

OAO AK TRANSNEFT
IFRS INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

To the Shareholders of OAO AK Transneft

1. We have prepared interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2005 which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the OAO AK Transneft and its subsidiaries (the "Group") at the end of the period and of the results of operations and cash flows for the period then ended. Management of the Group is responsible for ensuring that the Group entities keep accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of each entity and which enable them to ensure that the interim consolidated financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and that their statutory accounting reports comply with Russian laws and regulations. Management also has a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.
2. Management considers that, in preparing the interim consolidated financial statements set out on pages 5 to 26, the Group has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and that appropriate International Financial Reporting Standards have been followed.
3. None of the directors held any shares in Group companies during the six months ended 30 June 2005.
4. The interim consolidated financial statements, which are based on the statutory consolidated accounting reports approved by management in August 2005, have been restated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

S.M. Vainshtock
President
23 September 2005

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Independent Accountants' Review Report

To the Board of Directors of OAO AK Transneft

The accompanying interim consolidated statements are subject for a review by independent accountant. The Independent Accountants' Review Report will be included in the set of the interim financial statements after the completion of this review.

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IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements – Six months ended 30 June 2005

(in millions of Russian roubles, unless otherwise stated)

Consolidated Balance Sheet		30 June 2005	31 December 2004
	Notes	(unaudited)	
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets		427	458
Property, plant and equipment, net	4	307,404	295,904
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	1,337	1,302
Total non-current assets		309,168	297,664
Current assets			
Inventories, net	6	8,368	8,187
Receivables and prepayments, net	7	8,446	10,739
VAT assets	7	26,707	23,589
Prepaid profit tax		1,053	1,281
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		28	77
Cash and cash equivalents	8	30,322	17,220
Total current assets		74,924	61,093
Total assets		384,092	358,757
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	9	307	307
Retained earnings		291,713	265,912
Total:		292,020	266,219
Minority interests	10	13,275	12,382
Total equity		305,295	278,601
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	11	7,700	14,969
Deferred taxes	12	27,102	27,491
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13	7,856	7,366
Total non-current liabilities		42,658	49,826
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	27,630	26,448
Profit tax liabilities		1,896	1,337
Borrowings	11	6,613	2,545
Total current liabilities		36,139	30,330
Total liabilities		78,797	80,156
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities		384,092	358,757

Approved on 23 September 2005 by:

S.M.Vainshtok

President

E.P. Kolesova

Chief Accountant

The accompanying notes set out on pages 9 to 26 are an integral part of these financial statements.

OAo AK TRANSNEFT**IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements – Six months ended 30 June 2005**

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Consolidated Statement of Income	Notes	Three months ended	Six months ended	Three months ended	Six months ended
		30 June 2005 (unaudited)	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	30 June 2004 (unaudited)	30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Sales	15	44,552	91,184	36,677	70,728
Operating expenses	16	(26,133)	(53,344)	(22,089)	(40,682)
Net other operating expenses	16	(966)	(1,045)	(849)	(1,112)
Reversal of impairment provisions	4	-	-	-	881
Operating income		17,453	36,795	13,739	29,815
Financial items, net:					
Exchange gains/(losses)		(151)	(197)	(4)	37
Gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	42	36	265	271
Interest expense, net	11	(158)	(521)	(615)	(1,152)
Total financial items		(267)	(682)	(354)	(844)
Income before profit tax		17,186	36,113	13,385	28,971
Profit tax expense	12	(4,655)	(9,419)	(3,751)	(7,343)
Net income		12,531	26,694	9,634	21,628
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of the OAO AK Transneft		12,206	25,801	9,052	20,610
Minority interests	10	325	893	582	1,018

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from customers	103,327	87,903
Cash paid to suppliers and employees, and taxes other than profit tax	(59,942)	(56,690)
Interest paid	(597)	(693)
Profit tax paid	(9,123)	(6,467)
Other proceeds from operating activities	4,692	4,699
Net cash from operating activities	38,357	28,752
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22,524)	(27,589)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	298	9
Proceeds from sale of long-term investments	39	688
Interest received	133	69
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,054)	(26,823)
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Proceeds from long and short-term borrowings	7 131	2,198
Repayment of long and short-term borrowings	(10,534)	(2,359)
Dividends paid	-	(200)
Dividends received	102	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,301)	(361)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	100	(88)
Net increase in cash and cash Equivalents	13,102	1,480
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	17,220	17,219
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	30,322	18,699

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to shareholders of ОАО АК Транснефт				Total equity
	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total	Minority interest	
Balance at 31 December 2003	307	228,719	229,026	10,014	239,040
Net income (unaudited)	-	20,610	20,610	1,018	21,628
Balance at 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	307	249,329	249,636	11,032	260,668
Balance at 31 December 2004	307	265,912	266,219	12,382	278,601
Net income (unaudited)		25,801	25,801	893	26,694
Balance at 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	307	291,713	292,020	13,275	305,295

The accompanying notes set out on pages 9 to 26 are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

OA O AK Transneft (the "Company") was established as an open joint stock company and incorporated on 14 August 1993 in the Russian Federation by the Russian Government Resolution No. 810 under Presidential Decree No. 1403 dated 17 November 1992. The Company's registered office is at 119180 Moscow, ul. Bolshaya Polyanka 57, Russian Federation.

The Company and its subsidiaries, enumerated in note 17, (the "Group") operate the largest crude oil pipeline system in the world totalling 48,075 km (31 December 2004 – 48,208 km) and were responsible for transportation to refineries and export markets of 111.43 and 221.31 million tonnes of crude oil, respectively, in the three and six months 30 June 2005 (three and six months ended 30 June 2004 – 110.89 and 219.40 million tonnes, respectively), which represents substantially all the crude oil produced in the territory of the Russian Federation.

The Group is considered by management to have a single main activity and all its activities comprise one industry and geographic segment.

2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Those Group companies incorporated in Russia maintain their statutory accounting records and prepare statutory financial reports in accordance with the Regulations on Accounting and Reporting of the Russian Federation ("RAR") and their functional currency is the Russian rouble ("RR"). Group companies incorporated in other countries maintain their statutory accounting records in accordance with relevant legislation and in the appropriate functional currency. These consolidated financial statements are based on the statutory accounting records, which are maintained under the historical cost convention, with adjustments and reclassifications for the purpose of presentation in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The majority of Group companies were incorporated at approximately the same time and, since the assets had previously been under common ownership, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that there was a uniting of interests at that date under IAS 22, "Business Combinations". Subsequent acquisitions have been accounted for in accordance with the purchase method of accounting under IAS 22.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except that derivative financial instruments, investments held for trading and available-for-sale are stated at fair value. The carrying amounts of assets, liabilities and equity items in existence at 31 December 2002 include adjustments for the effects of hyperinflation, which were calculated using conversion factors derived from the Russian Federation Consumer Price Index published by the Russian Statistics Agency, *GosKomStat*. Russia ceased to be hyperinflationary for IFRS purposes as of 1 January 2003.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates relate to the estimated useful lives and dismantlement liabilities associated with property, plant and equipment, and deferred taxation.

Going concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realisation of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. The recoverability of the Group's assets, as well as the future operations of the Group, may be significantly affected by the current and future economic environment. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following significant accounting policies have been consistently applied by Group in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004, except for changes resulting from the amendments to IFRSs. The Group adopted the revised versions of IFRSs that were effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 January 2005.

Changes in accounting policies

As at 1 January 2005, Group adopted all of the new and revised Standards and interpretations adopted by the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 January 2005.

Significant changes in accounting policies as they relate to the Group's financial position, results of its operations and its cash flows, as presented in these consolidated interim financial statements, are summarised as follows.

Application of IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements" (revised 2003) has affected the presentation of minority interest, and has resulted in increased disclosures, including disclosure of critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies. The change in classification of minority interest as a part of equity has resulted in an increase in equity of RR 10,014 million as at 1 January 2004, RR 11,032 million as at 30 June 2004, and RR 12,382 million thousand as at 31 December 2004.

Application of IAS 24 "Related Party Disclosures" (revised 2003) has resulted in changing disclosures in respect of related party transactions.

Upon application of IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" (revised 2004), the Group has designated financial assets, which were previously recognised as available-for-sale assets, as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. As at 31 December 2004, such assets had a carrying amount of RR 771 million. Comparative information in the balance sheet has been restated. In previous periods, gains and losses arising from a change in the fair value of available-for-sale instruments were recognised in the consolidated statement of income. As a result, the designation of those assets as financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss does not require restatement of financial results in the comparative information.

Application of 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 27 "Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements", IAS 28 "Investments in Associates" did not result in substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies.

There was no impact on opening retained earnings as at 1 January 2005 from the adoption of any of the above-mentioned standards.

Consolidation

Those business undertakings in which the Group, directly or indirectly, has an interest of more than one-half of the voting rights or otherwise has power to exercise control over the operations are defined as subsidiary undertakings ("subsidiaries"). All subsidiaries whose assets, liabilities or operations are significant to the Group have been consolidated. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which effective control is transferred to the Group and are no longer consolidated from the date when such control ceases.

All transactions, balances and unrealised surpluses and deficits on transactions within the Group have been eliminated on consolidation. Where necessary, accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

For subsidiaries that are not wholly owned, the minority's interest is measured as the proportion of the fair value of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary at the acquisition date, amended for the minority's share of subsequent dividends, profits and losses.

Foreign currencies

The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries whose operations are integral to those of the Group are translated into the reporting currency as if the transactions had been undertaken directly by the Company.

Foreign currency transactions in Group companies are accounted for at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at each balance sheet date.

Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at historical cost, including, where appropriate, the net present value of the estimated dismantlement or removal cost of the asset at the end of its estimated useful life, less accumulated depreciation. Assets under construction are carried at historical cost and depreciated from the time the asset is brought into use. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its estimated useful life as follows:

	Years
Buildings	50
Pipelines	33
Plant and equipment	10-20

Crude oil used for technical operation of the pipeline network (“linefill”) owned by the Group is treated as a separate component of the pipeline class of asset, and is not depreciated as it is not physically consumed in the process of providing services to customers. Surpluses are reflected at market value, deficits – at the weighted average carrying value of linefill and are charged or credited to the consolidated statement of income.

Management approves specific plans for prospective dismantlement or decommissioning of sections of pipeline and related facilities on an annual basis and, at that time, the estimated useful life of the related asset is revised and the annual depreciation charge is amended if applicable. In the event that a decision is made to abandon a construction project in progress or to significantly postpone its planned completion date, or if there are other indications of potential impairment, the carrying value of the asset is reviewed.

At each balance sheet date an assessment is made as to whether there is any indication that the recoverable amount of the Group’s property, plant and equipment is less than the carrying amount, or that an impairment provision previously made may no longer exist or may have changed. When there is such an indication, an impairment provision or reversal, as applicable, is included in the consolidated statement of income in the period in which the indication of impairment or reversal became apparent.

The Group’s pipeline network, associated buildings, linefill and plant and equipment are assessed by reference to the higher of their net selling price or their value in use, based on forecasts of future cash flows from continuing use of the assets discounted to net present value. The discount rate used is that considered appropriate to the Group in the economic environment in the Russian Federation at each balance sheet date.

Major renewals and improvements are capitalised and the assets replaced are retired. Maintenance and repairs and minor renewals are expensed as incurred. Minor renewals include all expenditures which do not result in a technical enhancement of the asset beyond its original capability, or which represent the replacement of sections of pipeline which are less than ten kilometres in length and do not constitute phased replacements of a longer section of pipeline. Gains and losses arising from the retirement or other disposal of property, plant and equipment are included in the consolidated statement of income.

Interest costs on borrowings to finance the construction of property, plant and equipment are expensed as incurred.

Social assets which were part of the assets transferred to the Group companies at the time of their privatisation have been excluded from these consolidated financial statements if the privatisation plan provided for them to be transferred to municipal authorities or other organisations without consideration.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Marketable securities and other investments intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in their future prospects, are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Upon application of the revised *IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, the Group has designated financial assets, which were previously recognized as available-for-sale assets, as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. In previous periods, gains and losses arising from a change in the fair value of available-for-sale instruments were recognised in profit and loss account. As a result, the designation of those assets as at fair value through profit or loss does not require restatement of financial results in the comparative information.

Management classifies each investment as either current or non-current at the acquisition date, and re-evaluates the classification at each subsequent balance sheet date. Such investments are initially stated at cost and are re-measured to fair value at each balance sheet date, and both realised and unrealised changes in carrying amount are charged or credited to the consolidated statement of income.

The fair value of marketable securities and quoted investments is based on quoted market values at each balance sheet date. In assessing the fair value of securities and investments which are not publicly traded, the Group uses a variety of methods and assumptions based on market conditions and risk existing at each balance sheet date, including quoted market prices for similar investments, discounted value of estimated future cash flows, and replacement cost.

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities carried on the consolidated balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, investments, receivables, borrowings and trade and other payables. These items are initially recognised at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration given or received, on the date when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are de-recognised only when the rights to the separable benefits under the relevant contract are settled, lost, surrendered, or have expired. Financial liabilities are partially or fully de-recognised only when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or has expired.

Financial assets are re-measured to fair value at each subsequent balance sheet date, unless they are loans or receivables originated by the Group, in which case they are measured at amortised cost. Financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are carried at their original invoice amount less a provision made for impairment of these receivables. The provision for impairment of trade receivables is established if there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables or if collection is not anticipated for a long period of time. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest for similar borrowings at the date of origination of the receivable.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of weighted average cost and net realisable value.

Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised when transportation services have been provided as evidenced by delivery of crude oil to the owner or customer in accordance with the contract.

Value added tax

In the consolidated balance sheet and the consolidated statement of cash flows, transactions and balances are presented inclusive of the associated Value Added Tax (“VAT”) applicable under the legislation of the relevant

jurisdiction in which the specific transactions occurred. These taxes are generally excluded from the consolidated statement of income since they are collected and paid on behalf of the Government and therefore have no effect on the results of operations.

Deferred taxes

Except as discussed below, deferred taxes are calculated at currently enacted or substantively enacted rates, using the liability method, for all temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all taxable temporary differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, unless the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets attributable to temporary differences and to unutilised tax losses and credits are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit or temporary differences will be available against which they can be utilised.

Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at the fair value of the proceeds received which is determined using the prevailing market rate of interest for a similar instrument, if significantly different from the transaction price, net of transaction costs incurred. In subsequent periods, borrowings are recognised at amortised cost, using the effective yield method; any difference between fair value of the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised as interest expense over the period of the borrowings.

State pension fund

The Group makes contributions for the benefit of employees to Russia's State pension fund. The contributions are expensed as incurred.

Retirement benefit plans and other employee benefits

The Group sponsors a defined contribution plan, covering all employees.

The Group's contributions to the defined contribution plan are based upon 12% of accrued annual payroll. The Group's contributions to this plan are expensed when incurred and are included within insurance expenses in operating expenses.

The Group also operates a defined benefit plan. Pension costs are recognised using the projected unit credit method. The cost of providing pensions is charged to operating expenses within the consolidated statement of income so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees. The pension obligation is measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government securities, which have the terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Provisions are reassessed at each balance sheet date, and are included in the consolidated financial statements at their expected net present values using the discount rate appropriate to the Group in the economic environment in the Russian Federation at each balance sheet date.

Changes in the provisions resulting from the passage of time or changes in the discount rate are reflected in the consolidated statement of income each period under Financial Items. Other changes in provisions, related to a change in the expected pattern or estimated cost of settlement of the obligation, are treated as a change in an accounting estimate in the period of the change by adjusting the corresponding asset or expense.

The Group recognises separately the estimated cost of crude oil spillages, including the cost of the obligations to restore the environment (air, land, water and other resources), and the estimated recoveries under applicable insurance policies, at the date of the spillage.

The Group periodically evaluates its obligations under environmental regulations. As obligations are determined, they are recognised as expenses immediately unless they extend the life of the related property or mitigate or prevent future environmental contamination, in which case they are capitalised.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash, bank balances and highly liquid investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and which have maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition.

Share capital and dividends

Ordinary shares and non-redeemable preferred shares with variable dividend rights are both classified as equity.

Dividends are recognised as a liability and deducted from shareholders' equity at the balance sheet date only if they have been declared before or on the balance sheet date. Dividends proposed, but only declared between the balance sheet date and the date of issuing the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed.

New Standards and Interpretations not yet adopted

The following new Standards and Interpretations are not yet effective and have not been applied in preparing these preliminary IFRS financial statements:

- IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007. The Standard will require increased disclosure in respect of the Company's financial instruments.
- Amendment to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007. The Standard will require increased disclosure in respect of the Company's capital.
- Amendment to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits – Actuarial Gains and Losses, Group Plans and Disclosures*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The amendment includes an option for actuarial gains and losses to be recognised in full as they arise, outside of the income statement in a statement of recognised income and expense. The Company has determined not to apply the allowed option.
- Amendment to IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – The Fair Value Option*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The amendment restricts the designation of financial instruments as "at fair value through profit or loss".
- IFRIC 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The Interpretation requires certain arrangements to be accounted for as a lease even if they are not in the legal form of a lease. The Company has not yet completed its analysis of the impact of the new Interpretation.

4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings	Pipelines	Plant and equipment	Linefill	Assets under construction including prepayments	Total
At 31 December 2004						
Cost	47,583	249,233	143,088	53,170	33,062	526,136
Reclassification	425	61	955	-	(1,441)	-
Cost after reclassification	48,008	249,294	144,043	53,170	31,621	526,136
Accumulated depreciation	(15,598)	(138,154)	(76,480)	-	-	(230,232)
Net book value at 31 December 2004	32,410	111,140	67,563	53,170	31,621	295,904
Depreciation	(777)	(3,814)	(5,065)	-	-	(9,656)
Additions	-	-	-	601	21,935	22,536
Transfers from assets under construction to fixed assets	2,319	7,597	5,521	-	(15,437)	-
Disposals (at cost) and changes in provisions	(197)	(161)	(828)	(1,050)	(198)	(2,434)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals	78	268	708	-	-	1,054
Net book value at 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	33,833	115,030	67,899	52,721	37,921	307,404
At 30 June 2005						
Cost	50,130	256,730	148,736	52,721	37,921	546,238
Accumulated depreciation	(16,297)	(141,700)	(80,837)	-	-	(238,834)
Net book value at 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	33,833	115,030	67,899	52,721	37,921	307,404
At 31 December 2003						
Cost	44,145	222,581	126,908	52,160	31,094	476,888
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(14,622)	(132,009)	(69,072)	-	-	(215,703)
Net book value at 31 December 2003	29,523	90,572	57,836	52,160	31,094	261,185
Depreciation	(607)	(2,936)	(4,436)	-	-	(7,979)
Additions	-	-	-	1,142	26,561	27,703
Transfers from assets under construction to fixed assets	1,317	1,033	3,683	-	(6,033)	-
Disposals (at cost) and changes in reserves and impairment losses	(355)	714	(1,827)	(1,238)	-	(2,706)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals	59	20	551	-	-	630
Net book value at 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	29,937	89,403	55,807	52,064	51,622	278,833

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At 30 June 2004**(unaudited)**

Cost	45,107	224,328	128,764	52,064	51,622	501,885
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(15,170)	(134,925)	(72,957)	-	-	(223,052)
Net book value at 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	29,937	89,403	55,807	52,064	51,622	278,833

Linefill represents 26,964 thousand tonnes of crude oil (31 December 2004 – 27,276 thousand tonnes).

Property, plant and equipment at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004 is presented net of impairment provisions of RR 4,756 million at each date against specific pipeline assets and machinery held for disposal or liquidation.

Impairment provision

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
At 1 January	4,756	4,756	5,278	5,728
Reversal of impairment provision	-	-	-	(881)
At 30 June	4,756	4,756	5,278	4,847

5 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS AND GAINS (LOSSES) ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Marketable securities	807	771
Investments in other Russian companies and banks	530	531
	1,337	1,302

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss represented by investments in other Russian companies and banks have been reduced to fair value by making cumulative fair-value adjustments of RR 1,285 million (31 December 2004 – RR 1,321 million).

Gains (losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include:

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Fair value adjustments, net	42	36	265	271

6 INVENTORIES, NET

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Materials and supplies	7,434	7,321
Sundry goods for resale	642	561
Other items	292	305
	8,368	8,187

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Inventories are presented net of provisions of RR 393 million (31 December 2004 – RR 393 million) for obsolescence and to reduce cost to net realisable value. Materials and supplies mostly represent pipes that will be expensed in maintenance costs.

7 RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS AND VAT ASSETS, NET**Receivables and prepayments**

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Trade receivables	2,678	5,113
Prepayments and advances	3,727	2,730
Other receivables (net of a provision for doubtful accounts of RR 45 million at 30 June 2005; 31 December 2004 - RR 111 million)	2,041	2,896
	8,446	10,739

VAT assets

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Recoverable on completion of construction projects	8,300	11,707
Input tax on costs incurred, and temporarily imputed VAT on advances received, for transportation of oil destined for export	17,519	11,358
Other VAT receivable	888	524
	26,707	23,589

8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Balances denominated in Russian roubles	28,204	14,685
Balances denominated in US dollars	2,118	2,535
Total	30,322	17,220

9 SHARE CAPITAL**Share capital**

	Total RR million (historical)	30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004
Authorised, issued and fully paid shares of par value RR 1 each		
Ordinary: 4,664,627 shares	4.7	230
Preferred: 1,554,875 shares	1.5	77
Total: 6,219,502 shares	6.2	307

The Company's largest shareholders are:

Federal Agency for the Management of Federal Property	100% of ordinary shares
ZAO Depozitarno – Clearing Company (nominee shareholder)	27.91% of preferred shares
ZAO KB CITIBANK (nominee shareholder)	17.56% of preferred shares
ZAO Brunswick UBS Warburg Nominees (nominee shareholder)	11.63% of preferred shares
Non-profit partnership Nazionalniy Depozitarniy center (nominee shareholder)	8.88% of preferred shares

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ZAO ING Bank (Eurasia) (nominee shareholder)	7.95% of preferred shares
ZAO ABN AMRO Bank A.O. (nominee shareholder)	7.12% of preferred shares

Rights attributable to preferred shares

Pursuant to the Charter, shareholders that hold preferred shares shall have the right to receive annual fixed dividends. The total amount of dividends to be paid on each preferred share is established as 10 percent of the profits of the Company according to the results of the last financial year, divided by the number of preferred shares based on information from the shareholders register of the Company at the reporting date.

Shareholders that hold preferred shares in the Company shall be entitled to participate in the general meeting of shareholders with the right to vote on the following issues:

- on the reorganization and liquidation of the Company;
- on the introduction of amendments and addenda to the Charter of the Company which limit the rights of shareholders that hold preferred shares, including the determination or increase in the amount of dividends and/or determination or liquidation cost to paid on preferred shares of the previous level of priority;
- on all issues within the competence of the general meeting of shareholders, beginning with the general meeting of shareholders following an annual general meeting of shareholders at which for whatever reason either no decision on payment of dividends was adopted or a decision was adopted on partial payment of dividends on preferred shares. The right of shareholders that hold preferred shares to participate in the general meeting of shareholders with voting rights shall be terminated from the time of the first full payment of dividends on the indicated shares.

Dividends

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders in August 2004 approved the following dividends in respect of the year ended 31 December 2003:

	Russian roubles per share	Total
Ordinary shares	509.60	2,377
Preferred shares	1 019.11	1,585
		3,962

The amount was fully settled by the end of 2004 by making cash payments.

The amount of dividends in respect of the year ended 31 December 2004 are not included in consolidated financial statements since they are subject to approval by the shareholders in their Annual General Meeting.

Distributable profits

The statutory accounting reports of the parent Company and each subsidiary are the basis for their respective profit distribution and other appropriations. For the six months ended 30 June 2005, the statutory profit of the Company was RR 3,373 million. The Company's Charter identifies the basis of distribution as the net profit.

10 MINORITY INTERESTS

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
At 1 January	12,382	12,382	10,014	10,014
Share of net income for the six months	325	893	582	1,018

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At 30 June	12,707	13,275	10,596	11,032
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Minority interests primarily represents the shares in consolidated subsidiaries held by OAO Svyazinvestneftekhim (36% of OAO SZMN) and OAO Bashkirskaya Oil Company (24.5% of OAO Uralsibnefteprovod).

11 BORROWINGS AND INTEREST EXPENSE

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Secured borrowings	394	370
Unsecured borrowings	13,919	17,144
Total borrowings	14,313	17,514
Less: current portion of borrowings	(6,613)	(2,545)
	7,700	14,969
Maturity of non-current borrowings		
Due for repayment:		
Between one and two years	1,939	11,197
Between two and five years	5,755	3,743
After five years	6	29
	7,700	14,969

RR 7,168 million of borrowings (31 December 2004 – RR 4,511 million) are denominated in US dollars (“US\$”).

Interest expense, net

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Interest expense	260	681	671	1,240
Interest income	(102)	(160)	(56)	(88)
Interest expense, net	158	521	615	1,152

Borrowings include the following major credit facilities:

A credit line of RR 10,000 million (RR 5,000 million and US\$ 163 million) was made available to a Group company by a Russian bank for the construction of the Baltic Pipeline System, of which the full amounts had been drawn down. The credit line is repayable as follows: RR 5,000 million in February 2006, US\$ 163 million in eight equal quarterly instalments commencing in August 2006. The loan of US\$ 163 million was repaid in advance in May 2005 in one installment. Interest on the RR 5,000 million is payable at fixed rates and can be revised if there are changes in established refinancing and other rates of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation. Interest on the US\$163 million was payable at a variable interest rate.

A credit line of RR 10,000 million was made available to a Group company by a Russian bank for the construction of the Baltic Pipeline System, of which RR 7,390 million had been drawn down by 30 June 2005. The credit line is repayable in four quarterly instalments commencing in July 2005 to February 2006. Partial repayments of this credit line were made in April 2005 of RR 3,333 million and May 2005 of RR 2,500 million. Interest is payable at fixed rates and can be revised if there are changes in established refinancing and other rates of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

A credit line of US\$ 250 million was made available to a Group company by international consortium of banks for the construction of the third stage of the Baltic Pipeline System, partial refinancing of existing liabilities and general corporate purposes. In May 2005 US\$ 250 million of the credit line had been drawn down. The credit line is repayable in three instalments commencing in April 2007 to April 2008. Interest is payable monthly at the rate of Libor plus 1.15%.

The rates on the above RR loans range from 8% to 12% at 30 June 2005.

The total carrying value of property, plant and equipment pledged as collateral for loans was RR 642 million (31 December 2004 – RR 642 million).

12 PROFIT TAX AND DEFERRED TAXES

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Profit tax expense consists of:				
Current tax expense	4,668	9,808	3,955	8,112
Deferred tax benefit	(13)	(389)	(204)	(769)
Profit tax expense	4,655	9,419	3,751	7,343

RR 65 million of current tax expense was settled during the six months ended 30 June 2005 through an offset against VAT receivable and property tax. The consolidated statement of cash flows excludes the effect of this non-cash transaction.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets consist of the following:

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Carrying value of property, plant and equipment in excess of tax base	(28,551)	(28,841)
Other	(408)	(353)
	(28,959)	(29,194)
Deferred tax assets:		
Provisions against inventories, receivables and accruals	344	398
Provisions for dismantlement and other expenses	1,513	1,305
	1,857	1,703
Net deferred tax liability	(27,102)	(27,491)

Profit tax payable by companies in the Russian Federation with effect from 1 January 2002 ranges from 20% to 24%, depending on the decision of regional and local tax authorities which can agree jointly on a supplementary amount of up to 4% above the minimum set by the federal tax authorities. The rate used to compute the deferred tax assets and liabilities of the Group at 30 June 2005 was 24% (31 December 2004 – 24%), which reflects the fact that substantially all regional and local tax authorities in the regions in which the Group operates have again assessed the maximum supplementary rate.

The following is a reconciliation of theoretical profit tax expense computed at the statutory tax rate to the actual profit tax expense:

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Income before profit tax	17,186	36,113	13,385	28,971
Theoretical profit tax expense at 24%	4,125	8,667	3,212	6,953
Increase due to:				
Items non deductible (non taxable) for profit tax purposes	530	752	539	390
Actual profit tax expense	4,655	9,419	3,751	7,343

13 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Dismantlement	Other Liabilities	Employment benefits	Total
At 31 December 2004	5,440	133	1,793	7,366
Additional provisions created (unaudited)	282	3	342	627
Provisions used (unaudited)	(85)	(6)	(46)	(137)
At 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	5,637	130	2,089	7,856

Dismantlement

A provision is established for the expected cost of dismantling parts of the existing pipeline network based on the average current cost per kilometre of removal according to an estimated plan of replacement over the long term. The dismantlement provision calculation is based on assumption, that it is expected to cover the same number of kilometres each year over the useful life of the network. The cost of dismantlement is added to the cost of property, plant and equipment and depreciated over the useful economic life of the pipeline network. Additional provisions are therefore made when the total length of the network increases, and reductions occur when sections of the pipeline are decommissioned. Other changes are made when the expected pattern or unit cost of dismantlement is changed.

Other liabilities

Certain subsidiaries entered into contracts with the original holders of the preferred shares of the Company. In return for the holders selling their shares, those subsidiaries made commitments to pay annual amounts indefinitely based on a percentage of the profits of the subsidiary calculated in accordance with RAR. Payments are made in May and November each year based on the results of operations of the relevant subsidiaries for the six months ended on 31 December and 30 June of the previous period, respectively. These payments however, must not be less than the value of the shares sold multiplied by the current deposit rate of the Savings Bank of Russia (7% as of 30 June 2005). A provision is made for the net present value of the estimated minimum future payments under such contracts.

Employment benefits

Under collective agreements with the employees, an amount ranging from one to ten months' final salary is payable upon retirement to those who have worked for the Group for more than five years. Management has assessed the net present value of these obligations, following the guidelines set out in IAS 19, "Employee Benefits". Under this method an assessment has been made of an employee's service period with the Group, and the expected salary and number of months' salary payable under these agreements having regard to staff

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turnover statistics, retirement age, and salaries at retirement. The expected liabilities at the date of retirement have been discounted to net present value using a rate of 7.95% per year (31 December 2004 – 7.95% per year).

14 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 June 2005 (unaudited)	31 December 2004
Trade payables	10,354	11,041
Advances received for oil transportation services	6,277	7,388
Deferred VAT	4,468	2,257
Accruals and deferred income	1,040	1,422
VAT output tax payable	1,377	634
Other taxes payable	816	494
Other payables	3,298	3,212
	27,630	26,448

VAT input and output taxes can only be offset under tax regulations to the extent that they relate to the same company; deferred VAT output tax liabilities become payable when the value of the underlying invoice has been received.

15 SALES

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Revenues from oil transportation services				
Domestic tariff	13,485	26,823	14,033	27,431
Export tariff	25,911	50,145	18,763	36,948
Total revenues from oil transportation services	39,396	76,968	32,796	64,379
Revenues from oil sales				
Domestic sales	1,163	2,159	1,528	2,049
Export sales	-	4,858	-	-
Total revenues from oil sales	1,163	7,017	1,528	2,049
Other revenues	3,993	7,199	2,353	4,300
	44,552	91,184	36,677	70,728

The revenues of the Group for oil transportation services on the domestic pipeline network comprise:

- revenues for transportation of crude oil to destinations in Russia and the CIS countries, based on distance-related tariffs denominated and payable in RR and revised periodically after approval by the Federal Tariff Agency (“domestic tariff”);
- revenues for transportation of crude oil which is destined for export, based on distance-related tariffs denominated in US\$ and in RR but payable in RR and revised periodically after approval by the Federal Tariff Agency (“export tariff”);

The above tariffs are based on expected total operating costs calculated in accordance with RR (with certain exclusions), normal levels of activity and a monetary profit margin.

Other amounts included in export tariffs are:

- a fixed tariff denominated and payable in US\$, under intergovernmental agreements for the transportation of crude oil from Azerbaijan over the territory of Russian Federation, for export at Novorossiysk and other outlets;
- a distance-related tariff denominated and payable in US\$, set by the Federal Tariff Agency for transit

of Kazakhstan crude oil over the territory of the Russian Federation, and

- a fixed tariff denominated and payable in US\$, for transit of Kazakhstan crude oil through the Makhachkala – Novorossiysk pipeline.

The following significant changes in tariffs occurred in recent periods:

The tariffs on execution of an order and dispatch of oil shipments to oil refineries of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union that are located outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union were increased by approximately by 10% and 11% correspondingly from 1 January 2004. As a result, the weighted average tariff increased of 8.62%.

The tariffs on execution of an order and dispatch of oil shipments to oil the member states of the Customs Union that are located outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union were increased by approximately 19% from 1 September 2004. As a result, the weighted average tariff increased of 5.2%.

The tariffs on pumping, reloading, pouring, execution of an order and dispatch of oil shipments to oil refineries of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union that are located outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union were increased from 1 January 2005. As a result, the weighted average tariff increased of 11.2%.

The tariffs on execution of an order and dispatch of oil shipments to oil refineries of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union that are located outside the customs territory of the Russian Federation and the member states of the Customs Union were increased from 1 June 2005. As a result, the weighted average tariff increased of 8,3%.

The revenue from the oil sale shows proceeds from the sale of oil for export, received in repayment of the accounts receivable of one of the oil production companies on oil transportation services, and proceeds from the sale on the domestic market of surpluses of linefill.

16 OPERATING EXPENSES AND NET OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Operating expenses				
Depreciation	4,934	9,512	3,898	7,789
Salaries	4,313	8,472	3,461	6,558
Unified Social Fund contributions	1,044	2,095	1,061	2,096
Directors' compensation (Note 19)	46	77	41	63
Social expenses	602	1,002	413	697
Electricity	3,828	7,788	3,425	6,597
Maintenance and repairs and minor renewals	2,396	3,596	1,710	3,582
Materials	2,403	4,474	1,455	2,884
Taxes other than profit tax:				
Property tax	242	517	424	848
Other taxes	101	145	73	115
Cost of goods for resale	802	4,229	1,405	1,872
Insurance expense	1,798	3,475	1,626	2,908
Communications expense	101	197	71	178
Transport expense	536	1,010	470	797
Administrative expense	790	1,317	470	846

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Design and developing costs	740	1,066	539	698
Customs duties on oil sales	-	1,841	-	-
Other, net	1,457	2,531	1,547	2,154
	26,133	53,344	22,089	40,682

Property tax is assessed at a maximum of 2.2% on the average annual net book value of property, plant and equipment. Specific legislation provides for the exclusion of trunk pipelines from the taxable base.

Insurance expenses include Group expenses in relation to the defined contribution plan for the three months ended 30 June 2005 in amount of RR 867 million.

The following gains (losses) are included in net other operating expenses:

	Three months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2005 (unaudited)	Three months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2004 (unaudited)
Changes in linefill and in provisions against clients' oil balances	567	967	853	1,240
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment and social assets	(77)	(112)	(178)	(265)
Changes in provision against doubtful debts and other receivables	-	-	14	4
Other operating expenses	(1,456)	(1,900)	(1,538)	(2,091)
	(966)	(1,045)	(849)	(1,112)

17 CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND ACQUISITIONS**Proportion (%) of ownership interest at
30 June 2005****Regional pipeline operators**

OAo Sibnefteprovod	100
OAo Chernomortransneft	100
OAo MN Druzhba	100
OAo Privolzhsknefteprovod	100
OAo Transsibneft	100
OAo Verkhnevolzhsknefteprovod	100
OAo Tsentsibnefteprovod	100
OAo SMN	100
OOO Baltnefteprovod	100
OAo Uralsibnefteprovod	75.5
OAo SZMN	64
Other services	
OAo Giprotuboprovod	100
OAo Svyaztransneft	100
OAo CTD Diascan	100
OAo Volzhsky Podvodnik	100
ZAO Centre MO	100
Transneft UK Limited	100
OOO Trade House Transneft	100
OAo TsUP Stroineft	100
OOO Spetsmornefteport Primorsk	100

OOO Transneftleasing	100
OOO TransPress	100

All of the consolidated subsidiaries are incorporated in the Russian Federation, with the exception of Transneft UK Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. There were no material changes in the structure of the Group during the three months ended 30 June 2005 and the year ended 31 December 2004.

18 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, COMMITMENTS AND OTHER RISKS

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Legal proceedings

The Group is a party to certain legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business.

In the opinion of management of the Group, there are no current legal proceedings outstanding which could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or financial position of the Group.

Taxation

The taxation system in the Russian Federation is relatively new and is characterised by frequent changes in legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions, which are often unclear, contradictory and subject to varying interpretation by different tax authorities. Taxes are subject to review and investigation by a number of authorities, which have the authority to impose severe fines, penalties and interest charges. A tax year remains open for review by the tax authorities during the three subsequent calendar years; however, under certain circumstances a tax year may remain open longer. Recent events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities are taking a more assertive position in their interpretation and enforcement of tax legislation.

These circumstances may create tax risks in the Russian Federation that are substantially more significant than in other countries. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of applicable Russian tax legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions. However, the interpretations of the relevant authorities could differ and the effect on these IFRS financial statements, if the authorities were successful in enforcing their interpretations, could be significant.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

In the normal course of business, the Group prepares plans for the repair, reconstruction and development of the pipeline network on an annual basis, and revises them periodically during the year. At 30 June 2005, current plans and commitments provided for a further RR 23,183 million to be spent by 31 December 2005 (as at 30 June 2004 – RR 23,058 million to be spent by 31 December 2004).

OTHER RISKS

Government and tariffs

The Government of the Russian Federation, through the Federal Agency for the Management of Federal Property, owns 100% of the issued ordinary shares of the Company and controls most of its operations through Board members representing Ministries and other Federal bodies with executive authority. The Government also appoints the members of the Federal Tariff Agency, which sets the tariff rates.

Also, the Group is subject to various environmental laws regarding handling, storage, and disposal of certain products and is subject to regulation by various governmental authorities.

19 RELATED PARTIES AND DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

The Group's transactions with other state-controlled entities occur in the normal course of business on a frequent basis and include, but are not limited to, the following: purchase of electricity for production needs, use of state-controlled construction companies, purchase of rail-road services, transportation of oil produced by state-owned entities, transactions with state-controlled banks, transactions with state-controlled scientific or research institutions, etc.

Directors' compensation

Compensation paid to directors and senior management for their services in full or part time executive management positions is in the form of a contractual salary.

20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND COMMODITY PRICE RISKS**Foreign exchange risk**

The Group's overall strategy is to have no significant net exposure in currencies other than the Russian rouble or the US dollar, and it does not use foreign exchange or forward contracts. The official rates of exchange at 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004 were RR 28,67 and RR 27.75 to US\$ 1.00, respectively.

Interest rate risk

The Group obtains borrowings from banks at current fixed market interest rates, and does not use any hedging instruments to manage its exposure to changes in interest rates.

Commodity price risk

The Group's main activity requires it to maintain and replace the existing pipeline network, and to construct new pipelines which need to be filled with crude oil as linefill. This necessitates the purchase of significant amounts of steel pipe each year for new and replacement pipelines, and of crude oil as linefill. The Group has no long-term contracts with the manufacturers of pipe or the producers of crude oil, and does not use derivative contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in the price of steel or crude oil.

Credit risk and contract performance

The Group policy is to place cash and cash equivalents with banks in a manner which reduces the risk of loss due to default. At 30 June 2005 cash of RR 6,173million was placed by the Group with one Russian bank.

The Group does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes and its trade accounts receivable are unsecured. The largest single credit exposure (based on combined figures of accounts receivable due from, and advances to, the same group of entities) at 30 June 2005 was RR 1,780 million (31 December 2004 – RR 1,218 million).

Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of Company's financial instruments approximate their carrying values.