centre from April 2004. He has been a Supervisor of our company since May 2004.

Xu Fengli, aged 59, is a Supervisor and General Manager of the Audit Department of our company. Mr Xu is a senior accountant and has nearly 35 years of work experience in China's petrochemical industry. Mr Xu was appointed as the Chief Accountant of Fushun Petrochemical Corporation in November 1995, Deputy Director of the Finance and Assets Department of CNPC in

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November 1998, Deputy General Manager of the Finance Department of our company in December 1999, and Director of the Administrative Office of the Supervisory Committee of our company in October 2003. He has been a Supervisor of our company since May 2004 and the General Manager of the Audit Department of our company since November 2005.

Qin Gang, aged 53, is an employee representative of our company's Supervisory Committee and a Senior Executive of Tarim Oilfield Branch of our company. Mr Qin is a senior engineer and has nearly 35 years of experience in China's oil and gas industry. Mr Qin had acted as a Deputy Commander of Tarim Petroleum Exploration and Development Headquarters since November 1997 and a Deputy General Manager of Tarim Oilfield Company since September 1999. From June 2000, Mr Qin worked as the Senior Executive of Tarim Southwest Company concurrently. Since July 2002, Mr Qin has worked as an executive and the Chairman of Labour Union of PetroChina Tarim Oilfield Company. Mr Qin has been a Supervisor of our company since November 2005.

Li Yongwu, aged 62, is an independent Supervisor of our company. Mr Li is a senior engineer and holds a bachelor's degree. In June 1991, Mr Li was appointed as the Director of Tianjin Chemicals Bureau. In July 1993, he was appointed as the Director of Tianjin Economic Committee. He was elected as the Vice Minister of the PRC Ministry of Chemical Industry in April 1995. He became Director of the State's Petroleum and Chemical Industry Bureau since March 1998. In April 2001, he was appointed as a Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central Government at the Special Administrative Region of Macau. In December 2004, he was appointed as the Vice President of China Petroleum and Petrochemical Industry Association. In May 2005, he became the Chairman of China Petroleum and Petrochemical Industry Association. Mr Li has been an Independent Supervisor of our company since November 2005. In 2003, he was elected as a standing member of the Tenth Chinese People's Consultative Conference.

Wu Zhipan, aged 50, is an independent Supervisor of our company. Mr Wu is a holder of doctor's degree. Mr Wu is currently the Vice Chancellor of the Peking University. He is also an expert consultant of the Supreme People's Court of the PRC, an arbitrator of the Arbitration Panel of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and President of the China Economic Law Research Societies. Mr Wu has been an independent Supervisor of our company since December 1999.

Table of Contents**Compensation****Senior Management Compensation System**

Our senior management compensation system links our senior management members' financial interests, including those of our executive directors and our supervisors, with our results of operations and the performance of our shares. All of our senior management members have entered into performance contracts with us. Under this system, the senior management members' compensation has three components, namely, fixed salaries, performance bonuses and stock appreciation rights. The variable components in their compensation account for approximately 70% to 75% of our senior management officers' total potential compensation, including up to 25% forming the performance bonus component and approximately 50% to 70% forming the stock appreciation rights component. Variable compensation rewards are linked to the attainment of specific performance targets, such as net income, return on capital and cost reduction targets. The chart below sets forth the components of the total potential compensation for key officers.

	% Fixed salary	% Stock appreciation rights	% Performance bonus
Chairman	30	70	0
President	25	60	15
Vice President	25	60	15
Department GM	25	50	25

We have granted stock appreciation rights to 300 persons, including members of the board of directors and the supervisory committee, president, vice presidents and departmental managers, general managers and deputy general managers of specialized companies and local subsidiaries. Upon exercise of these stock appreciation rights, members of the senior management will not receive any of our shares, but will, by way of stock appreciation rights, receive a monetary sum that is calculated on the basis of the price of our H shares. In 2006, none of the directors and senior management exercised any of the stock appreciation rights granted to them. Since companies are not permitted to repurchase and hold their own shares for offering stock options under current PRC law, we expect to calculate our book gains and losses on the basis of share prices and in accordance with stock appreciation rights measures and make cash payment of such compensations.

Directors and Supervisors Compensation

Our directors and supervisors, who hold senior management positions or are otherwise employed by us, receive compensation in the form of salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind, including our contribution to the pension plans for these directors and supervisors.

The aggregate amount of salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind paid by us to the five highest paid individuals of PetroChina during the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 3,303,929. We paid RMB 133,110 as our contribution to the pension plans in respect of those individuals in the year ended December 31, 2006.

The aggregate amount of salaries or other compensation, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind paid by us to our directors, who hold senior management positions or are otherwise employed by us, during the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 3,223,043.

Save as disclosed, no other payments have been paid or are payable, in respect of the year ended December 31, 2006, by us or any of our subsidiaries to our directors. In addition, we have no service contracts with our directors that provide for benefits to our directors upon the termination of their employment with us.

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In 2006, we paid RMB 162,830 as our contribution to the pension plans in respect of our directors and supervisors, who hold senior management positions or are otherwise employed by us. The aggregate amount of salaries or other compensation, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind paid by us to our supervisors, who hold senior management positions or are otherwise employed by us, during the year ended December 31, 2006 was RMB 714,423.

Board Practices

Our board of directors has four principal committees: an audit committee, an investment and development committee, an evaluation and remuneration committee and a health, safety and environment committee.

Audit Committee

Our audit committee is currently composed of three non-executive independent directors, Mr. Franco Bernabè, Mr. Chee-Chen Tung and Mr. Liu Hongru, and one non-executive director, Mr. Gong Huazhang. Mr. Franco Bernabè serves as the chairman of the committee. Under our audit committee charter, the chairman of the committee must be an independent director and all resolutions of the committee must be approved by independent directors. The audit committee's major responsibilities include:

supervising the integrity of financial reporting process to ensure fair, transparent and true financial disclosure;

evaluating the effectiveness of the internal control and risk management framework;

inspecting and supervising the effectiveness of the internal audit functions;

reviewing and supervising the engagement and work of external auditors, including evaluating the performance of external auditors annually and raising proposals together with the supervisory committee to the shareholders meetings with respect to the engagement, re-engagement and dismissal of external auditors and the compensation of such external auditors;

receiving, keeping and dealing with complaints regarding accounting, internal control or auditing matters.

receiving and dealing with anonymous submissions and complaints by employees regarding accounting or auditing matters, and keeping such submission and complaints confidential, and other duties provided in the Listing Rules from time to time.

Investment and Development Committee

The current members of our investment and development committee are Mr. Zhou Jiping and Mr. Wang Yilin, as member of the committee. The former chairman of the investment and development committee, Mr. Su Shulin, resigned as a Director of our company in November 2006. The investment and development committee's major responsibilities include:

studying strategic action plans as proposed by our President and making recommendations to the board of directors;

studying the annual investment budget and the adjustment proposal regarding the investment plan as proposed by our President and making recommendations to the board of directors; and

reviewing preliminary feasibility studies and feasibility studies for material investment projects requiring approval of the board of directors and making recommendations to the board of directors.

Table of Contents**Evaluation and Remuneration Committee**

The current members of our evaluation and remuneration committee are Mr. Liu Hongru, as chairman of the committee, Mr. Zheng Hu and Mr. Chee-Chen Tung, as member of the committee. The evaluation and remuneration committee's major responsibilities include:

managing the performance evaluations for our President and submitting report to our board and monitoring performance evaluations led by our President for Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Chief Financial Officer and other senior management personnel;

studying our incentive plan, compensation plan and stock appreciation rights plan, supervising and evaluating the implementation of these plans and making recommendations for improvements to and perfection of such plans.

Health, Safety and Environment Committee

The current members of our health, safety and environment committee are Duan Wende, as chairman of the committee, Mr. Zeng Yukang and Mr. Jiang Fan, as member of the committee. The health, safety and environment committee's major responsibilities include:

supervising the effective implementation of our Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Plan;

making recommendations to the board of directors and our President for major decisions with respect of health, safety and environmental protection;

inquiring the occurrence of and responsibilities for material accidents and supervising the remedial measures of material accidents.

Employees

As of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, we had 424,175, 439,220 and 446,290 employees, respectively. The table below sets forth the number of our employees by business segment as of December 31, 2006.

	Employees	% of total
Exploration and production	247,442	55.44
Refining and marketing	118,504	26.55
Chemicals and marketing	61,152	13.70
Natural gas and pipeline	15,496	3.47
Other ⁽¹⁾	3,696	0.84
Total	446,290	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Including the numbers of employees of the management of our headquarters, specialized companies, PetroChina Exploration & Development Research Institute, PetroChina Planning & Engineering Institute, Petrochemical Research Institute and other units.

Our employees participate in various retirement benefit plans organized by municipal and provincial governments whereby we are required to make monthly insurance contributions to these plans at rates ranging from 16% to 22% of the employees' salary. Expenses incurred by us in connection with the retirement benefit plans were approximately RMB 2,476 million, RMB 3,104 million and RMB 4,645 million, respectively, for the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

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In 2006, we have not experienced any strikes, work stoppages, labor disputes or actions which affected the operation of any of our businesses. We consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Share Ownership

Our directors, senior officers and supervisors do not have share ownership in PetroChina or any of PetroChina's affiliates. We have granted stock appreciation rights relating to our H shares to our directors, senior officers and supervisors. Upon exercise of these stock appreciation rights, members of the senior management will not receive any of our shares, but will, by way of stock appreciation rights, receive a monetary sum which is calculated on the basis of the price of our H shares. Because the relevant PRC laws limit the ownership of the H shares of a company incorporated under the PRC laws to only non-PRC nationals, and companies are not permitted to repurchase and hold their own shares for offering stock appreciation rights under current PRC law, our directors, senior officers and supervisors do not hold our H shares under the stock options granted to them. Instead, we expect to calculate the book gains and losses on the basis of share prices and in accordance with our stock appreciation rights granting criteria to be finalized, and make cash payments of such compensation to our directors, senior officers and supervisors.

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Prior to the restructuring of the CNPC group in November 1999, CNPC was one of the largest companies in the PRC in terms of sales. As part of the restructuring of the CNPC group, CNPC transferred to PetroChina substantially all its businesses and assets in China relating to the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas, refining and marketing, chemicals and natural gas sales and transmission. Since the restructuring of the CNPC group, CNPC has engaged in crude oil and natural gas exploration and production business activities outside the PRC and limited chemicals production and retail of refined products. CNPC's primary business activities relate to the provision of various services and products to PetroChina.

PetroChina was established on November 5, 1999 with CNPC as its sole promoter. As of December 31, 2006, CNPC owned 157,922,077,818 State-owned shares, representing approximately 88.21% of the share capital of PetroChina, and, accordingly, CNPC is our controlling shareholder.

The shares held by CNPC are state-owned shares in the share capital of PetroChina. However, CNPC has identical voting rights as holders of H shares. Holders of state-owned shares and H shares are deemed to be shareholders of different classes for certain matters which may have effect on their respective interest.

As of December 31, 2006, Warren E. Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway Inc., OBH, Inc., National Indemnity Company, GEICO Corporation and Government Employees Insurance Company, as a group as defined under Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, collectively owned 2,347,761,000 H shares, representing approximately 1.311% of the total outstanding share capital of PetroChina, or approximately 11.13% of the H shares of PetroChina.

Related Party Transactions

As of December 31, 2006, CNPC directly owns an aggregate of approximately 88.21% of the shares of our company and therefore transactions between our company and CNPC constitute related party transactions between our company and CNPC under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, or the Listing Rules. As of December 31, 2006, CNPC (Hong Kong) Limited, or CNPC (HK), is a 51.99% owned subsidiary of CNPC. Therefore, transactions between our company and CNPC (HK) constitute related party transactions between our company and CNPC (HK) under the Listing Rules. As Beijing Gas Group Co., Ltd., or Beijing Gas, and China Railway Materials and Suppliers Corporation, or CRMSC, are respectively a substantial shareholder (as defined under the Listing Rules) of Beijing Huayou Gas Corporation Limited and PetroChina and CRMSC Oil Marketing Company Limited, both of which are our company's subsidiaries, pursuant to the Listing Rules, the transactions between our company and Beijing Gas and CRMSC respectively constitute related party transactions of our company. Moreover, CNPC and our company each holds 50% interest in CNPC E&D; according to the Listing Rules, CNPC E&D is a connected person of our company. On December 28, 2006, our company acquired 67% equity interest in PKZ through CNPC E&D. Pursuant to the Listing Rules, any subsidiaries of a connected person of our company will also be treated as connected person(s) of our company. Therefore, transactions between our company and (i) CNPC E&D and (ii) PKZ constitute related party transactions of our company under the Listing Rules.

One-off Related Party Transactions***Acquisition of a 67% interest in PKZ***

Pursuant to an acquisition agreement dated August 23, 2006 entered into between Pervinage Holding B.V. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC E&D) and 819 Luxembourg S. a r. l. (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC), CNPC E&D has acquired from CNPC the 67% equity interest

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indirectly held by CNPC in PKZ for a cash consideration of RMB 21,376 million. The acquisition was completed on December 28, 2006. As CNPC is the controlling shareholder of our company, and as CNPC and our company each holds 50% interest in CNPC E&D, CNPC and CNPC E&D are both connected persons of our company. The acquisition constitutes a related party transaction for our company under the Listing Rules. Details of the transaction were announced by our company on August 23, 2006.

Continuing Related Party Transactions***Continuing Related Party Transactions with CNPC***

Our company and CNPC continue to carry out certain existing continuing related party transactions. We obtained independent shareholders' approval at the general meeting held on November 8, 2005 for a renewal of the existing continuing related party transactions and the new continuing related party transactions; in addition, at the same general meeting we proposed the new caps for existing continuing related party transactions and the new continuing related party transactions from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008. We further sought independent shareholders' approval at the general meeting held on November 1, 2006 for a renewal of the caps for the existing continuing related party transactions for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008, which were previously approved by independent shareholders at the general meeting held on November 8, 2005.

Our company and CNPC will continue to carry out the existing continuing related party transactions referred to in the following agreements:

Comprehensive Products and Services Agreement, First Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement and Second Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the Comprehensive Products and Services Agreement (Comprehensive Agreement) entered into on March 10, 2000 for the provision (i) by our company to CNPC and (ii) by CNPC Group to our company, of a range of products and services which may be required and requested from time to time by either party and/or its subsidiary companies and affiliates. The Comprehensive Agreement has been amended by the First Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement and the Second Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement.

The term of the Comprehensive Agreement was initially ten years starting from the date when our company's business license was issued. This term has been amended by the Second Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement to three years commencing from January 1, 2006.

During the term of the Comprehensive Agreement, termination of the product and service implementation agreements described below may be effected from time to time by the parties to the product and service implementation agreements providing at least six months' written notice of termination in relation to any one or more categories of products or services. Further, in respect of any products or services already contracted to be provided, termination may not take place until after such products and services have been provided.

Under the Comprehensive Products and Services Agreement, products and services to be provided by our company to CNPC Group include such products as refined products, chemical products, natural gas, crude oil and such services as relating to the supply of water, electricity, gas and heating, quantifying and measuring and quality inspection and other products and services as may be requested by the CNPC Group for its own consumption, use or sale from time to time.

More products and services are to be provided by CNPC to our company, both in terms of quantity and variety, than those to be provided by our company to CNPC. Products and services to

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be provided by CNPC to our company have been grouped together and categorized according to the following types of products and services:

Construction and technical services,

Production services,

Supply of materials services,

Social services,

Ancillary services, and

Financial services.

The First Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement dated June 9, 2005 was entered principally to amend the definitions of state-prescribed price and market price in the Comprehensive Agreement in view of the characteristics of overseas business and to amend the term of the Comprehensive Agreement to three years. The First Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement took effect on December 19, 2005.

The Second Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement entered into by CNPC and our company on September 1, 2005 provides for certain new continuing related party transactions between our company and certain companies in which both our company and CNPC are shareholders, and where CNPC and/or its subsidiaries and/or affiliates (individually or together) is/are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, 10% or more of the voting power at any general meeting of such company.

The Second Supplemental Comprehensive Agreement took effect on January 1, 2006.

Product and Service Implementation Agreements

According to the current arrangements, from time to time and as required, individual product and service implementation agreements may be entered into between the relevant service companies and affiliates of CNPC Group or our company providing the relevant products or services, as appropriate, and the relevant members of our company or CNPC Group, requiring such products or services, as appropriate.

Each product and service implementation agreement will set out the specific products and services requested by the relevant party and any detailed technical and other specifications which may be relevant to those products or services. The product and service implementation agreements may only contain provisions which are in all material respects consistent with the binding principles and guidelines and terms and conditions in accordance with which such products and services are required to be provided as contained in the Comprehensive Agreement.

As the product and service implementation agreements are simply further elaborations on the provision of products and services as contemplated by the Comprehensive Agreement, they do not as such constitute new categories of related party transactions.

Land Use Rights Leasing Contract

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the Land Use Rights Leasing Contract entered into on March 10, 2000 under which CNPC has leased a total of 42,476 parcels of land in connection with all aspects of the operations and business of our company covering an aggregate area of approximately 1,145 million square meters, located throughout the PRC, to our company for a term of 50 years at an annual fee of RMB 2 billion. The total fee payable for the lease of all such property may, after the expiration of ten years from the effective date of the Land Use Rights Leasing Contract, be adjusted (to reflect market conditions prevalent at such time of adjustment,

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including the then prevailing marketing prices, inflation or deflation, as applicable, and such other factors considered as important by both parties in negotiating and agreeing to any such adjustment) by agreement between our company and CNPC. In addition, any governmental, legal or other administrative taxes and fees required to be paid in connection with the leased properties will be borne by CNPC. However, any additional amount of such taxes payable as a result of changes in the PRC government policies after the effective date of the contract shall be shared proportionately on a reasonable basis between CNPC and our company.

Buildings Leasing Contract and Buildings Supplementary Leasing Agreement

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the Buildings Leasing Contract entered into on March 10, 2000 in which CNPC has leased to our company a total of 191 buildings covering an aggregate of area of 269,770 square meters, located throughout the PRC for the use by our company for its business operations including the exploration, development and production of crude oil, the refining of crude oil and petroleum products, and the production and sale of chemicals. The 191 buildings were leased at a price of RMB 145 per square meter per year, that is, an aggregate annual fee of RMB 39,116,650 for a term of 20 years. Our company is responsible for the payment of any governmental, legal or other administrative taxes and maintenance charges in connection with these 191 buildings. The Building Leasing Contract sets forth the details of the buildings leased to our company by other member companies within CNPC group.

Further to the Buildings Leasing Contract mentioned above, our company entered into a Supplemental Buildings Leasing Agreement (the Supplemental Buildings Agreement) with CNPC on September 26, 2002 under which CNPC agrees to lease to our company an additional 404 buildings covering an aggregate of 442,730 square meters. The increase in the number of units being leased in the Supplemental Buildings Agreement is primarily attributed to the expansion of our company's operations mainly in the areas such as oil and natural gas exploration, the West-East Gas Pipeline Project and the construction of the northeast refineries and chemical operation base. The total rent payable under the Supplemental Buildings Agreement amounts to RMB 157,439,540 per annum. Our company and CNPC will, based on changes in their production and operations, and changes in the market price, adjust the sizes and quantities of buildings leased under the Buildings Leasing Contract as well as the Supplemental Buildings Agreement every three years. The Supplemental Buildings Agreement became effective on January 1, 2003 and will expire at the same time as the Buildings Leasing Contract. The terms and conditions of the Buildings Leasing Contract will, to the extent not contradictory to the Supplemental Buildings Agreement, remain in full force.

Intellectual Property Licensing Contracts

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the three intellectual property licensing contracts entered into on March 10, 2000, being the Trademark Licensing Contract, the Patent and Know-how Licensing Contract and the Computer Software Licensing Contract. Pursuant to these licensing contracts, CNPC has granted our company the exclusive right to use certain trademarks, patents, know-how and computer software of CNPC at no cost. These intellectual property rights relate to the assets and businesses of CNPC which were transferred to our company pursuant to the restructuring.

Contract for the Transfer of Rights under Production Sharing Contracts

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the Contract for the Transfer of Rights under Production Sharing Contracts dated March 10, 2000. As part of the restructuring, CNPC transferred to our company relevant rights and obligations under 23 Production Sharing Contracts entered into with a number of international oil and natural gas companies, except for the rights and obligations relating to CNPC's supervisory functions.

Table of Contents***Guarantee of Debts Contract***

Our company and CNPC continue to implement the Guarantee of Debts Contract entered into on March 10, 2000, pursuant to which all of the debts of CNPC relating to the assets transferred to our company in the restructuring were also transferred to, and assumed by, our company.

In the Guarantee of Debts Contract, CNPC has agreed to guarantee certain debts of our company at no cost. As of December 31, 2006, the total amount guaranteed was RMB 597 million.

As each of the applicable percentage ratio(s) (other than the profits ratio) in respect of the Trademark Licensing Contract, the Patent and Know-how Licensing Contract, the Computer Software Licensing Contract, the Contract for the Transfer of Rights under Production Sharing Contracts and the Guarantee of Debts Contract is less than 0.1%, these transactions are exempted from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Directors believe that these continuing transactions had been entered into in the ordinary course of business for the benefits of our company, and are in the interests of the shareholders as a whole.

New Continuing Related Party Transactions with CNPC E&D

The following new continuing related party transactions arose as a result of the completion of the acquisition of the 67% equity interest in PKZ on December 28, 2006, which was set forth on the announcement dated August 23, 2006:

the provision of production services by CNPC Group to our company;

the provision of construction and technical services such as exploration technology services by CNPC Group to our company;

the provision of materials supply services by CNPC Group to our company.

Continuing Related Party Transactions with CNPC (HK)

As part of the restructuring of CNPC and in preparation for the listing of our company on HKSE, and as disclosed in our company's prospectus dated March 27, 2000, CNPC and our company entered into the Contract for the Transfer of Rights under Production Sharing Contracts whereby the relevant rights and obligations (other than the supervisory functions related to CNPC's role as representative of the PRC government) of CNPC under certain contracts, including the Blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Xinjiang Karamay Oilfield Petroleum Contract dated July 1, 1996, entered into between CNPC and Hafnium Limited (Xinjiang Contract), and the Leng Jiapu Area Petroleum Contract dated December 30, 1997, entered into between CNPC and Beckbury International Limited (Liaohe Contract), were novated to our company.

CNPC (HK) is a 51.99% owned subsidiary of CNPC. CNPC is also our company's controlling shareholder which holds approximately 88.21% of the issued share capital of our company. Upon the effective novation by CNPC to our company of the above interest in the PRC Oil Production Sharing Contracts (the Xinjiang Contract and the Liaohe Contract), certain transactions pursuant to the PRC Oil Production Sharing Contracts constitute continuing related party transactions between our company and CNPC (HK).

Summary of the major terms and conditions of these continuing related party transactions under the Xinjiang Contract and the Liaohe Contract are as follows:

(1) ***Production and development cost sharing between our company and CNPC (HK)***: For both Leng Jiapu Oilfield and blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield, our company and CNPC (HK) share the development costs for these oilfields as to 46% by our company and 54% by CNPC (HK), and share the oil and natural gas produced from these oilfields, as to 30% by our company and 70% by CNPC (HK).

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(2) ***Provision of assistance by our company to CNPC (HK):*** Our company shall provide assistance to CNPC (HK), including: (i) leasing warehouses, terminal facilities, barges, pipeline and land, etc.; (ii) obtaining approvals necessary for the conduct of the petroleum operations; and (iii) obtaining office space, office supplies, transportation and communication facilities. For such assistance, CNPC (HK) will pay an annual assistance fee of US\$50,000 to each of blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield. The amount of such fee was determined after negotiations, and has taken into account the actual circumstances and conditions, including the scope of the projects and the level of demand for such assistance. This fee shall be accounted for as operating costs and shared by our company and CNPC (HK) in accordance with the procedures described in the Xinjiang Contract and the Liaohe Contract.

(3) ***Payment of training fees:*** In the course of development and operations of each oilfield, CNPC (HK) shall pay our company an amount of US\$50,000 annually for the training of personnel carried out by our company for each of the blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield. The amount of such fee was determined after negotiations, and has taken into account the actual circumstances and conditions, including the scope of the projects and the level of demand for training.

(4) ***Sale of crude oil by CNPC (HK) to our company:*** CNPC (HK) has the right to deliver its share of oil production from each of blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield to a destination of its choice, except for destinations which infringe on the political interests of the PRC. However, given the transportation costs and the prevailing oil prices, the only likely purchaser of the oil production attributable to CNPC (HK) from each of blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield is CNPC or its affiliates, including our company, which will accept delivery of oil produced in blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield at the market price. Since the signing of the PRC Oil Production Sharing Contracts, CNPC (HK) has sold all of its share of the oil production to CNPC or its affiliates, including our company. As far as the Board of Directors is aware, CNPC (HK) intends to continue with this arrangement. There is no contractual obligation upon our company to purchase oil produced from blocks 9-1 to 9-5 of the Karamay Oilfield and the Leng Jiapu Oilfield, although, from a commercial perspective, our company intends to continue to accept part of the deliveries. The price of various grades of crude oil sold shall be set either with reference to the price approved by the relevant PRC authorities, or as determined with reference to the prevailing fair market price for transactions of crude oil of a similar quality in the major oil markets. This will be adjusted to take into account the terms of transportation, payment and other terms.

The waiver in respect of the above continuing related party transactions between our company and CNPC (HK) granted by the HKSE expired on December 31, 2006. Our company made an announcement on August 23, 2006 in respect of the reporting and announcement obligations for these continuing related party transaction for the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.

Continuing Related Party Transactions with CRMSC and Beijing Gas

Our company entered into a Products and Services Agreement with Beijing Gas on September 1, 2005. Pursuant to the agreement, our company shall continuously provide products and services to Beijing Gas, including the provision of natural gas and natural gas related transmission services. The agreement was effective from January 1, 2006.

On September 1, 2005, our company entered into the CRMSC Products and Services Agreement with CRMSC. Under the CRMSC Products and Services Agreement, products and services to be continuously provided by our company to CRMSC include, among other things, refined products (such as gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products). The term of the CRMSC Products and Services Agreement is three years commencing from January 1, 2006.

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During the term of the CRMSC Products and Services Agreement, the product and service implementation agreements may be terminated from time to time by the contracting parties providing at least six months written notice of termination in relation to any one or more categories of products or services. Further, in respect of any products or services already contracted to be provided, termination may not take place until after such products and services have been provided.

Loans or Guarantees with Related Parties

As of December 31, 2006, we had unsecured short-term and long-term loans from CP Finance in an aggregate amount of RMB 27,184 million. The average annual interest rate on these loans is 4.98%.

ITEM 8 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Statements

See pages F-1 to F-78 following Item 19.

Dividend Policy

Our board of directors will declare dividends, if any, in Renminbi with respect to H shares on a per share basis and will pay such dividends in HK dollars. Any final dividend for a financial year shall be subject to shareholders approval. The Bank of New York will convert the HK dollar dividend payments and distribute them to holders of ADSs in U.S. dollars, less expenses of conversion. The holders of the H shares will share proportionately on a per share basis in all dividends and other distributions declared by our board of directors.

The declaration of dividends is subject to the discretion of our board of directors. Our board of directors will take into account factors including the following:

general business conditions;

our financial results;

capital requirements;

contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends by us to our shareholders or by our subsidiaries to us;

our shareholders interests;

the effect on our debt ratings; and

other factors our board of directors may deem relevant.

We may only distribute dividends after we have made allowance for:

recovery of losses, if any;

allocations to the statutory common reserve fund; and

allocations to a discretionary common reserve fund if approved by our shareholders.

The allocation to the statutory funds is 10% of our net income determined in accordance with PRC accounting rules. Under PRC law, our distributable earnings will be equal to our net income determined in accordance with PRC accounting rules or IFRS, whichever is lower, less allocations to the statutory and discretionary funds.

Subject to the above and to ensure that our dividend policy is consistent with that of major international oil and gas companies, we currently expect that we will distribute as dividends

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approximately 40% to 50% of our reported net income for all years commencing on or after January 1, 2000. We believe that our dividend policy strikes a balance between two important goals:

providing our shareholders with a competitive return on investment; and

assuring sufficient reinvestment of profits to enable us to achieve our strategic objectives.

A dividend of RMB 0.202806 per H share (inclusive of applicable tax) for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was paid to our shareholders on September 26, 2006. The board of directors proposed to distribute the final dividend of RMB 0.154699 per H share (inclusive of applicable tax) which was calculated on the basis of the balance between 45% of our net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the interim dividend for 2006 which was paid on September 26, 2006. The final dividend to be paid is subject to approval by the annual shareholders' general meeting to be held on May 16, 2007. The final dividend will be paid around June 1, 2007.

Significant Changes

None.

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Our ADSs, each representing 100 H shares, par value RMB 1.00 per H share, have been listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange since April 6, 2000 under the symbol PTR. Our H shares have been listed and traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since April 7, 2000. In September 2005, our company issued an additional 3,196,801,818 H shares. CNPC also sold 319,680,182 state-owned shares it held concurrently with our Company's issue of new H shares in September 2005. The New York Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange are the principal trading markets for our ADSs and H shares, respectively.

As of December 31, 2006, there were 21,098,900,000 H shares issued and outstanding. As of December 31, 2006, there were 303 registered holders of American depository receipts evidencing 31,661,230 ADSs. The depository of the ADSs is The Bank of New York.

The high and low closing sale prices of the H shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and of the ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange for each quarterly period from 2002 through 2007 (through April 30, 2007) are set forth below.

	Price per H share		Price per ADS	
	High	Low	High	Low
	(HK\$)		(US\$)	
2002				
First quarter	1.62	1.39	21.07	18.03
Second quarter	1.75	1.52	22.40	19.23
Third quarter	1.72	1.53	21.72	19.25
Fourth quarter	1.57	1.44	20.75	18.40
2003				
First quarter	1.70	1.55	21.61	19.10
Second quarter	2.38	1.62	30.82	20.94
Third quarter	2.80	2.15	35.89	27.67
Fourth quarter	4.45	2.60	57.05	33.75
2004				
First quarter	4.85	3.75	63.70	47.53
Second quarter	4.00	3.20	50.96	41.63
Third quarter	4.175	3.60	53.76	45.98
Fourth quarter	4.375	4.075	56.60	52.22
2005				
First quarter	5.10	4.025	65.36	51.65
Second quarter	5.85	4.675	74.65	59.71
Third quarter	7.35	5.90	94.50	74.95
Fourth quarter	6.50	5.65	83.70	72.70
2006				
First quarter	8.10	6.35	104.95	83.50
Second quarter	9.55	7.10	122.75	90.63
Third quarter	9.09	8.17	117.20	104.60
Fourth quarter	11.12	8.12	142.12	104.95
2006				
November	9.90	8.66	128.10	110.74

December	11.12	9.91	142.12	128.10
2007				
January	11.08	9.39	137.90	120.75
February	9.73	9.11	124.70	114.25
March	9.27	8.57	118.40	109.55
April	9.26	8.90	118.80	112.14

The closing prices per H share and per ADS on April 30, 2007 were HK\$8.91 and US\$112.14, respectively.

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**ITEM 10 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Memorandum and Articles of Association**

Our Articles of Association Currently in Effect

The following is a summary based on the significant provisions of our articles of association currently in effect, which is filed with the Commission as an exhibit to this annual report on Form 20-F. We hereby incorporate by reference the relevant exhibit to this annual report.

Enforceability of Shareholders' Rights

Our articles of association provide that all differences or claims between a holder of H shares and us;

between a holder of H shares and any of our directors, supervisors, general managers, deputy general managers or other senior officers; or

between a holder of H shares and a holder of State-owned shares, arising from any provision of the articles of association, any right or obligation conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or any other relevant law or administrative regulation which concerns our affairs must, with certain exceptions, be referred to arbitration at either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission in the PRC or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center. Our articles of association provide that such arbitration will be final and conclusive.

Restrictions on Transferability and the Share Register

The articles of association provide that PRC investors are not entitled to be registered as holders of H shares. As provided in the articles of association, we may refuse to register a transfer of H shares unless:

- any relevant transfer fee is paid;

- the instrument of transfer is accompanied by the share certificates to which it relates, or such other evidence is given as may be reasonably necessary to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;

- the instrument of transfer is in respect of one class of shares only; and

- the transfer is conducted in accordance with the laws and administrative regulations of or required by the securities exchanges on which the shares are listed.

We are required to keep a register of our shareholders which shall be comprised of various parts, including one part which is to be maintained in Hong Kong in relation to H shares to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Dividends

We may distribute dividends twice a year, with the final dividend for any financial year being subject to the approval of the shareholders by way of an ordinary resolution. The articles of association allow for distribution of dividends in the form of cash or shares.

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Dividends may only be distributed, however, after allowance has been made for:

recovery of losses, if any;

allocations to the statutory common reserve fund;

allocations to the statutory common welfare fund; and

allocations to a discretionary common reserve fund if approved by the shareholders.

The minimum and maximum aggregate allocations to the statutory funds are 15% and 20%, respectively, of our net income determined in accordance with PRC accounting rules.

The articles of association require us to appoint on behalf of the holders of H shares a receiving agent which is registered as a trust corporation under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong to receive dividends declared by us in respect of the H shares on behalf of such shareholders. The articles of association require that cash dividends in respect of H shares be declared in Renminbi and paid by us in HK dollars.

Voting Rights and Shareholders Meetings

Our board of directors will convene a shareholders annual general meeting once every year and within six months from the end of the preceding financial year. Our board will convene an extraordinary general meeting within two months of the occurrence of any one of the following events:

where the number of directors is less than the number stipulated in the PRC Company law or two-thirds of the number specified in our articles of association;

where our unrecovered losses reach one-third of the total amount of our share capital;

where shareholders holding 10% or more of our issued and outstanding voting shares request in writing the convening of an extraordinary general meeting; or

where our board deems necessary or our board of supervisors so request.

Meetings of a special class of shareholders must be called in certain enumerated situations when the rights of the holders of such class of shares may be modified or adversely affected, as discussed below. Resolutions proposed by shareholders holding 5% or more of the total number of voting shares will be included in the agenda for the relevant annual general meeting if they are matters which fall within the scope of the functions and powers of shareholders in general meeting.

All shareholders meetings must be convened by our board by written notice given to shareholders not less than 45 days before the meeting. Based on the written replies received by us 20 days before a shareholders meeting, we will calculate the number of voting shares represented by shareholders who have indicated that they intend to attend the meeting. Where the number of voting shares represented by those shareholders amount to more than one-half of our total voting shares, we may convene the shareholders general meeting, regardless of the number of shareholders who actually attend. Otherwise, we will, within five days, inform the shareholders again of the motions to be considered and the date and venue of the meeting by way of public announcement. After the announcement is made, the shareholders meeting may be convened. The accidental omission by us to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, a shareholder will not invalidate the proceedings at that shareholders meeting.

Shareholders at meetings have the rights, among other things, to approve or reject our profit distribution plans, the annual budget, the financial statements, an increase or decrease in share capital, the issuance of debentures, the merger or liquidation of PetroChina and any amendment to our articles of association. In addition, the rights of a class of shareholders may not be modified or abrogated, unless approved by a special resolution of all shareholders at a general shareholders meeting and by a special resolution of shareholders of that class of shares at a separate meeting.

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Our articles of association enumerate, without limitation, certain amendments which would be deemed to be a modification or abrogation of the rights of a class of shareholders, including increasing or decreasing the number of shares of a class disproportionate to increases or decreases of other classes of shares, removing or reducing rights to receive dividends in a particular currency or creating shares with voting or equity rights superior to shares of such class.

Each H share is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of our shareholders at all shareholders meetings, except for meetings of a special class of shareholders where only holders of shares of the affected class are entitled to vote on the basis of one vote per share of the affected class. When any shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or against any particular resolution under the Listing Rules, any votes cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

Shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at meetings either in person or by proxy. Proxies must be in writing and deposited at our legal address, or such other place as is specified in the meeting notice, not less than 24 hours before the time for holding the meeting at which the proxy proposes to vote or the time appointed for the passing of the relevant resolutions. When the instrument appointing a proxy is executed by the shareholder's attorney-in-fact, such proxy when deposited must be accompanied by a notarially certified copy of the relevant power of attorney or other authority under which the proxy was executed.

Except for those actions discussed below which require supermajority votes, resolutions of the shareholders are passed by a simple majority of the voting shares held by shareholders who are present in person or by proxy. Special resolutions must be passed by more than two-thirds of the voting rights represented held by shareholders who are present in person or by proxy.

The following decisions must be adopted by special resolution:

an increase or reduction of our share capital or the issue of shares of any class, warrants and other similar securities;

the issue of our debentures;

our division, merger, dissolution and liquidation;

amendments to our articles of association; and

any other matters considered by the shareholders in a general meeting and which they have resolved by way of an ordinary resolution to be of a nature which may have a material impact on us and should be adopted by special resolution.

All other actions taken by the shareholders, including the appointment and removal of our directors and independent auditors and the declaration of normal dividend payments or stock distributions, will be decided by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders.

In addition, certain amendments to the articles of association require the approval and consent of the relevant PRC authorities.

Any shareholder resolution which is in violation of any laws or regulations of the PRC or the articles of association will be null and void.

Board of Directors

Directors will be elected by shareholders at a general meeting. Because the shares do not have cumulative voting rights, a holder of a majority of our shares is able to elect all of the directors. Directors are elected for a term of three years.

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Meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least four times every year and shall be convened by the Chairman of the board of directors, who shall notify all directors 14 days before each meeting.

Our board of directors is accountable to the shareholders in general meetings and exercises the following functions and powers to:

- (a) be responsible for the convening of shareholders meetings and reporting on its work to the shareholders at such meetings;
- (b) implement the resolutions passed by the shareholders in general meetings;
- (c) determine our business plans and investment proposals;
- (d) formulate our annual preliminary and final budgets;
- (e) formulate our profit distribution proposal and loss recovery proposals;
- (f) formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of our registered capital and the issuance of our debentures;
- (g) draw up plans for our merger, division or dissolution;
- (h) decide on our internal management structure;
- (i) appoint or remove our president and to appoint or remove the vice presidents and other senior officers, including the financial controller, based on the recommendation of the general manager, and to decide on their remuneration;
- (j) formulate our basic management system;
- (k) formulate proposals for any amendment of our articles of association; and
- (l) exercise any other powers conferred by the shareholders in general meetings.

Except for items (f), (g) and (k), which require the affirmative vote of more than two-thirds of all of our directors, resolutions on any other items may be approved by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of our directors.

A director shall abstain from voting on any resolutions of the board of directors if he/she or any of his/her associates is interested therein, and he/she shall not be counted in the quorum of the directors for such meetings. The board of directors shall transact its businesses by convening a board meeting instead of by circulation of papers. If an independent non-executive director or any of its associates does not have any significant interest in the matters to be resolved in a board meeting, he/she shall attend the board meeting. For purpose of this paragraph, the associate herein has the same meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules. If any listing rules of other stock exchanges on which our stocks listed have stricter stipulations on the abstention of voting by directors, then such stipulations shall be followed.

In addition to obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations or the listing rules of the stock exchanges on which our H shares are listed, the articles of association place on each of our directors, supervisors, president, vice presidents and any other senior officers a duty to each shareholder, in the exercise of our functions and powers entrusted to such person:

not to cause us to exceed the scope of business stipulated in our business license;

to act honestly in our best interests;

not to expropriate our property in any way, including, without limitation, usurpation of opportunities which benefit us; and

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not to expropriate the individual rights of shareholders, including, without limitation, rights to distributions and voting rights, save and except according to a restructuring which has been submitted to the shareholders for their approval in accordance with the articles of association.

Our articles of association further place on each of our directors, supervisors, president, vice presidents and senior officers:

a duty, in the exercise of such person's powers and discharge of such person's duties, to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances;

a fiduciary obligation, in the exercise of our powers entrusted to him or her, not to place himself or herself in a position where his or her duty to us and his or her interests may conflict; and

a duty not to direct a person or entity related or connected to a director, supervisor, president, vice president or senior officer in certain relationships enumerated in the articles of association to act in a manner which such director, supervisor, president, vice president or senior officer is prohibited from doing.

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws and administrative regulations, the shareholders in a general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his term of office. Subject to certain qualifications, a director, supervisor, president, vice president or other senior officer may be relieved of liability for a specific breach of his or her duties by the informed consent of shareholders in a general meeting.

Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors is composed of seven members appointed to monitor our financial matters:

to verify financial reports and other financial information which have been prepared by the board and which are proposed to be presented at shareholders' meetings, and

to oversee our directors, president, vice presidents and other senior officers in order to prevent such persons from abusing their authority or infringing upon our interest.

The rights of the board of supervisors are generally limited to investigating and reporting to shareholders and management on our affairs and to calling shareholders' extraordinary general meetings.

One member of the board of supervisors will be an employee representative appointed by our employees. The remaining members will be appointed by the shareholders in a general meeting. One member of the board of supervisors shall be the chairman. A member of the board of supervisors may not be a director, the president, a vice president or the chief financial officer. The term of office of each member of the board of supervisors is three years, including the term of office of the chairman of the board of supervisors, both of which terms of office are renewable upon re-election and re-appointment. Reasonable expenses incurred by the board of supervisors in carrying out its duties will be paid by us.

The board of supervisors is accountable, and will report, to the shareholders in the shareholders' general meetings.

Restrictions on Large or Controlling Shareholders

Our articles of association provide that, in addition to any obligation imposed by laws and administrative regulations or required by the listing rules of the stock exchanges on which our

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H shares are listed, a controlling shareholder shall not exercise his voting rights in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders generally or of some part of the shareholders:

to relieve a director or supervisor from his or her duty to act honestly in our best interests;

to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor of our assets in any way, including, without limitation, opportunities which may benefit us; or

to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor of the individual rights of other shareholders, including, without limitation, rights to distributions and voting rights, except according to a restructuring of our company which has been submitted for approval by the shareholders in a general meeting in accordance with our articles of association.

A controlling shareholder, however, will not be precluded by our articles of association or any laws and administrative regulations or the listing rules of the stock exchanges on which our H shares are listed from voting on these matters.

A controlling shareholder is defined by our articles of association as any person who acting alone or in concert with others:

is in a position to elect more than one-half of the board of directors;

has the power to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 30% or more of our voting rights;

holds 30% or more of our issued and outstanding shares; or

has de facto control of us in any other way.

Amended Articles of Association Pending for Approval

In November 2006, our shareholders approved our amended articles of association at the annual general meeting of shareholders, which is subject to the applicable regulatory approval and filing before they become effective. Accordingly, we are still governed by our current articles of association in effect. We expect the approval for our amended articles of association to be granted in due course.

The amended articles of association purports to expand our business scope to allow us to operate convenient stores in service stations and provide related services.

Share Capital Structure

Upon the completion of our company's global initial public offering, the aggregate number of common shares of our company was 175,824,176,000, of which the promoter CNPC held 158,241,758,000 shares, representing 90% of our total share capital at the time, and H shareholders held 17,582,418,000 shares, representing 10% of our total share capital at the time.

On September 15, 2005, our company issued 3,196,801,818 new shares. Concurrently CNPC sold 319,680,182 state-owned shares it held. Following these transactions, the share capital structure of our company changed to the following: the number of common shares is 179,020,977,818, of which CNPC holds 157,922,077,818 shares, representing 88.21% of the total share capital, and H shareholders hold 21,098,900,000 shares, representing 11.79% of the total share capital.

Material Contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by our company and/or its subsidiaries within the two years preceding the date of this annual report and are or may be material.

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Share Purchase Agreement in respect of the shares of PetroKazakhstan, dated August 23, 2006, between Pervinage Holding B.V. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC E&D) and 819 Luxembourg S. a r. l. (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CNPC);

Capital Contribution Agreement, dated June 9, 2005, among China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Corporation, Central Asia Petroleum Company Limited, Zhong You Kan Tan Kai Fa Company Limited and our company (English Translation); and

Transfer Agreement, dated June 9, 2005, between Zhong You Kan Tan Kai Fa Company Limited and our company (English Translation).

Exchange Controls

The Renminbi currently is not a freely convertible currency. We receive most of our revenues in Renminbi. A portion of our Renminbi revenues must be converted into other currencies to meet our foreign currency obligations. We have substantial requirements for foreign currency, including:

- debt service on foreign currency-denominated debt;

- purchases of imported equipment and materials; and

- payment of any dividends declared in respect of the H shares.

Under the existing foreign exchange regulations in China, we may undertake current account foreign exchange transactions, including the payment of dividends, without prior approval from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange by producing commercial documents evidencing such transactions, provided that they are processed through Chinese banks licensed to engage in foreign exchange transactions. The PRC government has stated publicly that it intends to make the Renminbi freely convertible in the future. However, uncertainty exists as to whether the PRC government may restrict access to foreign currency for current account transactions if foreign currency becomes scarce in the PRC.

Foreign exchange transactions under the capital account, including principal payments with respect to foreign currency-denominated obligations, continue to be subject to limitations and require the prior approval of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. These limitations could affect our ability to obtain foreign exchange through debt financing, or to obtain foreign exchange for capital expenditures.

We have been, and will continue to be, affected by changes in exchange rates in connection with our ability to meet our foreign currency obligations and will be affected by such changes in connection with our ability to pay dividends on the H shares in Hong Kong dollars and on ADSs in US dollars. We believe that we have or will be able to obtain sufficient foreign exchange to continue to satisfy these obligations. We do not engage in any financial contract or other arrangement to hedge our currency exposure.

We are not aware of any other PRC laws, decrees or regulations that restrict the export or import of capital or that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders.

Taxation

The following discussion addresses the main PRC and United States tax consequences of the ownership of H shares or ADSs purchased held by the investor as capital assets.

Table of Contents**PRC Taxation*****Dividends and Individual Investors***

Under the Provisional Regulations of China Concerning Questions of Taxation on Enterprises Experimenting with the Share System (the Provisional Regulations) and other applicable tax laws and regulations, dividends paid by PRC companies on shares experimenting with the share system to individuals are generally subject to a PRC withholding tax of 20%. However, on July 21, 1993, the PRC State Administration of Taxation issued the Notice Concerning the Taxation of Gains on Transfer and Dividends from Shares (Equities) Received by Foreign Investment Enterprises, Foreign Enterprises and Foreign Individuals (the Tax Notice). Under the Tax Notice, dividends paid by a PRC company to foreign persons with respect to shares listed on an overseas stock exchange (Overseas Shares), including the H shares and ADSs, are not subject to PRC withholding tax for the time being.

The Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC was amended effective January 1, 1994 and states that it supersedes any contradictory prior administrative regulation concerning individual income tax. The amended Individual Income Tax Law can be interpreted as providing that all foreign individuals are subject to the 20% withholding tax on dividends paid by a PRC company on its Overseas Shares unless specifically exempted by the financial authority of the State Council of the PRC. However, in a letter dated July 26, 1994 to the former State Commission for Restructuring the Economic System, the former State Council Securities Committee and the China Securities Regulatory Commission, the PRC State Administration of Taxation restated the exemption. In the event that the letter is withdrawn, a 20% tax may be withheld on dividends paid to you, subject to reduction by an applicable tax treaty between China and the country where you reside. To date, the relevant tax authorities have not collected withholding tax from dividend payments on such shares exempted under the Tax Notice.

Dividends and Foreign Enterprises

According to the Provisional Regulations and other applicable tax laws and regulations, dividends paid by PRC companies to foreign enterprises are ordinarily subject to a PRC withholding tax levied at a flat rate of 20%. However, according to the Tax Notice, a foreign enterprise with no permanent establishment in China receiving dividends paid on Overseas Shares will temporarily not be subject to the 20% withholding tax. If such withholding tax becomes applicable in the future, such rate may still be reduced under relevant tax treaties, if applicable.

Tax Treaties

If you are a resident or citizen of a country that has entered into a double-taxation treaty with the PRC, you may be entitled to a reduction in the amount of tax withheld, if any, imposed on the payment of dividends. The PRC currently has such treaties with a number of countries, including but not limited to:

the United States;

Australia;

Canada;

France;

Germany;

Japan;

Malaysia;

Singapore;

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the United Kingdom; and

the Netherlands.

Under each one of such treaties, the rate of withholding tax imposed by China's taxation authorities is generally reduced. For example, under the double taxation treaty between China and the United States, China may tax dividends paid by us to an eligible U.S. holder up to a maximum of 10% of their gross amount. Under the treaty, an eligible U.S. holder is a person who, by reason of domicile, residence, place or head office, place of incorporation or any other criterion of similar nature is subject to taxation in the United States, as applicable under the treaty's treaty shopping provisions.

Capital Gains

The Tax Notice provides that gains realized by foreign enterprises upon the sale of Overseas Shares which are not held by entities established by such enterprises in the PRC and gains realized by foreign individuals upon the sale of Overseas Shares are not subject to withholding tax for the time being. However, as far as individuals are concerned, the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC, as amended on October 31, 1993 and effective on January 1, 1994, provides for a capital gains tax of 20% on individuals. On January 28, 1994, the Provisions for Implementing the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC was promulgated which provides that the measures to levy individual income tax on the gains realized on the sale of shares will be made in the future by the Ministry of Finance and subject to the approval of the State Council. On June 20, 1994, February 9, 1996 and March 30, 1998, the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation issued notices providing that temporarily no capital gains tax will be imposed on gains from the sale of shares by individuals. However, it is uncertain whether the above exemption for foreign enterprises and foreign individuals will continue to apply or be renewed in the future. If such exemption does not apply or is not renewed, and the Tax Notice is found not to apply, as a holder of H shares or ADSs you may be subject to a 20% tax on capital gains, unless reduced by an applicable double taxation treaty.

Additional PRC Tax Considerations

Under the Provisional Regulations of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Stamp Duty, a stamp duty is not imposed by the PRC on the transfer of shares, such as the H shares or ADSs, of PRC publicly traded companies that take place outside of China.

United States Federal Income Taxation

The following is a general discussion of the material United States federal income tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the H shares or ADSs if you are a U.S. holder, as defined below, and hold the H shares or ADSs as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. This discussion does not address all of the tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the H shares or ADSs, and does not take into account U.S. holders who may be subject to special rules including:

tax-exempt entities;

certain insurance companies;

broker-dealers;

traders in securities that elect to mark to market;

U.S. holders liable for alternative minimum tax;

U.S. holders that own 10% or more of our voting stock;

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U.S. holders that hold the H shares or ADSs as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction; or

U.S. holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar.

This discussion is based on the Code, its legislative history, final, temporary and proposed United States Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, published rulings and court decisions as in effect on the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, or changes in interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. In addition, this discussion is based in part upon representations of the depositary and the assumption that each obligation in the deposit agreement and any related agreements will be performed according to its terms.

You are a U.S. holder if you are:

a citizen or resident of the United States for United States federal income tax purposes;

a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof;

an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax without regard to its source; or

a trust:

subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and the control of one or more United States persons; or

that has elected to be treated as a United States person under applicable United States Treasury regulations.

If a partnership holds the H shares or ADSs, the tax treatment of a partner generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership that holds the H shares or ADSs, we urge you to consult your tax advisors regarding the consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the H shares or ADSs.

This discussion does not address any aspects of United States taxation other than federal income taxation.

We urge you to consult your tax advisors regarding the United States federal, state, local and non-United States tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the H shares or ADSs.

In general, if you hold ADRs evidencing ADSs, you will be treated as the owner of the H shares represented by the ADSs. The following discussion assumes that we are not a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, as discussed under PFIC Rules below.

Distributions on the H Shares or ADSs

The gross amount of any distribution (without reduction for any PRC tax withheld) we make on the H shares or ADSs out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for United States federal income tax purposes) will be includible in your gross income as dividend income when the distribution is actually or constructively received by you, in the case of the H shares, or by the depositary in the case of ADSs. Subject to certain limitations, dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, may be eligible for a reduced rate of taxation if we are deemed to be a qualified foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes. A qualified foreign corporation includes:

a foreign corporation that is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States that includes an exchange of information program; or

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a foreign corporation if its stock with respect to which a dividend is paid (or ADSs backed by such stock) is readily tradable on an established securities market within the United States, but does not include an otherwise qualified foreign corporation that is a PFIC. We believe that we will be a qualified foreign corporation so long as we are not a PFIC and we are considered eligible for the benefits of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, or the Treaty. Our status as a qualified foreign corporation, however, may change.

Distributions that exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a return of capital to you to the extent of your basis in the H shares or ADSs and thereafter as capital gain. Any dividend will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to United States corporations in respect of dividends received from United States corporations. The amount of any distribution of property other than cash will be the fair market value of such property on the date of such distribution.

If we make a distribution paid in HK dollars, you will be considered to receive the U.S. dollar value of the distribution determined at the spot HK dollar/ U.S. dollar rate on the date such distribution is received by you or by the depository, regardless of whether you or the depository convert the distribution into U.S. dollars. Any gain or loss resulting from currency exchange fluctuations during the period from the date the dividend payment is includible in your income to the date you or the depository convert the distribution into U.S. dollars will be treated as United States source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Subject to various limitations, any PRC tax withheld from distributions in accordance with PRC law, as limited by the Treaty, will be deductible or creditable against your United States federal income tax liability. For foreign tax credit limitation purposes, dividends paid on the H shares or ADSs will be foreign source income, and for taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2006, generally will be treated as *passive income* or, in the case of some U.S. holders, *financial services income*. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, such dividends generally will be treated as *passive category income* or, in the case of some U.S. holders, *general category income*. You may not be able to claim a foreign tax credit (and instead may claim a deduction) for non-United States taxes imposed on dividends paid on the H Shares or ADSs if you (i) have held the H Shares or ADSs for less than a specified minimum period during which you are not protected from risk of loss with respect to such shares, or (ii) are obligated to make payments related to the dividends (for example, pursuant to a short sale).

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition

Upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of the H shares or ADSs, you will recognize a capital gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized and your tax basis, determined in U.S. dollars, in such H shares or ADSs. Any gain or loss will generally be United States source gain or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. Capital gain of certain non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, is generally taxed at a maximum rate of 15% where the property has been held more than one year. Your ability to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations.

If you are paid in a currency other than U.S. dollars, any gain or loss resulting from currency exchange fluctuations during the period from the date of the payment resulting from sale, exchange or other disposition to the date you convert the payment into U.S. dollars will be treated as United States source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

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In general, a foreign corporation is a PFIC for any taxable year in which, after applying relevant look-through rules with respect to the income and assets of subsidiaries:

75% or more of its gross income consists of passive income, such as dividends, interest, rents and royalties; or

50% or more of the average quarterly value of its assets consists of assets that produce, or are held for the production of, passive income.

We believe that we will not meet either of the PFIC tests in the current or subsequent taxable years and therefore will not be treated as a PFIC for such periods. However, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC in the current or subsequent taxable years.

If we were a PFIC in any taxable year that you held the H shares or ADSs, you generally would be subject to special rules with respect to excess distributions made by us on the H shares or ADSs and with respect to gain from your disposition of the H shares or ADSs. An excess distribution generally is defined as the excess of the distributions you receive with respect to the H shares or ADSs in any taxable year over 125% of the average annual distributions you have received from us during the shorter of the three preceding years, or your holding period for the H shares or ADSs. Generally, you would be required to allocate any excess distribution or gain from the disposition of the H shares or ADSs ratably over your holding period for the H shares or ADSs. The portion of the excess distribution or gain allocated to a prior taxable year, other than a year prior to the first year in which we became a PFIC, would be taxed at the highest United States federal income tax rate on ordinary income in effect for such taxable year, and you would be subject to an interest charge on the resulting tax liability, determined as if the tax liability had been due with respect to such particular taxable years. The portion of the excess distribution or gain that is not allocated to prior taxable years, together with the portion allocated to the years prior to the first year in which we became a PFIC, would be included in your gross income for the taxable year of the excess distribution or disposition and taxed as ordinary income.

The foregoing rules with respect to excess distributions and dispositions may be avoided or reduced if you are eligible for and timely make a valid mark-to-market election. If your H shares or ADSs were treated as shares regularly traded on a qualified exchange for United States federal income tax purposes and a valid mark-to-market election was made, in calculating your taxable income for each taxable year you generally would be required to take into account as ordinary income or loss the difference, if any, between the fair market value and the adjusted tax basis of your H shares or ADSs at the end of your taxable year. However, the amount of loss you would be allowed is limited to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election. The New York Stock Exchange on which the ADSs are traded is a qualified exchange for United States federal income tax purposes.

Alternatively, a timely election to treat us as a qualified electing fund under Section 1295 of the Code could be made to avoid the foregoing rules with respect to excess distributions and dispositions. You should be aware, however, that if we become a PFIC, we do not intend to satisfy record keeping requirements that would permit you to make a qualified electing fund election.

If you own the H shares or ADSs during any year that we are a PFIC, you must file Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, Form 8621. We encourage you to consult your own tax advisor concerning the United States federal income tax consequences of holding the H shares or ADSs that would arise if we were considered a PFIC.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to dividends in respect of the H shares or ADSs or the proceeds of the sale, exchange, or redemption of the H shares or ADSs paid within

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the United States, and in some cases, outside of the United States, other than to various exempt recipients, including corporations. In addition, you may, under some circumstances, be subject to backup withholding with respect to dividends paid on the H shares or ADSs or the proceeds of any sale, exchange or transfer of the H shares or ADSs, unless you

are a corporation or fall within various other exempt categories, and, when required, demonstrate this fact; or

provide a correct taxpayer identification number on a properly completed IRS Form W-9 or a substitute form, certify that you are exempt from backup withholding and otherwise comply with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules generally will be creditable against your United States federal income tax liability provided that you furnish the required information to the IRS in a timely manner. If you do not provide a correct taxpayer identification number you may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS.

Significant Differences in Corporate Governance Practices

We have filed a summary of the significant differences in our corporate governance practices for purposes of Section 303A.11 of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual with the Commission as an exhibit to this annual report on Form 20-F and have disclosed the same on our website, *www.petrochina.com.cn*, which may be accessed as follows:

1. From our main web page, first click on Investor Relations .
2. Next, click on Corporate Governance Structure .
3. Finally, click on Significant Differences In Corporate Governance Practices For Purposes Of Section 303A.11 of The New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual .

Documents on Display

You may read and copy documents referred to in this annual report on Form 20-F that have been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at the Commission's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms and their copy charges.

The Commission allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the Commission. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the Commission. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this annual report on Form 20-F.

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ITEM 11 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

In the normal course of business, we hold or issue various financial instruments which expose us to interest rate and foreign exchange rate risks. Additionally, our operations are affected by certain commodity price movements. We historically have not used derivative instruments for hedging or trading purposes. Such activities are subject to policies approved by our senior management. Substantially all of the financial instruments we hold are for purposes other than trading. We regard an effective market risk management system as an important element of our treasury function and are currently enhancing our systems. A primary objective of our market risk management is to implement certain methodologies to better measure and monitor risk exposures.

The following discussions and tables, which constitute forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, summarize our market-sensitive financial instruments including fair value, maturity and contract terms. Such discussions address market risk only and do not present other risks which we face in the normal course of business.

Interest Rate Risk

Our interest risk exposure arises from changing interest rates. The tables below provide information about our financial instruments including various debt obligations that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The tables present principal cash flows and related weighted-average interest rates at expected maturity dates. Weighted-average variable rates are based on effective rates as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The information is presented in Renminbi equivalents, our reporting currency.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

We conduct our business primarily in Renminbi. However, a portion of our RMB revenues are converted into other currencies to meet foreign currency financial instrument obligations and to pay for imported equipment, crude oil and other materials. Foreign currency payments for imported equipment represented 18.6%, 29.1% and 33.6% of our total payments for equipment in 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively. Foreign currency payments for imported crude oil and other materials represented 9.6%, 3.4% and 5.5% of our total payments for materials in 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

The Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency. Limitation in foreign exchange transactions imposed by the PRC government could cause future exchange rates to vary significantly from current or historical exchange rates. The tables below provide information about our financial instruments including foreign currency denominated debt instruments that are sensitive to foreign currency exchange rates. The tables below summarize such information by presenting principal cash flows and related weighted-average interest rates at expected maturity dates in RMB equivalents, using the exchange rates in effect as of December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

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	Expected maturity date						Total	Percentage to total long-term debt (%)	Fair value
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter			
(RMB equivalent in millions, except percentages)									
Long term debt									
Loan in RMB									
Fixed rate	62	272			1		335	0.60%	320
Average interest rate	4.45%	3.83%							
Variable rate ⁽¹⁾	13,740	7,280	5,220	1,142		7,590	34,972	62.17%	34,972
Average interest rate	5.21%	5.35%	4.64%	5.01%		5.07%			
Loan in Euro									
Fixed rate	17	16	16	16	16	176	257	0.46%	214
Average interest rate	2.12%	2.12%	2.12%	2.12%	2.12%	2.11%			
Variable rate									
Average interest rate									
Loan in United States Dollar									
Fixed rate	568	146	73	41	41	562	1,431	2.55%	1,200
Average interest rate	7.69%	5.12%	3.96%	1.43%	1.43%	1.39%			
Variable rate	4,541	4,042	706	297	82	3,217	12,885	22.91%	12,885
Average interest rate	5.68%	6.81%	5.95%	5.79%	4.72%	5.77%			
Loan in British Pound									
Fixed rate	49						49	0.09%	47
Average interest rate	2.85%								
Loan in Japanese Yen									
Fixed rate	37	21	9	8			75	0.13%	78
Average interest rate	4.25%	3.40%	2.42%	2.42%					
Variable rate									

Average interest rate									
Debt in United States Dollar									
Fixed Rate	205	20			781	343	1,349	2.40%	1,403
Average interest rate	13.48%	15.00%			9.50%	3.00%			
Debt in RMB									
Fixed rate	1,388				2,000	1,500	4,888	8.69%	4,449
Average interest rate	4.49%				3.76%	4.11%			
Total	20,607	11,797	6,024	1,504	2,921	13,388	56,241	100.00%	55,568

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December 31, 2005

	Expected maturity date						Total	Percentage to total long-term debt (%)	Fair value
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Thereafter			
(RMB equivalent in millions, except percentages)									
Long term debt									
Loan in RMB									
Fixed rate		66	274			1	341	0.57%	323
Average interest rate	1.53%	4.18%	3.80%						
Variable rate ⁽¹⁾	9,128	13,740	6,390	100	911	6,000	36,269	60.54%	36,269
Average interest rate	5.18%	5.08%	5.12%	5.51%	4.77%	4.90%			
Loan in Euro									
Fixed rate	16	16	16	16	15	177	256	0.43%	221
Average interest rate	2.11%	2.11%	2.11%	2.11%	2.11%	2.11%			
Variable rate									
Average interest rate									
Loan in United States Dollar									
Fixed rate	409	621	142	74	43	624	1,913	3.19%	1,633
Average interest rate	6.26%	7.56%	5.02%	3.92%	1.43%	1.39%			
Variable rate	5,508	2,497	4,371	2,293	79	1,649	16,397	27.38%	16,397
Average interest rate	5.60%	5.42%	5.99%	5.37%	2.69%	4.69%			
Loan in British Pound									
Fixed rate	116	44					160	0.27%	156
Average interest rate	2.85%	2.85%							
Loan in Japanese Yen									
Fixed rate	148	39	21	9	9		226	0.38%	242
Average interest rate	4.74%	4.84%	4.48%	5.02%	5.02%				
Variable rate									

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