OAO NOVATEK

IFRS CONSOLIDATED INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

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REVIEW REPORT OF AUDITORS

To the shareholders and directors of OAO NOVATEK

1. We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated interim condensed balance sheet of OAO NOVATEK and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as of 30 June 2005, the related consolidated interim condensed statements of income for the three and six months then ended, and the related consolidated interim condensed statements of cash flows and of changes in shareholders' equity for the six months then ended. This consolidated interim condensed financial information as set out on pages 4 to 19 is the responsibility of the Group's management. Our responsibility is to issue a report on this consolidated interim condensed financial information based on our review.

2. We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2400. This standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the consolidated interim condensed financial information is free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

3. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim condensed financial information has not been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard No. 34, *Interim Financial Reporting.*

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Moscow, Russian Federation
30 August 2005

OAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Balance Sheets (unaudited)
(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Notes	30 June 2005	31 December 2004
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net	6	63,928	62,449
Other non-current assets		1,427	1,090
Investments in associates		-	1,945
Long-term loans receivable		101	7,832
Total non-current assets		**65,456**	**73,316**
Current assets			
Prepayments and other current assets		3,102	1,039
Inventories		1,168	929
Trade and other receivables		5,146	3,456
Short-term loans receivable		7,874	707
Cash and cash equivalents		2,344	3,003
Total current assets		**19,634**	**9,134**
Total assets		**85,090**	**82,450**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term debt	8	6,281	13,232
Deferred income tax liability		8,627	8,855
Other non-current liabilities		1,286	1,188
Total non-current liabilities		**16,194**	**23,275**
Current liabilities			
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	7	12,258	10,768
Other taxes payable		750	1,280
Income taxes payable		1,135	228
Trade payables and accrued liabilities		2,036	1,963
Total current liabilities		**16,179**	**14,239**
Total liabilities		**32,373**	**37,514**
Equity attributable to Group shareholders			
Ordinary share capital		393	393
Additional paid-in capital		29,817	29,797
Asset revaluation surplus		5,345	5,345
Retained earnings		16,860	8,952
Total equity attributable to Group shareholders		**52,415**	**44,487**
Minority interest		**302**	**449**
Total equity		**52,717**	**44,936**
Total liabilities and equity		**85,090**	**82,450**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated interim condensed financial information.

Approved and authorized for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors:

L. Mikhelson
General Director

M. Gyetvay
Financial Director

OAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statements of Income (unaudited)
(in millions of Russian roubles, except share and per share amounts)

	Notes	Three months ended 30 June: 2005	Three months ended 30 June: 2004	Six months ended 30 June: 2005	Six months ended 30 June: 2004
Revenues					
Oil and gas sales	4	9,076	5,109	17,769	10,347
Oil and gas construction services		-	986	-	2,053
Sales of polymer and insulation tape		225	114	437	273
Other revenues		54	149	153	380
Total revenues		**9,355**	**6,358**	**18,359**	**13,053**
Net gain on disposal of investments in oil and gas producing associates		3,611	-	3,611	-
Net gain (loss) on disposal of construction services and other subsidiaries and associates		20	(219)	20	(262)
Other income (loss)		(3)	38	(7)	40
Total revenues and other income		**12,983**	**6,177**	**21,983**	**12,831**
Operating expenses					
Materials, services and other		(777)	(1,430)	(1,644)	(3,140)
Purchases of oil, gas condensate and natural gas		(770)	(1,513)	(1,381)	(2,997)
Transportation expenses	5	(1,597)	(923)	(3,313)	(1,969)
Taxes other than income tax	9	(747)	(296)	(2,048)	(688)
General and administrative expenses		(578)	(341)	(830)	(599)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		(850)	(325)	(1,664)	(474)
Net impairment expense		(3)	(22)	(45)	(55)
Exploration expenses		(121)	(39)	(270)	(102)
Total operating expenses		**(5,443)**	**(4,889)**	**(11,195)**	**(10,024)**
Income from operations		**7,540**	**1,288**	**10,788**	**2,807**
Finance income (expense)					
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		(136)	(27)	(263)	17
Interest income		237	103	464	196
Interest expense		(290)	(90)	(631)	(216)
Total finance income (expense)		**(189)**	**(14)**	**(430)**	**(3)**
Share of net income of associates		66	118	143	492
Profit before income tax and minority interest		**7,417**	**1,392**	**10,501**	**3,296**
Income tax expense					
Current income tax expense		(2,070)	(412)	(2,936)	(847)
Deferred income tax benefit (expense)		253	(32)	343	(76)
Total income tax expense		**(1,817)**	**(444)**	**(2,593)**	**(923)**
Profit for the period		**5,600**	**948**	**7,908**	**2,373**
Profit (loss) attributable to:					
Minority interest		(8)	64	(15)	55
Shareholders of OAO NOVATEK		5,608	884	7,923	2,318
Basic and diluted earnings per share (in Russian roubles)		1,847	393	2,609	1,032
Weighted average shares outstanding		3,036,306	2,247,030	3,036,306	2,247,030

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated interim condensed financial information.

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Consolidated Interim Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Six months ended 30 June:	
	2005	**2004**
Profit before income tax and minority interest	**10,501**	**3,296**
Adjustments to profit before income tax and minority interest:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,664	474
Net impairment loss	45	55
Net unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	262	(6)
Net (gain) loss on disposals	(3,624)	238
Interest expense	631	216
Interest income	(464)	(196)
Share of income from associates	(143)	(492)
Other adjustments	20	-
Working capital changes		
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables, prepayments and other current assets	(713)	672
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(241)	768
Increase (decrease) in trade payables and accrued liabilities	159	(200)
Decrease in other taxes payable	(212)	(277)
Total effect of working capital changes	**(1,007)**	**963**
Income taxes paid	(1,985)	(1,456)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**5,900**	**3,092**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(2,347)	(3,922)
Acquisition of additional shares in subsidiaries and associates	(43)	(87)
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries and associates	4,974	240
Interest paid and capitalized	(451)	(257)
Short and long-term loans provided	(199)	(2,495)
Repayment of short and long-term loans	310	1,504
Short-term cash investment included in other current assets	(1,687)	-
Non-banking interest received	81	171
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	**638**	**(4,846)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	2,057	3,626
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	1,947	1,688
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(5,345)	(972)
Repayments of short-term borrowings	(4,931)	(1,395)
Non-banking interest paid	(511)	(167)
Dividends paid	(438)	(565)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	**(7,221)**	**2,215**
Net effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	8	-
Net movements in restricted cash accounts	16	16
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**(659)**	**477**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	3,003	1,618
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	**2,344**	**2,095**

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OAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity (unaudited)
(in millions of Russian roubles, unless otherwise stated)

	Number of ordinary shares	Ordinary share capital	Additional paid in capital	Asset Revaluation Surplus	Retained earnings	Equity attributable to Group shareholders	Minority interest	Total equity
<u>For the six months ended 30 June 2004</u>								
31 December 2003	**2,247,030**	**314**	**5,963**	**-**	**5,268**	**11,545**	**468**	**12,013**
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	2,318	2,318	55	2,373
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(565)	(565)	-	(565)
Impact of disposals and acquisitions on minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	(152)	(152)
30 June 2004	**2,247,030**	**314**	**5,963**	**-**	**7,021**	**13,298**	**371**	**13,669**
<u>For the six months ended 30 June 2005</u>								
31 December 2004	**3,036,306**	**393**	**29,797**	**5,345**	**8,952**	**44,487**	**449**	**44,936**
Cumulative effect of adoption of IFRS 3, *Business Combinations* (Note 3)	-	-	-	-	762	762	-	762
31 December 2004, as restated for adoption of IFRS 3, *Business Combinations*	**3,036,306**	**393**	**29,797**	**5,345**	**9,714**	**45,249**	**449**	**45,698**
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	7,923	7,923	(15)	7,908
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(777)	(777)	-	(777)
Share-based compensation funded by shareholders	-	-	20	-	-	20	-	20
Impact of disposals and acquisitions on minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	(132)	(132)
30 June 2005	**3,036,306**	**393**	**29,817**	**5,345**	**16,860**	**52,415**	**302**	**52,717**

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1 ORGANISATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

OAO NOVATEK (hereinafter referred to as “NOVATEK”) and its subsidiaries (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Group”) is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, production and processing of hydrocarbons with its core operations of oil and gas properties located in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Region (“YNAO”).

In June 2004, the Group disposed of its oil and gas construction services segment (the “disposed segment”) to focus its activities on oil and gas exploration and production. The disposed segment’s activities primarily consisted of drilling services and construction of oil and gas infrastructure and facilities for related and external parties within the Russian Federation.

In December 2004, the Group acquired controlling stakes in two of its primary equity affiliates, OAO NK Tarkosaleneftegas (“Tarkosaleneftegas”) and OOO Khancheyneftegas (“Khancheyneftegas”) (collectively the “acquired subsidiaries”). Following the acquisition, the Group’s ownership in these subsidiaries increased to 100 percent.

As a result of the sale of the disposed segment and the purchase of the acquired subsidiaries, the Group’s results of operations for the six months ended 30 June 2005 differ significantly from those of prior periods. Most notably, prior to the acquisition, a significant proportion of the hydrocarbon production of Tarkosaleneftegas and all of the production of Khancheyneftegas was previously purchased by the Group and then sold on to third parties. Accordingly, in prior periods, the Group’s statements of income included purchases from the acquired subsidiaries. Following the acquisition, the Group consolidated the activities of the acquired subsidiaries and, accordingly, all intragroup transactions have been eliminated.

Moreover, in prior periods, the Group included those activities of the disposed segment to the extent the disposed segment provided services to third parties. Beginning in July 2004, the Group no longer included such operations and any oil and gas drilling and construction services purchased from third parties are either capitalized to property, plant and equipment or expensed within materials, services and other, as appropriate.

The Group’s natural gas sales fluctuate on a seasonal basis due mostly to Russian weather conditions, with sales peaking in December and dipping in the summer months of July and August.

This unaudited consolidated interim condensed financial information reflects the financial position and results of operations of the principal subsidiaries listed below, all of which are incorporated in the Russian Federation:

	Percentage of total share capital at:			
Subsidiary	**30 June 2005**	**31 December 2004**	**30 June 2004**	**31 December 2003**
Oil and gas exploration and production				
Tarkosaleneftegas	100.0%	100.0%	32.2%	32.2%
OOO Yurkharovneftegas	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Khancheyneftegas	-	100.0%	43.0%	43.0%
OAO Purneftegasgeologiya	80.6%	78.0%	69.6%	79.6%
Construction services				
OAO SNP NOVA	-	-	-	74.3%
OOO Novafininvest	-	-	-	99.0%
Banking				
ZAO NOVA Bank	-	62.0%	88.6%	88.6%
Pipeline insulation production				
OAO NOVATEK-Polymer	97.9%	97.9%	71.2%	52.2%

In May 2005, the Group disposed of its equity stake in NOVA Bank to ZAO Levit (“Levit”), a Group shareholder (see Note 11), and merged Khancheyneftegas into Tarkosaleneftegas, after converting Tarkosaleneftegas from an open joint stock company to a limited liability company (see Note 10).

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1 ORGANISATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

The Group's respective interests in its principal associates were as follows:

	Percentage of total share capital at:			
Associate	**30 June 2005**	**31 December 2004**	**30 June 2004**	**31 December 2003**
OOO Geoilbent ("Geoilbent")	-	66.0%	66.0%	66.0%
OOO Tambeyneftegas ("Tambeyneftegas")	-	25.1%	25.1%	25.1%

In June 2005, the Group disposed of its 66 percent participation interest in Geoilbent and its 25.1 percent interest in Tambeyneftegas (see Note 11).

2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated interim condensed financial information has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard No. 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* ("IAS 34"). This consolidated interim condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with NOVATEK's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended 31 December 2004 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The 31 December 2004 consolidated balance sheet data has been derived from the audited financial statements.

Use of estimates. The preparation of consolidated interim condensed financial information in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements preparation and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities during the reporting period. Estimates have principally been made in respect to fair values of assets and liabilities, impairment provisions and deferred income taxes. Actual results may differ from such estimates.

Exchange rates, restrictions and controls. The official rate of exchange of the Russian rouble to the US dollar ("USD") at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004 was 28.67 and 27.75 Russian roubles to USD 1.00, respectively. Any translation of Russian rouble amounts to US dollars or any other hard currency should not be construed as a representation that such Russian rouble amounts have been, could be, or will in the future be converted into hard currency at the exchange rate shown or at any other exchange rate.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as discussed below, the principal accounting policies followed by the Group are consistent with those disclosed in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

New accounting developments. In December 2003, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") released 15 revised International Accounting Standards ("IAS's") and withdrew one IAS standard. In 2004, the IASB published five new standards, two revisions and two amendments to existing standards. In addition, the IFRIC issued six new interpretations in 2004. Significant changes relevant to the Group are discussed below.

The revisions to IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, clarify certain presentation requirements. Most significantly, the revised standard requires that minority interest be presented separately within equity. The Company has retroactively reflected the revised presentation standard for equity in the consolidated interim condensed financial information.

IAS 24, *Related Party Disclosures*, as revised, requires the disclosure of compensation of key management personnel and clarifies that such personnel include non-executive directors.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Other revised and amended standards effective on 1 January 2005 are as follows: IAS 2, *Inventories*; IAS 8, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*; IAS 10, *Events after the Balance Sheet Date*; IAS 16, *Property, Plant and Equipment*; IAS 17, *Leases*; IAS 19, *Employee Benefits*; IAS 21, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*; IAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*; IAS 28, *Investments in Associates*; IAS 31, *Investments in Joint Ventures*; *IAS* 32, *Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation*; IAS 33, *Earnings per Share*; IAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*; IAS 38, *Intangible Assets*: and IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. The adoption of these revised and amended standards has not had a material effect on the Group's financial position, statements of income or of cash flows.

Other new standards and interpretations early adopted by the Group on 1 January 2005 are as follows: IAS 19 (amended), *Employee Benefits,* IFRS 4, *Insurance Contracts*; IFRIC 3, *Emission Rights*; IFRIC 4, *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*; IFRIC 5, *Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds* and IFRIC Amendment to SIC-12. The adoption of these standards did not have a material impact on the Group's financial position, statements of income or of cash flows.

Accounting policies significant to the Group that were adopted or modified on 1 January 2005 are discussed below.

Share based payments. The Group accounts for share-based payments in accordance with IFRS 2, *Share-based Payment* ("IFRS 2"). The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the equity instruments is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the instruments granted. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised. For transactions with parties other than employees, the Group accounts for the transaction based upon the fair value of goods or services provided, unless the fair values are not reliably estimable. The adoption of IFRS 2 did not have a material effect on the Group as the Group had no outstanding share-based awards at 1 January 2005.

For share-based payments made to employees by shareholders, an increase to additional paid in capital is recorded equal to the associated compensation expense each period.

Business combinations. The Group accounts for business combinations in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 3, *Business Combinations* ("IFRS 3"). IFRS 3 applies to accounting for business combinations where the agreement date is on or after 31 March 2004. Upon acquisition, the Group initially measures both its share and the share of any minority shareholders in the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at their fair values as at the acquisition date. For business combinations where the agreement date is on or after 31 March 2004, goodwill is not amortized but rather tested for impairment annually at the cash generating unit level unless an event occurs during the year which requires the goodwill to be tested more frequently. Intangibles with indefinite useful lives acquired in those business combinations are not amortized and are tested annually for impairment to ensure the carrying value does not exceed the recoverable amount regardless of whether an indicator of impairment is present.

The Group applied the transitional rules of IFRS 3 in respect of goodwill and negative goodwill arising from business combinations for which the agreement date was before 31 March 2004. Consequently, beginning 1 January 2005, previously recognized goodwill was no longer amortized and will be tested for impairment in accordance with IAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*, and, on 1 January 2005, previously recognized negative goodwill of RR 762 million was derecognized with a corresponding adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings.

Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations. The Group accounts for non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations in accordance with IFRS 5, *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations.* IFRS 5 replaced IAS 35, *Discontinuing Operations*. Assets or disposal groups that are classified as held for sale are presented separately on the balance sheet and are carried at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. Additionally, the results of discontinued operations are shown separately on the face of statement of income. The adoption of IFRS 5 did not have a material effect on the Group.

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3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

On 1 January 2005, the Group early adopted IFRS 6, *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.* This standard provides guidance on accounting for costs incurred in the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources. Adoption of the standard did not have a material effect on the Group and did not require changes of the Group's accounting policies.

4 OIL AND GAS SALES

	Three months ended 30 June:		Six months ended 30 June:	
	2005	**2004**	**2005**	**2004**
Gas sales	5,454	3,114	11,392	6,590
Oil and gas condensate sales	1,832	1,578	3,392	3,075
Oil product sales	1,216	417	2,411	682
Stable gas condensate sales	574	-	574	-
Total oil and gas sales	**9,076**	**5,109**	**17,769**	**10,347**

Stable gas condensate sales comprise the output from the Group's Purovsky Gas Condensate Plant, which commenced operations in June 2005.

5 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

	Three months ended 30 June:		Six months ended 30 June:	
	2005	**2004**	**2005**	**2004**
Gas transportation to customers	1,104	585	2,385	1,294
Crude oil transportation to customers	130	175	293	353
Insurance expense	75	70	166	171
Oil products and stable gas condensate transported by railroad	195	38	295	57
Other internal transportation costs	93	55	174	94
Total transportation expenses	**1,597**	**923**	**3,313**	**1,969**

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6 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Operating assets	Assets under construction	Total
Cost	54,765	8,596	63,361
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(912)	-	(912)
Net book value at 31 December 2004	**53,853**	**8,596**	**62,449**
Additions	608	2,597	3,205
Transfers	6,528	(6,528)	-
Disposals and impairments, net	(59)	(3)	(62)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(1,664)	-	(1,664)
Cost	61,835	4,662	66,497
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(2,569)	-	(2,569)
Net book value at 30 June 2005	**59,266**	**4,662**	**63,928**

Included in additions to property, plant and equipment for the six months ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 is capitalized interest of RR 451 million and RR 257 million, respectively.

The transfers to operating assets primarily represent the capitalized costs associated with the Purovsky Gas Condensate Plant, which commenced operations in June 2005.

7 SHORT-TERM DEBT AND CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

	30 June 2005	31 December 2004
Russian rouble denominated loans	735	3,680
US dollar denominated loans	1,546	-
Loans from related parties	-	425
Promissory notes issued	280	1,275
Add: current portion of long-term debt	9,697	5,388
Total short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	**12,258**	**10,768**

Russian rouble denominated loans. Short-term Russian rouble denominated loans had a weighted average interest rate of 10.7 percent (interest ranging from 8 to 12 percent) and 10.5 percent (interest ranging from 8.8 to 12 percent) at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004, respectively. During the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group repaid loans to Sberbank in the amount of RR 2,650 million.

US dollar denominated loans. Short-term US dollar denominated loans had a weighted average interest rate of 6.7 percent (interest ranging from 6.4 percent to 7 percent) at 30 June 2005.

In February 2005, the Group borrowed RR 196 million (USD 7 million) from International Moscow Bank. The loan bears interest of LIBOR plus 4.25 percent, which was decreased in August 2005 to LIBOR plus 3.5 percent, and is repayable in January 2006. In June 2005, the Group borrowed an additional RR 572 million (USD 20 million) with an annual interest rate of LIBOR plus 3.5 percent, and repayable in June 2006.

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7 SHORT-TERM DEBT AND CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

In May 2005, the Group borrowed RR 253 million (USD 9 million) from ZAO Standard Bank. The loan bears interest of LIBOR plus 3.25 percent, and is repayable in May 2006.

During the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group borrowed RR 699 million (USD 25 million) from BNP Paribas of which RR 198 million (USD 7.1 million) was repaid. The loans bear interest of LIBOR plus 3.5 percent, and are repayable between February and May 2006.

Loans from related parties. At 31 December 2004, loans from related parties included a US dollar denominated loan from the Yamal Regional Fund of Development, at that time a Group shareholder, in the amount of RR 425 million (USD 15.3 million). The loan bore interest of 10 percent per annum. In February 2005, the loan was repaid. In May 2005, the Yamal Regional Fund of Development disposed of its holding in the Group.

Promissory notes. At 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004, promissory notes consisted of Tarkosaleneftegas promissory notes denominated in Russian roubles and repayable within one year of the issuance. During the six months ended 30 June 2005, RR 995 million of the outstanding amounts was repaid. Subsequent to 30 June 2005, the promissory notes were fully repaid.

8 LONG -TERM DEBT

	30 June 2005	31 December 2004
Russian rouble denominated loans	3,290	4,537
US dollar denominated loans	11,568	11,586
Euro denominated loans	120	-
Loans from related parties	-	1,497
Russian rouble denominated bonds	1,000	1,000
Total	**15,978**	**18,620**
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(9,697)	(5,388)
Total long-term debt	**6,281**	**13,232**

At 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004, long-term debt by facility is outlined as follows:

	30 June 2005	31 December 2004
C.R.R. B.V.	8,602	8,324
Vneshtorgbank	2,426	2,775
Sberbank	2,160	3,354
Yamal Regional Fund of Development	-	1,126
Finance Department of YNAO	1,130	1,130
Russian rouble denominated bonds	1,000	1,000
Other Russian rouble denominated loans	-	424
Other	660	487
Total	**15,978**	**18,620**
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(9,697)	(5,388)
Total long-term debt	**6,281**	**13,232**

Vneshtorgbank. In August 2005, the Group fully repaid the US dollar denominated loan of RR 2,426 million (USD 84.6 million) from Vneshtorgbank ahead of its maturity schedule, and the Group’s 26 percent participation interest in Tarkosaleneftegas was released from an associated pledge.

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8 LONG -TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Sberbank. During the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group repaid loans in amount of RR 1,741 million and obtained additional loans for RR 547 million. Of the RR 1,741 million repaid, RR 600 million was repaid ahead of schedule, and the Group's 2.5 percent share in Tarkosaleneftegas has been released from an associated pledge. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, all loans from Sberbank were fully repaid ahead of their respective maturity schedule.

Yamal Regional Fund of Development. In February 2005, the Group received an additional five-year loan in the amount of one billion roubles with a stated interest rate of 10 percent. The proceeds from the loan were used for the construction of the Purovsky Gas Condensate Plant. In June 2005, the loan was fully repaid ahead of its maturity schedule.

In March 2005, the Group repaid a loan in the amount of RR 1,053 million outstanding at 31 December 2004, and the Group's 31 percent participation interest in Yurkharovneftegas was released from an associated pledge.

In April 2005, the Group received an additional five-year loan in the amount of RR 500 million with a stated interest rate of 10 percent. In June 2005, the loan was fully repaid ahead of its maturity schedule.

In June 2005, the Group repaid a loan in the amount of RR 155 million outstanding at 31 December 2004.

Finance Department of YNAO. In August 2005, the Group fully repaid the Russian rouble denominated loan of RR 1,130 million from the Finance Department of YNAO ahead of its maturity schedule, and the Group's 4.7 percent participation interest in Tarkosaleneftegas was released from an associated pledge.

Other Russian rouble denominated loans. In January 2005, the loans outstanding totalling RR 371 million from Pur-Land were repaid.

Scheduled maturities of long-term debt at 30 June 2005 were as follows:

Twelve months ended 30 June:	
2007	2,247
2008	2,518
2009	1,000
2010	469
2011	47
Total long-term debt	**6,281**

9 TAXES

The Group is subject to a number of taxes other than on income, which are detailed as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June:		**Six months ended 30 June:**	
	2005	**2004**	**2005**	**2004**
Unified natural resources production tax	1,053	263	2,204	613
Property tax	79	24	155	42
Excise tax	31	20	82	35
Other taxes	11	(11)	34	(2)
Subtotal	1,174	296	2,475	688
Less: reversal of provision for additional taxes	(427)	-	(427)	-
Total taxes other than income tax	**747**	**296**	**2,048**	**688**

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9 TAXES (CONTINUED)

Unified natural resources production tax. Taxes other than income tax for the three and six months ended 30 June 2005 included RR 644 million and RR 1,387 million, respectively, of unified natural resources production tax attributable to the Group's subsidiaries Tarkosaleneftegas and Khancheyneftegas that were acquired in December 2004.

Effective income tax rate. The Group's statutory income tax rate in 2005 and 2004 is 24 percent. For the six months ended 30 June 2005 and 2004, the Group's effective income tax rate was 25.0 percent and 32.9 percent, respectively. For the three months ended 30 June 2005 and 2004, the Group's effective income tax rate was 24.7 percent and 34.8 percent, respectively.

Reversal of provision for additional taxes. During 2004, the Russian tax authorities' position on calculating the tax basis for unified natural resources production tax on gas condensate differed from how the Group calculated the tax. As a result, through 31 March 2005, the Group recorded provisions for additional taxes in excess of its declarations submitted to the tax authorities. In July 2005, a revised methodology on calculating the unified natural resources production tax on gas condensate was enacted. The revision is effective 1 January 2004, however, the revised methodology does not envision taxpayers amending their tax returns filed for the period from the effective date through the date of enactment. As a result, the Group reversed its provision for these additional taxes of RR 427 million as of 1 April 2005.

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 2004, the Group had significant activities with companies related to its shareholders in connection with purchases and sales of crude oil, natural gas, gas condensate, construction and other related services, and purchases and sales of equity securities. The Group's reported results of operations, financial position and cash flows would have been different had such transactions been carried out amongst unrelated parties. Related parties may enter into transactions which unrelated parties might not, and transactions between related parties may not be affected on the same terms, conditions and amounts as transactions between unrelated parties.

Subsequent to the acquisition of Tarkosaleneftegas and Khancheyneftegas in December 2004 (see Note 1), the acquired subsidiaries' activities were consolidated into the Group's financial position and results of operations. Accordingly, all purchases from, sales to and balances with the acquired subsidiaries have been eliminated in the Group's consolidated balance sheets at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004, and in the Group's consolidated statement of income for the three and six months ended 30 June 2005. Such activities are presented on a gross basis in the Group's consolidated statement of income for the three and six months ended 30 June 2004.

Purchases and sales of crude oil and gas condensate:

	Three months ended 30 June:			
	2005		**2004**	
Name of related party	Sales volumes (thousands of tons)	Russian roubles (millions)	Sales volumes (thousands of tons)	Russian roubles (millions)
Sales to Kerden Trading Limited	42	273	93	434
Sales to TNG Energy	31	195	-	-
Purchases from Tarkosaleneftegas	-	-	86	137
Purchases from Khancheyneftegas	-	-	125	200
Purchases from Geoilbent (until June 2005)	110	274	92	240

	Six months ended 30 June:			
	2005		**2004**	
Name of related party	Sales volumes (thousands of tons)	Russian roubles (millions)	Sales volumes (thousands of tons)	Russian roubles (millions)
Sales to Kerden Trading Limited	75	460	237	1,118
Sales to TNG Energy	86	499	-	-
Purchases from Tarkosaleneftegas	-	-	163	261
Purchases from Khancheyneftegas	-	-	232	371
Purchases from Geoilbent (until June 2005)	219	562	190	506

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10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Sales of stable gas condensate:

During the three months ended 30 June 2005, the Group commenced shipments and sold 87 thousand tons of stable gas condensate to Kerden Trading Limited for RR 569 million.

Purchases of natural gas:

	Three months ended 30 June:			
	2005		2004	
Name of related party	Sales volumes (millions of m^3)	Russian roubles (millions)	Sales volumes (millions of m^3)	Russian roubles (millions)
Purchases from Tarkosaleneftegas	-	-	1,824	546
Purchases from Khancheyneftegas	-	-	628	262

	Six months ended 30 June:			
	2005		2004	
Name of related party	Sales volumes (millions of m^3)	Russian roubles (millions)	Sales volumes (millions of m^3)	Russian roubles (millions)
Purchases from Tarkosaleneftegas	-	-	3,525	1,055
Purchases from Khancheyneftegas	-	-	1,053	439

Balances with related parties:

	30 June 2005	31 December 2004
Trade and other receivables	933	606
Short-term loans receivable	61	251
Prepayments and advances	18	30
Prepayments and advances (for construction)	241	235
Long-term loans receivable	7,906	7,694
Other non-current assets	64	70
Short-term debt	-	425
Long-term debt	-	1,497
Trade and other payables	484	147
Interest receivable	414	42

Long-term loans receivable. At 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004, long-term loans receivable included a US dollar denominated loan to Levit, a Group shareholder, in the amount of USD 270 million (RR 7,741 million and RR 7,492 million, respectively). The loan is unsecured, bears interest of 10 percent and is repayable by 30 June 2006. In July 2005, the loan was fully repaid ahead of its maturity schedule.

Other transactions with related parties:

	Three months ended 30 June:		Six months ended 30 June:	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Sales of inventory and oil products	11	40	18	139
Interest expense	23	25	64	35
Interest income	196	104	392	187
Construction services sales	-	74	-	209
Purchases of construction services	167	-	368	-

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11 DISPOSALS

In May 2005, the Group disposed of its equity stake in NOVA Bank to Levit, a Group shareholder, for RR 156 million, recognizing a gain on the sale of RR 12 million, net of associated income tax of RR 8 million. The disposal of NOVA Bank did not have a material effect on the Group's financial position and results of operations. NOVA Bank's financial position and results of operations were included within "Other" in the Group's segment information.

In June 2005, the Group sold its 66 percent participation interest in Geoilbent to OAO Lukoil and its subsidiary for RR 5,108 million, recognizing a gain on sale of RR 2,234 million, net of associated income tax of RR 793 million. The Group included its investment in Geoilbent within "Exploration and production" in the Group's segment information.

In June 2005, the Group sold its 34 percent interest in Selkupneftegas to OAO NK Rosneft for RR 573 million, recognizing a gain on sale of RR 436 million, net of associated income tax of RR 137 million. As the Group's carrying value for its investment in Selkupneftegas was nil, the full amount of the sales proceeds was recognised as a gain.

In June 2005, the Group disposed of its 25.1 percent interest in Tambeyneftegas to OOO Gazprombank-Invest for RR 120 million, recognizing a gain on sales of RR 4 million, net of associated income tax of RR 7 million. The Group included its investment in Tambeyneftegas within "Exploration and production" in the Group's segment information.

12 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group operates principally in the oil and gas industry in the Russian Federation. The Group evaluates performance and makes investment and strategic decisions based upon a review of profitability for the Group as a whole. However, the Group's activities are considered by management to comprise one geographic segment and, for the period to June 2005 (see Note 1), the following business segments:

- Exploration and production – exploration, production, processing, marketing and transportation of oil and gas;
- Oil and gas construction services – drilling and construction of oil and gas infrastructure and facilities (discontinued from 30 June 2004 – see Note 1);
- Corporate and other – other activities, including head office services, banking and telecommunications.

Segment information for the three months ended 30 June 2005 was as follows:

	Exploration and production	**Other**	**Total**
Segment revenues			
External revenues and other income	9,050	302	9,352
Inter-segment sales	-	-	-
Total segment revenues	**9,050**	**302**	**9,352**
Segment result	**4,417**	**111**	**4,528**

Segment information for the six months ended 30 June 2005 was as follows:

	Exploration and production	**Other**	**Total**
Segment revenues			
External revenues and other income	17,763	589	18,352
Inter-segment sales	4	-	4
Total segment revenues	**17,767**	**589**	**18,356**
Segment result	**7,870**	**158**	**8,028**

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12 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Segment information for the three months ended 30 June 2004 was as follows:

	Oil and gas construction services	Exploration and production	Other	Total
Segment revenues				
External revenues and other income	986	5,085	325	6,396
Inter-segment sales	507	-	-	507
Total segment revenues	**1,493**	**5,085**	**325**	**6,903**
Segment result	**93**	**1,820**	**113**	**2,026**

Segment information for the six months ended 30 June 2004 was as follows:

	Oil and gas construction services	Exploration and production	Other	Total
Segment revenues				
External revenues and other income	2,053	10,365	675	13,093
Inter-segment sales	916	-	-	916
Total segment revenues	**2,969**	**10,365**	**675**	**14,009**
Segment result	**140**	**3,600**	**138**	**3,878**

All of the Group’s operating assets are located in the Russian Federation.

13 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Operating environment. The Russian Federation continues to display some characteristics of an emerging market. These characteristics include, but are not limited to, the existence of a currency that is not freely convertible in most countries outside of the Russian Federation, currency controls, and relatively high inflation. The tax, currency and customs legislation within the Russian Federation is subject to varying interpretations, and changes, which can occur frequently.

While there have been improvements in the economic trends, the future economic direction of the Russian Federation is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the government, together with tax, legal, regulatory, and political developments.

Guarantees and pledges. At 30 June 2005, the Group had pledged its 30.7 percent participation interest in Tarkosaleneftegas as collateral for long-term borrowings. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the loans associated with these pledges were fully repaid and the associated pledges were released (see Note 8).

At 30 June 2005, the Group had pledged property, plant and equipment aggregating approximately RR 5,200 million.

Commitments. The Group had entered into commitments aggregating approximately RR 1,291 million to complete the construction of the Purovsky Gas Condensate Plant in 2005.

Taxation. Russian tax, currency and customs legislation is subject to varying interpretations, and changes, which can occur frequently. Management's interpretation of such legislation as applied to the transactions and activity of the Group may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. Recent events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities may be taking a more assertive position in its interpretation of the legislation and assessments. As a result, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of review. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods.

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13 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Oilfield licenses. The Group is subject to periodic reviews of its activities by governmental authorities with respect to the requirements of its oilfield licenses. Management cooperates with governmental authorities to agree on remedial actions necessary to resolve any findings resulting from these reviews. Failure to comply with the terms of a license could result in fines, penalties or license limitation, suspension or revocation. The Group's management believes any issues of non-compliance will be resolved through negotiations or corrective actions without any materially adverse effect on the Group's financial position, statements of income or of cash flows.

The Group's oil and gas fields are situated on land belonging to the Yamal-Nenets Regional Administration. Licenses are issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Group pays unified natural resources production tax to explore and produce oil and gas from these fields. The principal licenses of the Group and their expiry dates are:

Field	License holder	License expiry date
Yurkharovskoye	Yurkharovneftegas	2034
Khancheyskoye	Tarkosaleneftegas	2019
East-Tarkosalinskoye	Tarkosaleneftegas	2018

In July 2005, the Group re-registered its licence for the Khancheyskoye field from Khancheyneftegas in favor of Tarkosaleneftegas.

Management believes the Group has the right to extend its licenses beyond the initial expiration date under the existing legislation and intends to exercise this right. In February 2005, the Group was successful in extending the license for the Yurkharovskoye field from 2020 to 2034. As of the date of this report, the Group was preparing its application for the extension of the terms of the licenses for its two other core fields, East Tarkosalinskoye and Khancheyskoye.

Environmental liabilities. The Group and its predecessor entities have operated in the oil and gas industry in the Russian Federation for many years. The enforcement of environmental regulation in the Russian Federation is evolving and the enforcement posture of government authorities is continually being reconsidered. The Group periodically evaluates its obligations under environmental regulations and, as obligations are determined, they are recognized immediately, if no current or future benefit is discernible. Potential liabilities which might arise as a result of stricter enforcement of existing regulations, civil litigation or changes in legislation, cannot be estimated. Under existing legislation, management believes that there are no probable liabilities which will have a material adverse effect on the Group's financial position, statements of income or of cash flows.

Legal contingencies. During the period, the Group was involved in a number of court proceedings (both as a plaintiff and a defendant) arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, there are no current legal proceedings or other claims outstanding, which could have a material effect on the result of operations or financial position of the Group and which have not been accrued or disclosed in the consolidated interim condensed financial information.

14 SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 10 June 2005, the Group's shareholders approved a dividend of RR 777 million (RR 256 per share). The dividend is to be paid to shareholders of record as of 25 April 2005.

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