



**GROUP OF COMPANIES**  
**S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.**

**Consolidated Financial  
Statements**

**for the year ended  
December 31, 2006**

**in accordance with  
International Financial  
Reporting  
Standards,  
adopted by the  
European Union**

We confirm that the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. on March 15, 2007 and have been published on the website in the following address: [www.sandb.com](http://www.sandb.com). It is noted that the purpose of the published condensed financial data to the Press is to provide the users with certain general financial data, however, they do not provide a full view of the Company's and the Group's financial position and results of their operations, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). It is also noted that certain amounts have been condensed in the published financial data to the Press, for simplicity reasons.

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Efthimios O. Vidalis

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# S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Shareholders of  
S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2006, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Greek Auditing Standards, which are based on International Standards of Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the aforementioned consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards that have been adopted by the European Union.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

The Board of Directors' Report is consistent with the aforementioned consolidated financial statements.

Athens, March 15, 2007

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## S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies

### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

(Amounts in thousand Euro, except per share data)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1.1 - 31.12.2006</u>	<u>1.1. - 31.12.2005</u>
Sales	4	455.601	419.835
Cost of sales	5	(340.378)	(316.507)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>115.223</b>	<b>103.328</b>
Administrative expenses	6	(48.288)	(46.505)
Selling expenses	7	(32.075)	(28.319)
Other income / (expense), net	8	5.378	6.186
<b>Profit before tax, financial and investing income / (expense)</b>		<b>40.238</b>	<b>34.690</b>
Financial income	9	832	2.497
Financial expense	10	(9.113)	(8.030)
Share of profit from associates	18	2.247	1.670
Profit from associates sale	18	-	6.555
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>34.204</b>	<b>37.382</b>
Income tax	11	(10.666)	(12.235)
<b>Net profit</b>		<b>23.538</b>	<b>25.147</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the parent		22.096	23.960
Minority interests	3	1.442	1.187
		<b>23.538</b>	<b>25.147</b>
<b>Earnings per share (in Euro) attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>			
Basic		0,73	0,80
Diluted		0,72	0,80
<b>Weighted average number of shares</b>			
Basic	24	30.447.476	29.956.139
Diluted	24	30.547.924	30.000.630
Earnings attributable to equity holders of the Parent (basic and diluted)		22.096	23.960

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

**S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**(Amounts in thousand Euro)**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<b>Non current assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	160.055	160.609
Investment property	15	23.743	24.156
Goodwill	16	73.648	74.123
Intangible assets	17	15.724	17.037
Deferred tax assets	11	6.274	7.086
Investments in associates	18	11.306	12.626
Other non current assets		2.018	2.352
<b>Total non current assets</b>		<b>292.768</b>	<b>297.989</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	20	93.481	85.533
Trade accounts receivable	21	69.697	65.413
Other current assets	22	16.035	18.140
Cash and cash equivalents	23	33.783	42.907
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>212.996</b>	<b>211.993</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>505.764</b>	<b>509.982</b>
<b><u>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</u></b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	24	30.651	30.382
Share premium	24, 25	31.719	29.898
Share option plan reserve	25	396	509
Derivative financial instruments valuation reserve	31	80	(268)
Other reserves	26	89.980	83.895
Foreign currency translation		(2.245)	2.956
Retained earnings		36.763	27.861
<b>Total</b>		<b>187.344</b>	<b>175.233</b>
<b>Minority interest</b>	3	9.082	7.890
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>196.426</b>	<b>183.123</b>
<b>Non current liabilities</b>			
Provision for staff leaving indemnities	28	15.929	14.934
Provision for environment rehabilitation	29	13.205	12.747
Other provisions		1.605	825
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	30	150.678	185.000
Deferred income taxes	11	13.617	14.566
Grants		2.257	2.391
Other non current liabilities		933	945
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>		<b>198.224</b>	<b>231.408</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade accounts payable	32	46.467	35.934
Short-term borrowings	33	7.141	9.629
Current portion of long term loans and borrowings	30	34.009	19.905
Income tax payable		3.144	6.632
Dividends payable	27	53	48
Other current liabilities	34	20.300	23.303
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>111.114</b>	<b>95.451</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>505.764</b>	<b>509.982</b>

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# S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

(Amounts in thousand Euro)

Note	Share Capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Share option plan reserve	Derivative financial instruments valuation reserve	Other reserves	Foreign currency translation	Retained earnings	Total	Minority interests	Total equity
<b>January 1, 2005</b>	<b>30.154</b>	<b>30.432</b>	<b>(4.769)</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76.224</b>	<b>(2.543)</b>	<b>13.759</b>	<b>143.849</b>	<b>2.578</b>	<b>146.427</b>
- Accumulated effect of adapting IAS 39 (net of deferred tax asset of Euro 58)	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	(222)	(122)	-	(122)
- Profit for the year 2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.960	23.960	1.187	25.147
- Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.502	-	5.502	-	5.502
- Derivative valuation (net of deferred tax asset of Euro 173)	31	-	-	-	(368)	-	-	-	(368)	-	(368)
<b>Total profit / (loss) for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	(268)	-	5.502	23.738	<b>28.972</b>	1.187	<b>30.159</b>
- Sale of treasury shares	24	-	4.769	-	-	-	-	(900)	3.869	-	3.869
- Dividend approval	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.809)	(1.809)	-	(1.809)
- Dividends paid to minority holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(478)	(478)
- Approval of distribution of shares to personnel	24	71	338	-	-	-	-	-	409	-	409
- Share option plan	25	-	-	237	-	-	-	-	237	-	237
- Increase/(decrease) in share capital	24	157	(4.324)	(320)	-	-	-	-	(4.487)	-	(4.487)
- Minority interests in new subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	748	748
- Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	56	156	(4)	152
- Listing of subsidiary in ASE by share capital increase without Group's participation	-	3.452	-	-	-	(338)	(3)	926	4.037	3.859	7.896
- Transfer to reserves	26	-	-	-	-	7.909	-	(7.909)	-	-	-
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>30.382</b>	<b>29.898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>(268)</b>	<b>83.895</b>	<b>2.956</b>	<b>27.861</b>	<b>175.233</b>	<b>7.890</b>	<b>183.123</b>
- Profit for the year 2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.096	22.096	1.442	23.538
- Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5.201)	-	(5.201)	-	(5.201)
- Derivative valuation (net of deferred tax asset of Euro 153)	31	-	-	-	348	-	-	-	348	-	348
<b>Total profit / (loss) for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	348	-	(5.201)	22.096	<b>17.243</b>	1.442	<b>18.685</b>
- Dividend approval	27	-	-	-	-	(1.417)	-	(6.786)	(8.203)	-	(8.203)
- Dividend paid to minority shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.090)	(1.090)
- Share option plan	25	-	-	261	-	-	-	-	261	-	261
- Approval of distribution of shares to personnel	24	72	564	-	-	-	-	-	636	-	636
- Increase in share capital	24	197	1.343	(374)	-	-	-	-	1.166	-	1.166
- Increase / (decrease) of investment in subsidiaries	-	(86)	-	-	-	72	-	(121)	(135)	(127)	(262)
- Minority participation in subsidiary's share capital increase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	79
- First incorporation of subsidiary under the full consolidation method	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	839	839
- Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	6.369	-	(6.369)	-	-	-
- Movement due to decrease of nominal tax rate in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	916	-	-	916	-	916
-Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	145	-	82	227	49	276
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>30.651</b>	<b>31.719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>89.980</b>	<b>(2.245)</b>	<b>36.763</b>	<b>187.344</b>	<b>9.082</b>	<b>196.426</b>

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**S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies**  
**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**(Amounts in thousand Euro)**

	Note	December 31 2006	December 31 2005
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit before income tax		<u>34.204</u>	<u>37.382</u>
Adjustments for:			
- Depreciation and amortization	12	25.192	27.048
- Depreciation and amortization included in prior year's ending inventories	12	697	325
- Subsidies amortization		(133)	(189)
- Provisions for environment rehabilitation	29	667	125
- Provisions , net		3.999	1.691
- Financial income	9	(832)	(2.497)
- Financial expense	10	9.113	8.030
- Share of profit from associates		(2.247)	(1.670)
- Profit from associates sale	18	-	(6.555)
- Losses / (gains) from disposal of property plant and equipment		22	(170)
		<u>70.682</u>	<u>63.520</u>
(Increase) / Decrease of:			
- Non current assets		335	1.802
- Inventories	20	(9.040)	(13.565)
- Trade accounts receivable	21	(4.816)	(8.616)
- Other current assets	22	2.105	(5.318)
Increase / (Decrease) of:			
- Other non current liabilities		(13)	149
- Trade payable	32	10.532	5.953
- Other current liabilities	34	(2.513)	(456)
Staff leaving indemnities paid	28	(1.027)	(1.411)
Payments for environment rehabilitation	29	(1.084)	(1.172)
Income tax paid		(10.588)	(6.887)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<u>54.573</u>	<u>33.999</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
- Capital expenditure for property, plant and equipment	14, 15, 17	(24.732)	(21.628)
- Capitalized depreciation	12	512	394
- Investments in subsidiaries		(888)	(2.501)
- Minority interest participation in newly formed subsidiary		-	748
- Income from associates		590	682
- Share capital increase of subsidiary		79	6.897
- Income from sale of associate	18	-	7.785
- Income from decrease of investment in subsidiary		379	1.680
- Income from the sale of treasury shares		-	3.869
- Income from disposal of property, plant and equipment		889	668
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities:</b>		<u>(23.171)</u>	<u>(1.406)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
- Share oprtion exercised	25	1.166	940
- Net decrease of short-term borrowing	33	(2.488)	(123.339)
- Increase of long-term borrowing	30	519	148.292
- Decrease of long-term borrowing	30	(20.984)	(13.317)
- Dividends paid		(8.199)	(1.808)
- Dividends paid to minority shareholders		(1.090)	(478)
- Return of capital to shareholders	24	-	(5.428)
- Financial income received		832	2.497
- Interest and financial expenses paid		(8.327)	(7.704)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities:</b>		<u>(38.571)</u>	<u>(345)</u>
- Effect of exchange rates changes on flows		(1.312)	888
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>(8.481)</u>	<u>33.136</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>42.907</u>	<u>9.468</u>
- Effect of exchange rates changes on cash		(643)	303
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at year end</b>	23	<u>33.783</u>	<u>42.907</u>

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**S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of Companies**  
**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006**

(Amounts in thousand Euro, unless otherwise stated)

**1. THE GROUP AND ITS OPERATIONS**

The S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. Group of companies (“the Group” or “S&B”) is a Greek Group of companies mainly engaged, through its Parent company and its subsidiaries, in the extraction, processing, distribution and supply of industrial minerals, the production, distribution and supply of fluxes and the distribution and supply of motorcycles, marine products and heavy equipment. The Parent company “S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.” is a Greek corporation incorporated in 1934 and, as of 1994 its shares are listed on the Athens Exchange. The S&B headquarters are located in Kifissia, Attica, 15 A.Metaxa street. In 1978, and after decision of the Shareholders Ordinary General Assembly, its duration was extended for a period of 50 years up to 2034. As at December 31, 2006 and as at December 31, 2005 the Group employed 2.186 and 2.211 employees, respectively.

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

**2.1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

- (a) **Basis of Preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements that constitute the Group’s consolidated financial statements (hereinafter referred to as “the financial statements”) have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), adopted by the European Union. There are no standards applied in advance of their effective date. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial instruments which are measured at fair value.
- (b) **Approval of Financial Statements:** The Board of Directors of S&B approved the accompanying consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006, on March 15, 2007. It is noted that the accompanying consolidated financial statements are pending to the approval of the parent’s Shareholders’ General Assembly Meeting.

**2.2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, are as follows:

- (a) **Basis of consolidation:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. and its subsidiaries. All subsidiaries (entities that S&B has direct or indirect ownership of the majority of voting interest and/or has the power to control the Board of the investee) are consolidated. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which effective control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date in which control is transferred out of the Group. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Where necessary, accounting policies for subsidiaries have been revised to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by S&B. A full list of the consolidated subsidiaries together with the related effective ownership interests is provided in Note 3.
- (b) **Functional and Presentation Currency and Foreign Currency Translation:** The functional and presentation currency of S&B and its Greek subsidiaries is the Euro. Transactions involving other currencies are converted to Euro using the exchange rates which are in effect at the time of the transactions. Assets and liabilities in foreign currency are adjusted to reflect the exchange rates as at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses resulting from transactions in foreign currency as well as year end valuation of

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**2.2 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency are reported in the consolidated income statement, except of transactions that comply with cash flow hedging requirements that are reported in equity.

The functional currency of the Company's foreign subsidiaries is the official currency of the related country in which each subsidiary operates. Accordingly, at each reporting date all balance sheet accounts of the subsidiaries are translated to Euro using the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the weighted average rate of exchange prevailing during the reporting year/period. The accumulated difference resulting from such translation is recognized directly in consolidated equity until the disposal, write off or de-recognition of a subsidiary, when it is transferred to the consolidated income statement.

- (c) **Other Intangible Assets:** Other intangible assets include mining rights, licenses, concessions, software, trademarks and customer lists. Mining rights, licenses and concession include their acquisition cost as well as expenses relating to the extension or retention of the rights, less any accumulated amortization and impairment losses. Software represents acquisition cost reduced by the amount of accumulated amortization and possible impairment. Significant expenditures are capitalized if the software's performance is further enhanced than that of its initial specification.

Trademarks and customer lists were recognized in the past through the process of purchase price allocation of Stollberg Group. Mining rights, licenses and concessions are amortized based on the straight line method within their period of expiry (mainly 10-15 years). Software is amortized based on the straight line method over their estimated useful life which is set to four years. Customer list is amortized based on the straight line method over a period of ten years. Trademark is not amortized as it is considered to have an indefinite life. However, trademark is tested for impairment on an annual basis following the provisions of IAS 36 "Impairment of assets". Amortization of intangible assets is included in the income statement.

- (d) **Exploration and Appraisal Costs:** Costs that relate to the exploration and appraisal of new deposits are expensed as incurred.

- (e) **Mines:** Mines include the following:

- (i) **Mining Land:** Mining Land includes the acquisition cost of land acquired for the purpose of carrying out mining activities. Amortization of Mining Land is calculated on a straight-line basis over the shorter period between a period of twenty years and the useful life of a mine (estimated period for the commercial exploitation of the mine). Amortization of Mining Land is included in the cost of extraction which is allocated proportionately between cost of sales and ending inventories.

- (ii) **Mine Development Expenses:** The cost of mines includes stripping and waste removal activity expenses incurred throughout the operational life of a mine. Capitalization and amortization of mine development expenses is calculated based on the stripping ratio method. Amortization of capitalized mine development expenses is included in the cost of extraction.

- (iii) **Environment Rehabilitation Expenses:** Mines also include the present value of the expenses required to rehabilitate the mining land disturbed as a result of the mining activity performed to date and as stipulated in the prevailing environmental legislation. The relevant amount increases the cost of mines, and, simultaneously, an equivalent provision for environment rehabilitation is established. Capitalization and amortization of environment rehabilitation expenses is accounted for at the level of individual mines and calculated based on the land disturbance of the broader area of interest. Amortization of the capitalized environment rehabilitation expenses is calculated from the time that a mine has entered its stage of commercial production and is calculated based on the Unit of Production

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**2.2 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

method. Amortization of capitalized environment rehabilitation expenses is included in the cost of extraction.

The management of the Group believes that the level of the proven and licensed commercially exploitable reserves are adequate for sustaining its current level of operations for a significant period of time.

**(f) Other tangible assets:** Other tangible assets (land, buildings, machinery and technical works, transportation means and furniture and fixtures) are stated at historic cost, less accumulated depreciation, if applicable, and any accumulated impairment losses. Repairs and maintenance are charged to expenses as incurred. Major improvements are capitalized to the cost of the asset to which they relate when they appreciably extend the life, increase the earning capacity or improve the efficiency of property, plant and equipment. An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset, is included in the consolidated statement of income in the year the item is derecognized.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the average estimated useful economic life of the assets and is included in the income statement. The useful lives used are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	20 - 40
Building improvements	3 - 15
Heavy machinery	20 - 40
Machinery	10 - 20
Machinery equipment	5 - 20
Heavy transportation equipment	15 - 33
Other transportation means	5 - 15
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 14

**(g) Investment properties:** Investment properties are stated at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Repairs and maintenance are charged to expenses as incurred. Subsequent expenditures are capitalized when they appreciably extend the life, increase the earning capacity or improve the efficiency of property, plant and equipment. An item of investment property is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset, is included in the consolidated statement of income in the year the item is derecognized. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the average estimated useful economic life of the properties (30 to 50 years) and is included in the income statement.

**(h) Business combinations, goodwill and changes in minority interests :** Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition accounting method. This involves recognizing identifiable assets (including previously unrecognized intangible assets) and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the acquired business at fair value. Goodwill acquired in a business combination is initially measured at cost being the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Goodwill is not amortized, but it is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. At the acquisition date (or at the date of completion of the relative purchase price allocation) any goodwill acquired is allocated to each of the cash-generating units related to goodwill.

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Impairment is determined by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit, to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized.

Where goodwill forms part of a cash-generating unit and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured on the basis of the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

Goodwill resulting from acquisitions or business combinations has been allocated to the main cash generating units in group level. The cash generating units have been defined in accordance with the provisions of IAS 36 "Impairment of Assets". The Group, in order to decide whether an impairment of goodwill exists, performed the related impairment tests in the cash generating units in which goodwill was allocated, and based on those tests no impairment issue occurred.

When the Group increases its participation interest to existing subsidiaries (acquisition of minority interests) the total difference between the purchase price and the portion of the minority interests acquired (goodwill or negative goodwill) is transferred directly to equity as it is considered as a transaction among the shareholders (entity concept method). Similarly, when minority interests are sold (without losing control of the subsidiary) then the related gains or losses are recognized directly to equity.

- (i) **Investments in associates:** The Group's investments in its associates are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. These are entities in which the Group has significant influence and which are neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture of the Group. The investments in associates are carried on the balance sheet at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate, less possible provisions for any impairment in value. The statement of income reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the associates. Where there has been a change recognized directly to equity of the associate, the Group recognizes its share of any changes in the statement of changes in equity.
- (j) **Investments in joint ventures:** The Group has an interest in a joint venture which is a jointly controlled entity. A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby two or more parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control, and a jointly controlled entity is a joint venture that involves the establishment of a separate entity in which each venturer has an interest. The Group recognizes its interest in the joint venture using proportionate consolidation. The Group combines its share of each of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the joint venture with the similar items, line by line, in its consolidated financial statements. The financial statements of the joint venture are prepared for the same reporting year as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies that may exist. When the Group contributes or sells assets to the joint venture, any portion of gain or loss from the transaction is recognized based on the substance of the transaction. When the Group purchases assets from the joint venture, the Group does not recognize its share of the profits of the joint venture from the transaction until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, if the resulted loss of the transaction demonstrates decrease in the net realizable value or impairment loss, then this loss is recognized directly to the income statement. The joint venture is proportionately consolidated until the date on which the Group ceases to have joint control over the joint venture.

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**(k) Impairment of Assets:**

- (i) **Non financial assets:** The Group at each balance sheet date examines whether there are indications of impairment for the non financial assets. With the exception of goodwill and the intangibles assets with an indefinite life which are tested for impairment on an annual basis, the carrying values of other non-current assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Whenever the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount an impairment loss is recognized in the income statement. The recoverable amount is measured as the higher of net selling price and value in use. Net selling price is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, after deducting any direct incremental disposal costs, while value in use is the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to arise from continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.
- (ii) **Financial assets:** At each reporting date the Group assesses any potential indicative factor regarding whether a financial asset or group of financial assets has been impaired. The financial assets that are reviewed for impairment (provided that the relative indications exist) are assets stated at cost (investments in subsidiaries and associates in the separate balance sheet), assets measured at amortized cost (non current receivables) and available for sale investments. The recoverable amount of investments in subsidiaries and associates is determined similarly with the non-financial assets. The recoverable amount of the remaining financial assets is generally determined, for the purpose of performing the related impairment tests, based on the estimated future cash flows discounted either at the initial effective interest rate of the financial asset or the group of financial assets, or at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. The resulting impairment losses are recognized to the consolidated income statement.
- (l) **Inventories:** Inventories include merchandise, finished and semi-finished products, raw and secondary materials, packaging materials and spare parts. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. The cost of inventories reflects their purchase price plus any other costs necessary to bring them to their present location and condition and is determined using the weighted average method, with the exception of the cost of inventories of the Group's commercial activities which are determined using the specific identification method. Net realizable value for finished goods is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. The net realizable value for raw materials is the estimated replacement cost in the ordinary course of business. Provision for slow moving or obsolete inventories is made when necessary.

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**(m) Accounts Receivable:** Short term receivables are presented in their nominal value, net of provisions for potential non collectible accounts, while long-term receivables (balances that deviate from the normal credit terms) are measured at amortized cost based on the effective interest rate method. The Group has established criteria for granting credit to customers which are generally based upon the size of the customer's operations and consideration of relevant financial data. In certain countries, where insurance market exists, the Group covers the receivables from its customers through insurance. In other geographical areas, and where necessary, the Group requires guarantees direct from its customers. At each balance sheet date all potentially uncollectible accounts are assessed individually for purposes of determining the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts. The balance of such allowance for doubtful accounts is appropriately adjusted at each balance sheet date in order to reflect the possible risks. Any amount written-off with respect to customer account balances is charged against the existing allowance for doubtful accounts. It is the Group's policy not to write-off an account until all possible legal action has been exhausted.

**(n) Investments and other (primary) financial assets:** Financial assets (primary) in the scope of IAS 39 are classified based on their nature and their characteristics at the following four categories:

- financial assets at fair value through profit and loss,
- loans and receivables,
- held-to-maturity investments, and
- available-for-sale financial assets.

When financial assets are recognized initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of investments not at fair value through profit and loss, directly attributable transaction costs. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets after initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this designation at each financial year-end.

**(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss:** Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term. Gains or losses on investments held for trading are recognized in income.

**(ii) Loans and receivables:** Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognized in income when the loans and receivables are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process.

**(iii) Held-to-maturity investments:** Primary financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity are classified as held-to-maturity when the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification. Held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. For investments carried at amortized cost, gains and losses are recognized in income when the investments are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process.

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**(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets:** Available-for-sale financial assets (primary) are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified in any of the three preceding categories. After initial recognition available-for sale financial assets are measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognized as a separate component of equity. On disposal, impairment or derecognition of the investment, the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to the income statement. The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organized financial markets is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. For investments where there is no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Such techniques include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument, which is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis and option pricing models.

**(o) De-recognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

**(i) Financial assets:** A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized where:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the assets, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset. Where the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognized to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay. Where continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchase option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Group's continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Group may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Group's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

**(ii) Financial liabilities:** A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a de-recognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

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**(p) *Derivative Financial Instruments and hedging:***

The Group uses derivative financial instruments such as forward currency contracts, interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps to hedge its risks associated with interest rate and foreign currency fluctuations. Such derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. The fair value of such derivatives is determined by reference to market values for similar instruments and it is confirmed with the respective financial institutions.

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as:

- fair value hedges when hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or firm commitment
- cash flow hedges when hedging exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or the foreign currency risk in a firm commitment
- hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation.

The effective part of hedges that qualify for hedge accounting is recognized directly to equity if it is related to cash flow hedges while the non effective part is charged to the consolidated income statement. If the hedge is related to effective fair value hedges the related gains or losses are recognized to the consolidated income statement.

When the hedged firm commitment results in the recognition of an asset or a liability, then, at the time the asset or liability is recognized, the associated gains or losses that had previously been recognised in equity are included in the initial measurement of the acquisition cost or other carrying amount of the asset or liability. For all other cash flow hedges, the gains or losses that are recognized in equity are transferred to the income statement in the same year in which the hedged firm commitment affects the net profit and loss. For derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting, any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to net profit or loss for the year. Certain derivatives, although characterized as effective hedges based on Group policies, do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting in accordance with the provisions of IAS 39 and, therefore, gains or losses are recognized in the statements of income.

**(q) *Cash and cash equivalents:*** The Group considers time deposits and other highly liquid investments with original maturity of three months or less, to be cash equivalents.

**(r) *Share capital:*** Share capital represents the value of the Parent company's shares in issue. Any excess of the fair value of the consideration received over the par value of the shares issued is recognized as the "share premium" in shareholders equity. Incremental external costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown as a deduction in equity, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**(s) *Bank and Bond Loans:*** Bank and bond loans are initially recognized at cost which reflects their fair value reduced by the loan arrangement expenses. After initial recognition, loans are valued at the unamortized cost based on the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognized in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the amortization process.

**(t) *Borrowing costs:*** Borrowing costs are recognized as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

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- (u) **Provisions and Contingencies:** Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle this obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. Regarding the provisions that are expected to be settled in the long term when the effect of time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pretax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate the risks specific to the liability. Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements but are disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements but are disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.
- (v) **Provision for Staff Leaving Indemnities:** Staff retirement obligations are calculated at the discounted value of the future retirement benefits deemed to have accrued at year-end, based on the employees earning retirement benefit rights steadily throughout the working period. Retirement obligations are calculated on the basis of financial and actuarial assumptions detailed and are determined using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Net pension costs for the period are included in payroll in the accompanying consolidated statement of income and consist of the present value of benefits earned in the year, interest cost on the benefit obligation, past service cost, actuarial gains or losses recognized in the fiscal year and any additional pension charges. Past service costs are recognized on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits under the plan become vested. In the event of a defined benefit plan is initiated or modified and the relative benefits have already been vested, the corresponding prior period cost is recognized in the current year income statement. Actuarial differences are recognized based on the corridor approach. Under this approach unrecognized actuarial gains or losses that exceed 10% of the projected benefit obligation at the beginning of each period are recognized over the average remaining service period of active employees and included as a component of net pension cost for a year if, as of the beginning of the year. The retirement benefit obligations are not funded.
- (w) **Provision for Environment Rehabilitation:** The Group recognizes a provision for rehabilitation for land disturbed as a result of past mining activity and in line with the prevailing environmental legislation of each country in which it operates. The provision for environment rehabilitation reflects the present value of the obligation for environment rehabilitation as of the balance sheet date and is calculated based on the area of the land disturbed to date and the cost of rehabilitation per metric unit of land at the level of the broader area of interest. The provision is measured at every balance sheet date and is appropriately adjusted to reflect the present value of the expenses required to fulfill the obligation.
- (x) **Income Taxes (Current and Deferred):**
- (i) **Current Income Taxes:** Current income taxes are computed based on the separate financial statements of each of the entities included in the consolidated financial statements, in accordance with the tax rules in force in Greece or other tax jurisdictions in which foreign subsidiaries operate. Current income tax expense consists of income taxes for the current year based on each entity's profits as adjusted in its tax returns and, additional income taxes to cover potential tax assessments which are likely to occur from tax audits by the tax authorities, using the enacted or substantively enacted tax rates.

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**(ii) Deferred Income Taxes**

Deferred income tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities. Deferred income tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences:

- Except where the deferred income tax liability arises from initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- In respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interest in joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carried forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is possible that taxable profit will be available against the deductible temporary differences and the carried forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized.

- Except where the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interest in joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future and there will be available taxable profit which will be used against temporary differences.

The deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced at the time where it is not considered as possible that enough taxable profits will be presented against which, a part or the total of assets can be utilized.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Income tax relating to items recognized directly in equity is recognized in equity and not in the consolidated statement of income.

- (y) **Government Grants:** Government grants which primarily relate to the subsidization of property, plant and equipment are recognized where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with. Where the grant relates to an asset, the fair value is credited to a deferred income account and is released to the consolidated statement of income over the expected useful life of the relevant asset by equal annual installments, against corresponding amortization expense. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognized against these expenses over the periods necessary to match the grant on a systematic basis to the costs that it is intended to compensate.

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**(aa) Operating Leases:** Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognized as an expense in the consolidated statement of income on the straight line basis over the lease term.

**(ab) Treasury Shares:** Treasury shares reflect shares of the Parent which are acquired and held by the Parent or its subsidiaries. Treasury shares are stated at cost, as a negative item in shareholders' equity. Any result upon acquisition, sale or cancellation is transferred directly to equity. As of December 31, 2006 and 2005 no treasury shares existed.

**(ac) Earnings per share:** Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing net income attributed to the Group's shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during each year, excluding any treasury shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share are computed by dividing net income attributed to the Group's shareholders (after deducting the impact on the convertible redeemable preference shares) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year (after deducting the impact on the convertible redeemable preference shares).

**(ad) Revenue Recognition:** Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue from the sale of merchandise and finished products net of trade discounts and sales incentives, is recognized when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and can be reliably measured. Revenue from rendering of services is recognized based on the stage of completion of the service rendered and to the extent that the related receivable will be collected. Revenue from interest is recognized within the period incurred and revenue from dividends is recognized when the Group's right on such dividends is approved by the respective bodies of the companies' that declare them.

**(ae) Share Based Payments to Board of Directors members and Executives:** The Group has established stock option plans for certain executive officers whose part of their remuneration is settled through stock or stock options. In addition, certain executives are entitled share appreciation rights which can only be settled in cash. The cost of the respective transactions is measured at the fair value of the stock or stock options as of the date of the approval of the plans by the management. The fair value is measured through the application of the appropriate valuation model.

**(i) Stock Option Plan and Long -Term Incentives Plan:** The expense of the stock option plans is recognized during the period the requirements are gradually fulfilled and which ends at the date the executives participating in the plan have vested their rights of exercise/purchase of stock (vesting date). For options that are not vested, no expense is recognized except for the options whose vesting depends on the fulfillment of specific external market parameters. Options are considered to be vested when all the performance requirements have been fulfilled independent of the fulfillment of the external market parameters. In case of cancellation of any stock option plans, these are accounted for as if they were vested at the date of cancellation and the non-recognized expenses to date are immediately recognized in retained earnings. In case a cancelled stock option plan is substituted by a new one, it is treated as an amendment of the cancelled plan.

**(ii) Share Appreciation Rights:** The fair value of the SARs is measured at the grant date using an appropriate pricing model. The services received and a liability to pay for those services are recognized over the expected vesting period. Until the liability is settled it is remeasured at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss.

**(af) Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities:** Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the balance sheet only when the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and intends to either to settle such asset and liability on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.:

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**2.2 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(ag) Segment information:** The Group presents segment information on the basis of Industrial Minerals, Real Estate and Commercial Activities.

**(ah) Reclassifications:** Prior year amounts have been reclassified for better presentation purposes are as follows: i) an amount of Euro 614 related to income tax receivable from the tax authorities has been transferred from other current assets to income tax payable in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, ii) amounts of Euro 524 and Euro 274 related to possible income tax liabilities have been reclassified from other provisions and other current liabilities, respectively, to income tax payable in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, iii) an amount of Euro 3.045 related to credit balances of trade receivables has been transferred to trade payables in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, iv) an amount of Euro 1.041 related to advances to suppliers for inventories' purchases has been transferred from other current assets to inventories in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, v) an amount of Euro 606 related to freights payable has been transferred from other current liabilities to trade payables in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, vi) an amount of Euro 420 related to provisions for bad debts has been transferred from other current assets to trade receivables in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, and vii) an amount of Euro 871 related to income from unused accrued expenses has been transferred from other income / (expense), net, to administration expenses and to selling expenses by Euro 515 and Euro 356, respectively, in the income statement for the year ended December 31, 2005. All the above reclassifications had no effect in the results of the year ended December 31, 2005.

**2.3. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

Within 2006 the Group has adopted certain new standards, interpretations and amendments of standards. These standards and the relative impact on the financial statements was the following:

- (i) IAS 19 (Amendment), Employee Benefits (effective from 1 January 2006):** This amendment introduces the option of an alternative recognition approach for actuarial gains and losses. It may impose additional recognition requirements for multi-employer plans where insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit accounting. It also adds new disclosure requirements. Adoption of this amendment did only impact the format and extent of disclosures presented in the accounts.
- (ii) IAS 21 (Amendment), The Effects of changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (effective from 1 January 2006):** According to this amendment all exchange differences arising from a monetary item that forms part of the Group's net investment in a foreign operation are recognized in a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements regardless of the currency in which the monetary item is denominated. The amendment had no significant impact on the financial statements of the Group.
- (iii) IAS 39 (Amendment), Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions (effective from 1 January 2006):** The amendment allows the foreign currency risk of a highly probable forecast intragroup transaction to qualify as a hedged item in the consolidated financial statements, provided that: (a) the transaction is denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity entering into that transaction; and (b) the foreign currency risk will affect consolidated profit or loss. This amendment does not have any impact in the consolidated financial statements.

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**2.3 ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (continued)**

- (iv) **IAS 39 (Amendment), The Fair Value Option (effective from 1 January 2006):** This amendment changes the definition of financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss and restricts the ability to designate financial instruments as part of this category. This amendment did not have any impact on the classification of financial instruments, as the Group has not classified any other financial at fair value through profit and loss, except those held for trading.
- (v) **IAS 39 and IFRS 4 (Amendment), Financial Guarantee Contracts (effective from 1 January 2006):** This amendment requires issued financial guarantees, other than those previously asserted by the entity to be insurance contracts, to be initially recognised at their fair value and subsequently measured at the higher of: (a) the unamortised balance of the related fees received and deferred, and (b) the expenditure required to settle the commitment at the balance sheet date. This amendment is not relevant to the Group.
- (vi) **IFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources (effective from 1 January 2006):** There was no effect to the Group from the implementation of this Standard as its current accounting policies followed are in agreement with the provisions of this Standard.
- (vii) **IFRIC 3, Emission Rights:** IFRIC 3 has not been adopted by the EU and has subsequently been withdrawn by the IASB. IFRIC 5 is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (viii) **IFRIC 4, Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease (effective from 1 January 2006):** IFRIC 4 requires the determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease to be based on the substance of the arrangement. It requires an assessment of whether: (a) fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets (the asset); and (b) the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset. IFRIC 4 did not impact the accounting policy of the existing business arrangements.
- (ix) **IFRIC 5, Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds (effective from 1 January 2006):** IFRIC 5 is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (x) **IFRIC 6, Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (effective from 1 December 2005):** IFRIC 6 is not relevant to the Group's operations.

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**2.4. NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

Up to the date of the approval of the financial statements Certain new IFRS, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that are mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2007 or later periods. The Group's management estimate in relation to the effects of the adoption of the new standards and interpretations is as follows:

- (i) **IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and a complementary amendment to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2007) IFRS 7 introduces new disclosures to improve the information about financial instruments. It requires the disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information about exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including specified minimum disclosures about credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, including sensitivity analysis to market risk. It replaces IAS 30, Disclosures in the Financial Statements of Banks and Similar Financial Institutions, and disclosure requirements in IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation. It is applicable to all entities that report under IFRS. The amendment to IAS 1 introduces disclosures about the level of an entity's capital and how it manages capital. The impact of the above changes is limited to certain disclosures.
- (ii) **IFRS 8, Operating Segments:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2009) IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14 *Segment Reporting* and adopts a management approach to segment reporting. The information reported would be that which management uses internally for evaluating the performance of operating segments and allocating resources to those segments. This information may be different from that reported in the balance sheet and income statement and entities will need to provide explanations and reconciliations of the differences. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact this new standard will have on its financial statements.
- (iii) **IFRIC 7, Applying the Restatement Approach under IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 March 2006) IFRIC 7 requires entities to apply *IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyper-inflationary Economies* in the reporting period in which an entity first identifies the existence of hyperinflation in the economy of its functional currency as if the economy had always been hyperinflationary. IFRIC 7 is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (iv) **IFRIC 8, Scope of IFRS 2:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 May 2006). IFRIC 8 clarifies that IFRS 2 *Share-based payment* will apply to any arrangement when equity instruments are granted or liabilities (based on the value of an entity's equity instrument) are incurred by an entity, when the identifiable consideration appears to be less than the fair value of the instruments given. IFRIC 8 is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (v) **IFRIC 9, Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 June 2006) IFRIC 9 requires an entity to assess whether a contract contains an embedded derivative at the date an entity first becomes a party to the contract and prohibits reassessment unless there is a change to the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows. IFRIC 9 is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (vi) **IFRIC 10, Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 November 2006). This Interpretation may impact the financial statements should any impairment losses be recognised in the interim financial statements in relation to available for sale equity investments, unquoted equity instruments carried at cost and goodwill as these may not be reversed in later interim periods or when preparing the annual financial statements. The implication of this IFRIC is not expected to affect significantly the Group. This Interpretation is expected to be adopted by the EU in the near future.

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- (vii) **IFRIC 11, IFRS 2-Group and Treasury Share Transactions:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 March 2007) This Interpretation requires arrangements whereby an employee is granted rights to an entity's equity instruments to be accounted for as an equity-settled scheme by an entity even if the entity chooses or is required to buy those equity instruments from another party, or the shareholders of the entity provide the equity instruments needed. The Interpretation also extends to the way in which subsidiaries, in their separate financial statements, account for schemes when their employees receive rights to equity instruments of the parent. This Interpretation, which is expected to be adopted by the EU in the near future, is not relevant to the Group's operations.
- (viii) **IFRIC 12, Service Concession Arrangements:** (effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2008) The interpretation outlines an approach to account for contractual arrangements arising from entities providing public services. It provides for the operator should not account for the infrastructure as property, plant and equipment, but recognize a financial asset and / or an intangible asset. This Interpretation, which is expected to be adopted by the EU in the near future, is not relevant to the Group's operations.

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**2.5. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. Such judgments and estimates are periodically reviewed by management in order to reflect current condition and correspond to anticipation of current risks and are based on prior experience in conjunction to the volume / level of such transactions and events.

**Significant accounting judgments and related uncertainty:** The principle judgments and estimates referring to events the development of which could significantly affect the items of the financial statements during the forthcoming twelve months period are as follows:

**(a) Estimates related to the Mining Activity of the Group:** The Group realizes significant estimates related to its mining activity. More specifically:

**(i) Provision for Environment Rehabilitation:** The Group recognizes a provision for rehabilitation for land disturbed as a result of past mining activity and in line with the prevailing environmental legislation of each country in which it operates or the binding group practices. The provision for environment rehabilitation reflects the present value (based on appropriate discount interest rates) of the obligation for environment rehabilitation as of the balance sheet date and is calculated based on the area of the land disturbed to date and the cost of rehabilitation per metric unit of land at the level of the broader area of interest.

**(ii) Mine Development Expenses:** The cost of mines includes stripping and waste removal activity expenses incurred throughout the operational life of a mine. Capitalization and amortization of mine development expenses is calculated based on the stripping ratio method based on estimated data of the Group.

**(b) Provisions for income taxes:** Current income tax liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured, in accordance with IAS 12, at the amounts expected to be paid to the taxation authorities and includes provision for current income taxes reported in the respective income tax returns and the potential additional tax assessments that may be imposed by the tax authorities upon settlement of the open tax years. Accordingly, the final settlement of the income taxes might differ from the income taxes that have been accounted for in the financial statements.

**(c) Goodwill and indefinite intangible assets impairment tests:** The Group determines whether goodwill and indefinite intangible assets are impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

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**3. SUBSIDIARIES INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Entity	Country	Field of activity	% Participation 2006	% Participation 2005	Year Established / Acquired
<b>EUROPE</b>					
Ergotrak Bulgaria Ltd	Bulgaria	Commercial	100,00%	100,00%	2002
S&B Industrial Minerals AD	Bulgaria	Industrial Minerals	99,67%	99,65%	2003
Motodynamics Ltd.	Bulgaria	Commercial	57,24%	58,19%	1992
S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.R.L.	France	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2001
Denain Anzin Metallurgie S.A.S.	France	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2004
Ariseize S.A.	France	Holding	100,00%	100,00%	1995
S&B Industrial Minerals GmbH	Germany	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2001
S&B Holding GmbH	Germany	Holding	100,00%	100,00%	1992
Otavi Minen AG	Germany	Holding	100,00%	100,00%	2000
Orykton GmbH (**)	Germany	Industrial Minerals	50,00%	50,00%	2005
Askana Ltd.	Georgia	Industrial Minerals	97,70%	97,70%	1998
Isocon A.E.	Greece	Industrial Minerals	60,00%	60,00%	1996
Greek Helicon Bauxites S.A.	Greece	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	1995
Motodynamics S.A.	Greece	Commercial	57,24%	58,19%	1993
Motodyktio S.A. (*)	Greece	Commercial	29,19%	29,68%	2002
Motodyctio N.Greece S.A. (*)	Greece	Commercial	29,19%	29,68%	2004
Motodynamics Insurance Agency SA	Greece	Commercial	57,69%	58,39%	2003
Ergotrak Industrial Machinery & Equipment Trading Co SA	Greece	Commercial	100,00%	100,00%	2000
Parnassos Insurance S.A.	Greece	Other Activities	59,00%	59,00%	1981
S&B Industrial Minerals Spain S.L.u.	Spain	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2000
Sarda Perlite S.r.l.	Italy	Industrial Minerals	61,00%	61,00%	2001
Sibimin Overseas Ltd.	Cyprus	Industrial Minerals	99,99%	99,99%	1996
Asian Minerals Ltd	Cyprus	Holding	100,00%	-	2006
S&B Industrial Minerals Kft	Hungary	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2001
S&B Industrial Minerals SP.Z.O.O.	Poland	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	-	2006
Motodynamics S.r.l.	Romania	Commercial	57,24%	58,19%	1994
Ergotrak-Rom S.r.l	Romania	Commercial	100,00%	-	2006
Ergotrak Yu Ltd	Serbia	Commercial	100,00%	100,00%	2003
<b>AMERICA</b>					
S&B Industrial Minerals North America Inc	USA	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	1999
Stollberg Inc	USA	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2004
Stollberg do Brazil Ltda	Brazil	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2004
<b>ASIA</b>					
S&B Industrial Minerals (Henan) Co. Ltd.	China	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	1996
S&B Jilin Wollastonite Co Ltd.	China	Industrial Minerals	77,35%	56,00%	2005
Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co. Ltd.(**)	China	Industrial Minerals	33,33%	33,33%	2005
S&B Industrial Minerals (Tianjin) Co. Ltd.	China	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	-	2006
S&B Endustriyel Mineraller A.Ş	Turkey	Industrial Minerals	98,93%	98,93%	1996
Pabalk Maden A.Ş	Turkey	Industrial Minerals	98,73%	98,73%	1995
Stollberg India Pvt. Ltd	India	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2004
<b>AFRICA</b>					
Naimex S.A.R.L.	Morocco	Industrial Minerals	100,00%	100,00%	2003

(\*) Consolidated financial statements include two companies that the Group owns less than 50% of voting rights but has the control because the Parent Company owns 57,24% of their parent company, that owns 51,00% of the above two companies.

(\*\*) Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co.Ltd is fully consolidated in its parent company's, named Orykton GmbH, financial statements (participation stake of Orykton GmbH amounts to 66%). Orykton GmbH is consolidated under the proportionate consolidation method (note 18).

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**3. SUBSIDIARIES INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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Minority interests in the accompanying balance sheets as at December 31, 2006 and 2005, per subsidiary, are analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Motodynamics Group of Companies	6.933	6.424
Orycton GmbH (concerning minority interests of Harmin)	751	-
Isocon S.A.	532	465
Sarda Perlite S.r.l.	418	286
S&B Jilin Wollastonite Co Ltd.	347	612
Parnassos Insurance S.A.	58	57
S&B Industrial Minerals AD	40	35
S&B Endustriyel Mineraller A.Ş..	5	7
Askana Ltd.	(3)	3
Pabalk Maden A.Ş.	0	0
Sibimin Overseas Ltd.	1	1
	<b>9.082</b>	<b>7.890</b>

Minority interests in the accompanying income statements as at December 31, 2006 and 2005, per subsidiary, are analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Motodynamics Group of Companies	1.139	959
Isocon S.A.	307	360
Sarda Perlite S.r.l.	132	(1)
Orycton GmbH (concerning minority interests of Harmin)	(68)	-
S&B Jilin Wollastonite Co Ltd.	(67)	(136)
Askana Ltd.	(5)	(3)
S&B Industrial Minerals AD	3	4
Parnassos Insurance S.A.	1	3
S&B Endustriyel Mineraller A.Ş.	0	1
Pabalk Maden A.Ş.	0	0
Sibimin Overseas Ltd.	0	0
	<b>1.442</b>	<b>1.187</b>

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**4. SALES**

Sales in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Bentonite	135.906	128.587
Bauxite	43.273	49.749
Perlite	73.951	66.102
Other Minerals	31.398	26.893
Continuous casting fluxes	69.537	62.773
Commercial Activities	100.205	84.608
Other Activities	1.331	1.123
	<b>455.601</b>	<b>419.835</b>

**5. COST OF SALES**

Cost of sales in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Consumptions	194.568	164.249
Freights	45.551	50.562
Payroll	35.926	34.250
Depreciation	19.871	21.955
Utilities	20.683	18.544
Third Party Fees	12.497	13.571
Tax – Duties	1.198	873
Other Expenses	10.084	12.503
	<b>340.378</b>	<b>316.507</b>

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Payroll	25.146	25.014
Utilities	5.645	5.570
Third Party Fees	7.338	5.673
Depreciation	3.809	3.710
Taxes – Duties	958	1.111
Other Expenses	5.392	5.427
	<b>48.288</b>	<b>46.505</b>

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**7. SELLING EXPENSES**

Selling expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Payroll	18.267	15.093
Third Party Fees	1.330	1.445
Utilities	3.282	2.967
Depreciation	1.512	1.383
Taxes-Duties	140	-
Other Expenses	7.544	7.431
	<b>32.075</b>	<b>28.319</b>

**8. OTHER INCOME / (EXPENSE), NET**

Other income / (expense) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Income from rentals	1.093	419
Participation of suppliers in promotional expenses	968	895
Income from delivery of goods	260	153
Income from guarantees	784	567
Subsidies on expenditure	535	345
Income from commissions	577	514
Income from insurance claims	-	540
(Losses)/Gains from disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(22)	80
Other income, net	1.183	2.673
	<b>5.378</b>	<b>6.186</b>

**9. FINANCIAL INCOME**

Financial income in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Interest income (note 23)	832	582
Foreign exchange gains, net	-	1.809
Other	-	106
	<b>832</b>	<b>2.497</b>

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**10. FINANCIAL EXPENSE**

Financial expense in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Interest expense on long term loans and borrowings	7.385	4.682
Interest expense on short term borrowings	599	2.587
Bank charges	735	761
Foreign exchange losses, net	390	-
Other	4	-
	<b>9.113</b>	<b>8.030</b>

**11. INCOME TAX (CURRENT AND DEFERRED)**

Income tax (current and deferred) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Current income tax	10.089	11.259
Deferred income tax	577	976
	<b>10.666</b>	<b>12.235</b>

The statutory income tax rate applicable to the Parent company, for the fiscal year 2006 is 29% (32% for 2005). The effective income tax rate differs from the nominal one mainly due to certain non deductible expenses and to non taxable or specially taxed income.

Tax returns are filed annually but the profits or losses declared for tax purposes remain provisional until such time, as the tax authorities examine the returns and the records of the taxpayer and a final assessment is issued. Tax losses, to the extent accepted by the tax authorities, can be used to offset profits for a time defined in respect to the applicable tax legislation of each country.

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**11. INCOME TAX (CURRENT AND DEFERRED) (continued)**

The unaudited tax years of each company of the Group are as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Unaudited tax years</b>
Ergotrak Bul Ltd	Bulgaria	2003-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals AD	Bulgaria	2005-2006
Motodynamics Ltd.	Bulgaria	2002-2006
Stollberg do Brazil Ltda	Brazil	2001-2006
Ariseize S.A.	France	1999-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.R.L.	France	2003-2006
Denain Anzin Metallurgie S.A.S	France	2004-2006
S&B Holding GmbH	Germany	2002-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals GmbH	Germany	2002-2006
Otavi Minen AG	Germany	2002-2006
Orykton GmbH	Germany	2005-2006
Askana Ltd.	Georgia	2003-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.	Greece	2005-2006
Isocon A.E.	Greece	2003-2006
Greek Helicon Bauxites S.A.	Greece	2002-2006
Motodynamics S.A.	Greece	2004-2006
Motodyktio S.A	Greece	2002-2006
Motodyctio N.Greece S.A	Greece	2004-2006
Motodynamics Insurance Agency SA	Greece	2003-2006
Ergotrak Industrial Machinery & Equipment Trading Co SA	Greece	2001-2006
Parnassos Insurance S.A.	Greece	2003-2006
Stollberg Inc	USA	1999-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals North America Inc.	USA	1999-2006
Stollberg India Pvt. Ltd	India	2005-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals Spain S.L.u.	Spain	2000-2006
Sarda Perlite S.r.l.	Italy	2000-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals (Henan) Co. Ltd.	China	2005-2006
S&B Jilin Wollastonite Co Ltd.	China	2005-2006
Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co. Ltd.	China	2005-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals (Tianjin)Co.Ltd.	China	2006
Sibimin Overseas Ltd.	Cyprus	1999-2006
Asian Minerals Ltd	Cyprus	2006
Naimex S.A.R.L.	Morocco	2003-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals Kft	Hungary	2002-2006
S&B Industrial Minerals SP.Z.O.O.	Poland	2006
Motodynamics S.r.l.	Romania	2003-2006
Ergotrak –Rom S.r.l.	Romania	2006
Ergotrak Yu Ltd	Serbia	2003-2006
S&B Endustriyel Mineraller A.Ş.	Turkey	2004-2006
Pabalk Maden A.S.	Turkey	2004-2006

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**11. INCOME TAX (CURRENT AND DEFERRED) (continued)**

The Group always obtains guarantees from the sellers (either in the form of letters of guarantees or document guarantees) with respect to the outstanding tax issues of a company/group it acquires until the acquisition date. In this context, any additional taxes or penalties which may occur during the tax audit of the unaudited tax years/ periods up to June 2004 for Stollberg Group will be settled by the former owners of these subsidiaries.

The Group is not able to estimate accurately the additional taxes and penalties which may occur from the tax audit of the unaudited tax years in respect of each subsidiary and the country it operates. Therefore, the Group has provided for additional taxes and penalties, based on previous years' tax audits and the development of the related amounts.

Within July 2006 the tax authorities finalized their tax audit and issued the final assessments for the fiscal years 2003 and 2004. Moreover, fiscal years 2001 and 2002 were finalized. The outcome of the above tax audits resulted to additional tax assessments of Euro 568, out of which Euro 44 related to taxes other than income taxes, charged in the current year's income statement, while the remaining amount was covered through utilizations of already established provisions in prior years.

The reconciliation of the provision for income taxes to the amount determined by the application of the Greek statutory tax rate to pretax income is summarized as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>34.204</b>	<b>37.382</b>
Parent company's income tax rate	29%	32%
Income tax calculated at the nominal applicable tax rate	9.919	11.962
-Tax effects of profits from subsidiaries taxed at different rates	1.197	763
-Non taxable reserves L.2601/1998	(1.624)	(1.804)
-Deferred income tax asset on prior years subsidiaries' taxable losses	(366)	(400)
-Tax effects of losses of subsidiaries on which no deferred tax was calculated	342	466
-Tax effects of non-taxable income and expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1.198	1.248
-Tax effects of deferred tax from change in statutory tax rate	-	-
Total income tax	<b>10.666</b>	<b>12.235</b>
	31,2%	32,7%

The nominal income tax expense has been calculated based on the consolidated profit before income tax in conjunction with the nominal tax rate applicable in the Parent Company.

The deferred income tax is calculated on all temporary tax differences based on the tax rates expected to be applied during the year in which the asset will be recovered or the liability will be settled and based on tax rates (and tax laws) that are applicable at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax movement is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Beginning balance	<b>(7.480)</b>	<b>(6.750)</b>
(Debit)/Credit of Income Statement	(577)	(976)
Deferred income tax credited directly in Equity	762	246
Currency translation differences	(48)	-
Ending balance	<b>(7.343)</b>	<b>(7.480)</b>

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**11. INCOME TAX (CURRENT AND DEFERRED) (continued)**

The deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements are as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Net deferred income tax asset	6.274	7.086
Net deferred income tax liability	(13.617)	(14.566)
	<b>(7.343)</b>	<b>(7.480)</b>

The deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to the following:

	<b>Balance sheet</b>		<b>Income statement</b>	
	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b>Deferred income tax assets</b>				
Provision for environment rehabilitation	2.781	3.011	230	(108)
Executive officers' bonus	1.045	830	(215)	(118)
Provision for staff leaving indemnity	2.402	2.033	(369)	(251)
Tax losses	2.454	3.396	942	(28)
Other	3.036	3.384	147	(7)
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.718</b>	<b>12.654</b>		
<b>Deferred income tax liabilities</b>				
Fair value adjustment on intangible fixed assets	(4.945)	(5.294)	(349)	(349)
Tax deductible goodwill	(4.564)	(3.830)	734	762
Fair value adjustment on tangible fixed assets	(4.772)	(5.950)	(263)	546
Revaluations of land and buildings to fair value	(4.498)	(4.705)	(207)	1.129
Adjustment of fixed assets to useful life	(282)	(355)	(73)	(600)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(19.061)</b>	<b>(20.134)</b>		
<b>Net deferred income tax liability</b>	<b>(7.343)</b>	<b>(7.480)</b>		
<b>Deferred income tax charge to income statement</b>			<b>577</b>	<b>976</b>

Deferred tax asset (financial derivatives) and deferred tax liability (PPE) of Euro 763 net, were credited directly to shareholders' equity due to the fact that they similarly affected shareholders' equity at their initial recognition.

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**12. DEPRECIATION / AMORTIZATION**

Depreciation/amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Depreciation and amortization		
- Property, plant and equipment	22.862	24.091
- Intangible assets	2.429	2.938
- Investment property	413	413
<b>Total depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>25.704</b>	<b>27.442</b>
Depreciation and amortization included in ending inventories and fixed assets	(512)	(394)
<b>Depreciation and amortization expensed</b>	<b>25.192</b>	<b>27.048</b>

In addition to the above, Euro 697 and Euro 325 for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, are included in cost sales consumption, which relates to depreciation included in prior years' ending inventories.

**13. PAYROLL COST**

Payroll cost for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Wages and salaries	63.076	60.595
Social security costs	12.008	10.645
Other staff costs and indemnities	6.195	4.745
Share option plans	428	237
<b>Total payroll cost</b>	<b>81.707</b>	<b>76.222</b>
Payroll cost included in ending inventories and fixed assets	(2.368)	(1.865)
<b>Payroll cost expensed</b>	<b>79.339</b>	<b>74.357</b>

**Key management personnel compensation:** Compensation of key management personnel, such as members of the board of directors and executives of the Group, charged within the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were the following:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Board of Directors fees	753	541
Indemnities to Board of Directors' members left	-	231
Executives salaries (including executive board members)	5.991	6.212
Share option plans	251	77
	<b>6.995</b>	<b>7.061</b>

Board of Directors' fees are approved by the Regular Shareholders General Assembly of each company and, as a result, for the relative fees for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 accruals have been established in the consolidated income statements.

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**14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Property, plant and equipment in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<u>Quarries – Mines and Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Transportation Means</u>	<u>Furniture and Fixtures</u>	<u>Construction in Progress</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Cost</b>							
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>62.090</b>	<b>76.087</b>	<b>116.482</b>	<b>13.907</b>	<b>17.104</b>	<b>4.180</b>	<b>289.850</b>
Additions	7.987	1.211	3.772	706	1.851	3.481	19.008
Disposals	-	-	(200)	(350)	(192)	-	(742)
Exchange Difference	37	2.315	2.032	133	272	67	4.856
Transfers	723	1.622	4.194	140	162	(6.276)	565
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>70.837</b>	<b>81.235</b>	<b>126.280</b>	<b>14.536</b>	<b>19.197</b>	<b>1.452</b>	<b>313.537</b>
Additions	9.007	674	2.312	1.218	1.100	10.724	25.035
Disposals	(278)	(68)	(1.059)	(909)	(224)	(122)	(2.660)
Exchange Difference	(98)	(1.140)	(1.715)	(34)	(87)	(33)	(3.107)
Transfers	(281)	2.664	3.162	241	190	(6.502)	(526)
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>79.187</b>	<b>83.365</b>	<b>128.980</b>	<b>15.052</b>	<b>20.176</b>	<b>5.519</b>	<b>332.279</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>							
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>19.909</b>	<b>23.346</b>	<b>63.123</b>	<b>8.500</b>	<b>13.232</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128.110</b>
Depreciation expense	9.736	2.997	8.593	883	1.882	-	24.091
Disposals	-	-	(45)	(54)	(162)	-	(261)
Exchange Difference	8	278	552	45	105	-	988
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>29.653</b>	<b>26.621</b>	<b>72.223</b>	<b>9.374</b>	<b>15.057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152.928</b>
Additions	9.096	3.245	7.894	973	1.654	-	22.862
Disposals	-	(29)	(948)	(651)	(175)	-	(1.803)
Exchange Difference	(8)	(262)	(1.071)	(18)	(64)	-	(1.423)
Transfers	22	341	(469)	(246)	12	-	(340)
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>38.763</b>	<b>29.916</b>	<b>77.629</b>	<b>9.432</b>	<b>16.484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172.224</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>							
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>42.181</b>	<b>52.741</b>	<b>53.359</b>	<b>5.407</b>	<b>3.872</b>	<b>4.180</b>	<b>161.740</b>
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>41.184</b>	<b>54.614</b>	<b>54.057</b>	<b>5.162</b>	<b>4.140</b>	<b>1.452</b>	<b>160.609</b>
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>40.424</b>	<b>53.449</b>	<b>51.351</b>	<b>5.620</b>	<b>3.692</b>	<b>5.519</b>	<b>160.055</b>

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**15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

Investment property in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Cost</u></b>			
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>15.597</b>	<b>30.519</b>
Additions	-	-	-
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>15.597</b>	<b>30.519</b>
Additions	-	-	-
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>15.597</b>	<b>30.519</b>
<b><u>Accumulated depreciation</u></b>			
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	-	<b>5.950</b>	<b>5.950</b>
Depreciation expense	-	413	413
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	-	<b>6.363</b>	<b>6.363</b>
Depreciation expense	-	413	413
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.776</b>	<b>6.776</b>
<b><u>Net Book Value</u></b>			
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>9.647</b>	<b>24.569</b>
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>9.234</b>	<b>24.156</b>
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>14.922</b>	<b>8.821</b>	<b>23.743</b>

On December 31, 2006 and 2005 the fair value of the Group's investment property amounted to approximately Euro 26,7 million and Euro 24,6 million, respectively.

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**16. GOODWILL**

Goodwill in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed per cash generating unit as follows:

	<b>Bentonite Division</b>	<b>Perlite Division</b>	<b>Fluxes Division</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2004</b>	<b>46.937</b>	<b>9.816</b>	<b>16.685</b>	<b>73.438</b>
Additions	75	-	-	75
Exchange Difference	-	-	610	610
<b>Balance December 31, 2005</b>	<b>47.012</b>	<b>9.816</b>	<b>17.295</b>	<b>74.123</b>
Additions	-	-	-	-
Exchange Difference	-	-	(475)	(475)
<b>Balance December 31, 2006</b>	<b>47.012</b>	<b>9.816</b>	<b>16.820</b>	<b>73.648</b>

**Impairment testing of indefinite lived goodwill and patents:** Goodwill acquired through business combinations and trademarks has been allocated to the following individual cash-generating units (“Divisions”) for impairment testing as follows:

- Bentonite Division
- Perlite Division
- Continuous Casting Fluxes Division

The balance of trademarks as at December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounted to Euro 5.826 and it is related to Fluxes Division. The recoverable amount of the three different Cash Generating Units (“Divisions”) has been determined based on a value in use calculation, using cash flow projections based on the Divisions’ business plans approved by senior management, covering a five-year period.

The discount rate applied to cash flow projections is 9,57% (2005: 8,37%) and cash flows beyond the 5-year period are extrapolated using a 2% growth rate for the Bentonite and Perlite Divisions (2005: 2%) and a 1% growth rate for the Fluxes Division (Stollberg) (2005: 1%). The minimum average long-term growth rate for the industrial minerals market is approximately 1%. Nevertheless, management is expecting lower levels of growth for the Fluxes market due to the long-term stability of the steel market (Fluxes are significantly affected by fluctuations in the steel market). The impairment tests performed as at December 31, 2006 related the above goodwill did not result in any impairment losses.

***Key assumptions used in value in use calculation in Bentonite, Perlite and Fluxes Divisions for 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2005:*** The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill and trademarks (brief description):

- ***Risk-free return:*** The risk-free return used in the calculation of cost of capital is the yield on a ten-year Greek government bond at the end of 2006.

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**16. GOODWILL (continued)**

- **Budgeted margins:** The basis used to determine the value assigned to the budgeted gross operating and EBITDA margins have been determined based on the average actual margins achieved in the last five years, adjusted for expected efficiency improvements.
- **Raw materials price inflation:** The basis used to determine the value assigned to the raw materials price inflation is the forecast price indices during the period of the plan for Greece, Europe and the United States where raw materials are mainly sourced from.

Key assumptions used are consistent with independent external source of information.

**17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Intangible assets in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	Software	Concessions and licenses	Trademarks	Customer list	Total
<b>Cost</b>					
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>5.278</b>	<b>2.837</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>8.717</b>	<b>22.658</b>
Additions	547	1.820	-	-	2.367
Disposals	(32)	-	-	-	(32)
Exchange Difference	13	181	-	-	194
Transfers	106	(671)	-	-	(565)
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>5.912</b>	<b>4.167</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>8.717</b>	<b>24.622</b>
Additions	250	319	-	-	569
Disposals	(11)	(51)	-	-	(62)
Exchange Difference	(3)	(151)	-	-	(154)
Transfers	166	391	-	-	557
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>6.314</b>	<b>4.675</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>8.717</b>	<b>25.532</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>					
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>2.663</b>	<b>1.421</b>	-	<b>436</b>	<b>4.520</b>
Amortization expense	1.005	1.061	-	872	2.938
Disposals	(16)	-	-	-	(16)
Exchange Difference	41	102	-	-	143
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>3.693</b>	<b>2.584</b>	-	<b>1.308</b>	<b>7.585</b>
Amortization expense	1.212	345	-	872	2.429
Disposals	(11)	-	-	-	(11)
Exchange Difference	(97)	(98)	-	-	(195)
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>4.797</b>	<b>2.831</b>	-	<b>2.180</b>	<b>9.808</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>2.615</b>	<b>1.416</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>8.281</b>	<b>18.138</b>
<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>2.219</b>	<b>1.583</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>7.409</b>	<b>17.037</b>
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	<b>1.517</b>	<b>1.844</b>	<b>5.826</b>	<b>6.537</b>	<b>15.724</b>

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**18. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES**

Investments in associates in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Laviosa Promasa S.A.	622	553
Laviosa Chimica Mineraria S.p.A.	6.068	6.021
Bentec S.p.A.	538	450
Xinyang- Athenian Mining Co	436	337
SLS Baustoffe GmbH	263	214
Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co Ltd. (see Note 3)	-	1.709
Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd.	3.379	3.342
	<b>11.306</b>	<b>12.626</b>

The following table provides additional information for the above associates:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Field of Activity</u>	<u>% Participation</u>		<u>Year Established / Acquired</u>
			<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	
Laviosa Promasa S.A.	Spain	Industrial Minerals	29,52%	29,52%	1997
Laviosa Chimica Mineraria S.p.A.	Italy	Industrial Minerals	35,00%	35,00%	1997
Bentec S.p.A.	Italy	Industrial Minerals	49,95%	49,95%	1999
Xinyang- Athenian Mining Co Ltd. (XAMCO)	China	Industrial Minerals	25,00%	25,00%	1996
SLS Baustoffe GmbH	Germany	Industrial Minerals	49,80%	49,80%	1995
Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd.	Korea	Industrial Minerals	50,00%	50,00%	2004

On December 15, 2005 S&B proceeded in the sale of its investment (45% interest stake) in the associate A.B.G. Kalyftaki S.A. for a consideration of Euro 7.785. The resulting gain of Euro 6.555 was included in 2005 consolidated income statement. The Group owns 50% of Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd. but it is noted that the shareholders have agreed that the management of the company is assigned to the other shareholder.

Dividend income from associates recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Laviosa Chimica Mineraria S.p.a.	413	407
Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd.	211	114
Bentec S.p.A	35	77
Laviosa Promasa S.A.	88	84
	<b>747</b>	<b>682</b>

At December 31, 2006 the above amount of dividends, net of taxes of Euro 590, were fully collected. The above amounts were accounted for as a decrease in the investments in associates.

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**18. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (continued)**

The following table provides condensed information of the associates' balance sheets :

Associate	December 31 2006		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net assets
Laviosa Promasa S.A.	7.941	4.675	3.266
Laviosa Chimica Mineraria S.p.A.	44.341	26.496	17.845
Bentec S.p.A.	4.580	2.240	2.340
Xinyang - Athenian Mining Co	1.794	24	1.770
SLS Baustoffe GmbH	582	55	527
Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd.	10.125	3.367	6.758

Associate	December 31 2005		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net assets
Laviosa Promasa S.A.	7.217	4.480	2.737
Laviosa Chimica Mineraria S.p.A.	47.132	30.605	16.527
Bentec S.p.A.	5.259	3.301	1.958
Xinyang - Athenian Mining Co	1.755	34	1.721
SLS Baustoffe GmbH	558	128	430
Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co Ltd.	6.982	-	6.982
Stollberg & Samil Co. Ltd.	10.507	3.834	6.673

Sales revenue of the above associates in their financial statements amounted to Euro 84.575 and Euro 65.917 for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The share of profit from the associates, before taxes, accounted for using the equity method amounted to Euro 2.247 and Euro 1.670, for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. It is noted that no guarantees have been provided to the associates.

**19. INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES**

The has a 50% in the joint venture Orykton GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany and the principal activity of which is the processing and supply of industrial minerals. Orykton GmbH in turn has controlling Harmin (Liaoning) Mining Co Ltd. The Group's share in the consolidated assets of the joint venture amounted to Euro 2.451, out of which Euro 848 is cash and cash equivalents. The respective Group's share in the consolidated liabilities, consolidated revenues and consolidated losses amounted to Euro 147, Euro 183 and Euro 357, respectively.

On December 19, 2006 the Group has announced the sign of a definitive agreement to acquire a 50% stake in CEBO International B.V. (CEBO). The purchase price for the 50% of CEBO's share capital is expected to reach at closing the amount of approximately Euro 26 million. This, taking into account the estimated net cash position of CEBO of Euro 10 million, implies a valuation (Enterprise Value) for 100% of the company on a debt/cash-free basis amounting to approximately Euro 42 million. Total sales for the year ended December 31, 2006 amounted to Euro 53,8 million with recurring earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of Euro 9,8 million. CEBO currently employs a total of about 100 employees. The transaction is subject to the approval of the relevant local and European regulatory authorities, it is expected to be completed within 2007 and it will be financed through S&B's current financing arrangements.

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**20. INVENTORIES**

Inventories in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Bentonite	23.393	23.064
Perlite	8.077	7.493
Bauxite	7.885	9.299
Other Minerals	10.993	7.902
Continuous casting fluxes	5.797	6.181
Merchandise	29.861	25.290
Consumables and spare parts	7.343	6.828
Advances to suppliers for inventories purchases	1.789	1.041
	<b>95.138</b>	<b>87.098</b>
Less: provision for slow moving inventory	(1.657)	(1.565)
	<b>93.481</b>	<b>85.533</b>

Provision for slow moving inventories is as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>1.565</b>	<b>1.575</b>
Additions	394	660
Provision used	(257)	(727)
Exchange difference	(45)	57
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>1.657</b>	<b>1.565</b>

The above provision for slow moving inventories relates mainly to the consumables and spare parts.

**21. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Trade accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Trade receivables	59.802	57.433
Post-dated cheques and notes receivable	14.552	12.353
	<b>74.354</b>	<b>69.786</b>
Less: allowance for bad debt receivables	(4.657)	(4.373)
	<b>69.697</b>	<b>65.413</b>

Allowance for bad debts is provided for specific balances receivable that the management considers as bad debts.

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**21. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (continued)**

The movement of bad debts allowance is as follows:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>4.373</b>	<b>4.829</b>
Additions	532	59
Provision used	(217)	(552)
Exchange difference	(31)	37
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b><u>4.657</u></b>	<b><u>4.373</u></b>

**22. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Other current assets in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
VAT receivable	8.944	11.025
Deferred revenues	1.395	1.483
Prepaid expenses	1.044	825
Other taxes receivable	780	1.551
Advances and prepayments	762	397
Derivative financial assets (note 31)	153	-
Other current assets	2.957	2.859
	<b><u>16.035</u></b>	<b><u>18.140</u></b>

**23. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Time Deposits	17.026	28.274
Sight Deposits	16.423	14.258
Cash	334	375
	<b><u>33.783</u></b>	<b><u>42.907</u></b>

The composition of cash and cash equivalents per currency is as follows (all amounts are expressed in Euro currency):

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
- Euro	18.345	35.341
- Other currencies	15.438	7.566
	<b><u>33.783</u></b>	<b><u>42.907</u></b>

Interest income from time and sight deposits accounted for in the fiscal year they relate and for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounted to Euro 832 and Euro 582, respectively.

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**24. SHARE CAPITAL**  
**(in this note all the amounts are reported in Euro)**

On January 1, 2005 the share capital of the parent company amounted to Euro 30.154.130,00 comprised of 30.154.130 common shares of Euro 1,00 par value each.

The regular shareholders' General Assembly of the parent company on June 22, 2005, decided:

- Share capital increase through the increase of the par value of each share by Euro 0,18. The amount of the increase as above (Euro 5.427.743,40) was covered in total by an equal transfer from the balance of the account "Share premium",
- Share capital decrease through the decrease of the par value of each share by Euro 0,18 and pay back to the shareholders the total amount of Euro 5.427.743,40,
- Share capital increase by Euro 70.700,00 by issuing 70.700 new common shares with a value of Euro 1,00 each, through capitalization of undistributed profits that were distributed to S&B executives after the approval of administrative authorities.

The above changes to the share capital of the Parent Company were completed on July 11, 2005.

On December 12, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Parent Company decided the issuance of 156.940 new common shares with a par value of Euro 1,00 each, that were acquired by executives of the Group within the context of the employee stock option properly approved by the Shareholders' General Assembly. The share capital increase was realized on December 21, 2005.

Consequently, on December 31, 2005 the share capital of the Parent Company amounted to Euro 30.381.770,00 comprised of 30.381.770 common shares of par value Euro 1,00 each.

On June 1, 2006 the Shareholders' General Assembly of the Parent company, decided share capital increase by Euro 72.230,00 by issuing 72.230 new common shares of par value fo Euro 1,00 each, through capitalization of undistributed profits that were distributed to S&B executives after the approval by administrative authorities.

On December 6, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Parent Company decided the issuance of 197.335 new common shares with a par value of Euro 1,00 each, that were acquired by executives of the Group within the context of the employee stock option properly approved by the Shareholders' General Assembly. The share capital increase was realized on December 8, 2006.

Consequently, on December 31, 2006 the share capital of the Parent Company amounted to Euro 30.651.335,00 comprised of 30.651.335 common shares of par value Euro 1,00 each.

The weighted average number of shares for the year ended on December 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Number of shares of Parent Company at year end	<b>30.651.335</b>	<b>30.381.770</b>
<b>Effect to the weighted number of shares from:</b>		
Exercised stock options	(183.278)	(145.761)
Distribution of shares to executives	(20.581)	(22.469)
Less: treasury shares	-	(257.401)
<b>Basic Weighted Average Number of Shares in the year</b>	<b>30.447.476</b>	<b>29.956.139</b>
Stock Options that may be exercised in the future	100.448	44.491
<b>Diluted Weighted Average Number of Shares in the year</b>	<b>30.547.924</b>	<b>30.000.630</b>

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**24. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)**

**Shares granted to certain Senior Executives at no consideration**

The Board of Directors on May 5, 2005 decided and the Shareholders' Annual General Meeting held on June 22, 2005, approved the increase of the Parent Company's share capital by Euro 70.700.00 (70.700 shares with a par value of Euro 1.00 per share) through capitalization of retained earnings in order that such shares to be distributed to Senior Executives at no consideration, as part of their performance bonus (equivalent amount in Euro 408.646,00). As the related executive services were rendered in 2004, the bonus equivalent was accrued in 2004. When the executives received the shares on July 20, 2005 the related accrual was transferred to the accounts of "Share Capital" and "Share Premium".

The Board of Directors on May 10, 2006 decided and the Shareholders' Annual General Meeting held on June 1, 2006, approved the increase of the Parent Company's share capital by Euro 72.230.00 (72.230 shares with a par value of Euro 1.00 per share) through capitalization of retained earnings in order that such shares to be distributed to Senior Executives at no consideration, as part of their performance bonus (equivalent amount in Euro 635.624,00). As the related executive services were rendered in 2005, the bonus equivalent was accrued in 2005. When the executives received the shares on July 5, 2006 the related accrual was transferred to the accounts of "Share Capital" and "Share Premium".

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**25. SHARE OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES**

Stock options are granted to members of the Board of Directors and certain executives of the S&B group. The total number of options awarded is approved by the Annual General Meeting. The number of options granted per individual is decided by the Board of Directors within the limits specified by the Stock Option Plans. All plans have common provisions, the main being as follows:

- Eligible individuals must have completed at least one year of service in the S&B group.
- The strike price is equal to the average share price of twenty trading days preceding the relevant Shareholders' Annual General Meeting, minus 10%. The table below illustrates the strike prices:

	<b>Strike price</b>
Options granted in:	
- 2002	€ 6,19
- 2003	€ 6,11
- 2004	€ 5,48
- 2005	€ 5,35
-2006	€ 8,91

- Options vest at 10% in November of the year they are awarded and 30% in each of the following three years. No other vesting conditions exist.
- Options vested can be exercised within the first five days of December of the year they vest or in any subsequent year and up to 5 years following the year they were awarded.
- Options are not tradable or transferable.

The following table illustrates the movement of outstanding stock options in 2006 and 2005:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Total stock options outstanding at the beginning of the year	<b>435.890</b>	<b>586.830</b>
Stock options awarded in the year	110.000	150.000
Stock options exercised in the year	(197.335)	(156.940)
Stock options cancelled in the year	-	-
Stock options expired in the year	(3.900)	(144.000)
Total stock options outstanding at the end of the year	<b>344.655</b>	<b>435.890</b>

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The following table illustrates the movement of stock options vested in 2006 and 2005:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Stock options vested - outstanding at the beginning of the year	<u>160.550</u>	<u>309.690</u>
Stock options vested in the year	151.340	151.800
Stock options exercised in the year	(197.335)	(156.940)
Stock options cancelled in the year	-	-
Stock options expired in the year	<u>(3.900)</u>	<u>(144.000)</u>
Stock options vested - outstanding at the end of the year	<b>110.655</b>	<b>160.550</b>
Stock options to be vested in forthcoming years	<u>234.000</u>	<u>275.340</u>
Total stock options outstanding at the end of the year	<b><u>344.655</u></b>	<b><u>435.890</u></b>

The amount of stock options that will vest within the forthcoming years has as follows:

	<u>No. of share options</u>
Year of vesting:	
- 2007	123.000
- 2008	78.000
- 2009	<u>33.000</u>
	<b><u>234.000</u></b>

The fair value of the stock options is estimated at the award date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following table lists the inputs to the model used for the valuation of stock options awarded in 2002-2006:

**Ranges for all plans**

Expected life of option (years)	4,5 – 4,6
5 year risk-free interest rate (%)	2,75 – 4,73
3-year volatility (%)	25,6 – 42,0
Dividend yield (%)	3,05 – 3,93

Based on these inputs the model produced a value of Euro 1,26-2,43 per each stock option awarded under the various plans.

The expense for services received is recognized in the income statement at the time of vesting. The income statement charge relating to the vesting of stock options during 2006 and 2005 is Euro 215 and Euro 237, respectively. These amounts are transferred to a reserve in the equity. This reserve is then reduced as the stock options are being exercised, cancelled or expired. The table below illustrates the movement of the stock option plan reserve:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
<b>Stock option plan reserve at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>592</b>
Fair value of stock options vested	215	237
Fair value of stock options exercised	(374)	(320)
<b>Stock option plan reserve at the end of the year</b>	<b><u>350</u></b>	<b><u>509</u></b>

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**25. SHARE OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES (continued)**

The amount of the reserve released by the exercise of stock options plus the amount received with the exercise is then booked against the share capital at the nominal value per issued share with the balance going to the share premium in the equity.

The trading price of the share on the exercise date for the years of 2006 and 2005 was Euro 9,14 (Dec. 5, 2006) and Euro 8,14 (Dec. 5, 2005), respectively.

The table below illustrates these entries:

	<u>December 31</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2005</u>
Amount received by the exercise of stock options	1.166	940
Release of related reserve	374	320
	<u><b>1.540</b></u>	<u><b>1.260</b></u>
Increase in share capital	197	157
Increase in share premium	1.343	1.103
	<u><b>1.540</b></u>	<u><b>1.260</b></u>

**Long-term incentive plan for Senior Executives**

A Long-term Incentive Plan (LTI) for a small number of senior executives was introduced during 2006. Under this plan a number of Conditional Stock Rights (CSRs) are granted each of which, if vested, give right to acquiring one S&B share at no consideration (stock grant). The total number of CSRs will vest subject to various conditions:

- **Operational Performance conditions:** CSRs granted under these conditions will vest subject to certain operating targets being met in the second and third year following the grant.
- **Market Performance conditions:** CSRs granted under these conditions will vest subject to the S&B share price performance relative to the ASE general index in the three-year period following the grant.
- **Continuous Employment conditions:** CSRs granted under these conditions will vest subject to the executives concerned being employed at the end of a four-year period following the grant.

The valuation of CSRs on grant date and their subsequent revaluation on each reporting date is performed based on the following valuation principles:

- The value of each CSRs with operating performance conditions equals the share price at grant date adjusted for the expected dividend payments throughout the vesting period. This value stays constant during the vesting period. The vesting probability (i.e. how many CSRs will actually vest) is being reexamined at every reporting period based on the most current operating data. The total value is amortised over the vesting period through the P&L.
- The value of each CSRs with market performance conditions is determined by modeling (Monte-Carlo simulation) that takes into account the vesting probability based on historical market data. This value stays constant during the vesting period and no revaluation on reporting dates is required. The total value is amortised over the vesting period through the P&L.

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**25. SHARE OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES (continued)**

- The value of each CSRs with continuous employment conditions equals the share price at grant date adjusted for the expected dividend payments throughout the vesting period. This value stays constant during the vesting period. The vesting probability (i.e. how many CSRs will actually vest) is being reexamined at every reporting period based on whether the specific executives are still employed by the company or not. The total value is amortised over the vesting period through the P&L.

The following table illustrates the data used to value the fair value of CSR that were awarded during 2006:

**Range of prices**

Vesting period	2 – 4
Share price on the vesting date	8,84
Return on equity	10,00
Expected annual increase rate of dividend (%)	10,00

The CRS vested are considered to be exercised immediately and will be granted in shares of the Parent Company in proportion of one share per one CSR. The CSRs are not tradable or transferable.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006, 103.550 CSRs were granted out of which 94.121 were expected to vest. Each CSR was valued between Euro 3.61-8.30 depending on their vesting conditions. The total value at award was Euro 628. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the vesting probability has been reexamined with 83.224 CSRs now expected to vest and a total value of Euro 538.

The following table illustrates the movement of CSR in 2006 and 2005:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Total CSR outstanding at the beginning of the year	0	-
CSR awarded in the year	103.550	-
CSR vested / exercised in the year	0	-
CSR cancelled in the year	0	-
Total CSR outstanding at the end of the year	<b>103.550</b>	-

The CSR outstanding at December 31 of 2006 and 2005 are analysed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
CSR expected to vest in forthcoming years	<b>83.224</b>	-
CSR expected not to vest in forthcoming years	20.326	-
Total CSR outstanding at the end of the year	<b>103.550</b>	-

The amount of stock rights expected to vest within the forthcoming years has as follows:

	<b>No. of CSRs</b>
Year of vesting:	
- 2007	9.706
- 2008	45.519
- 2009	27.999
	<b>83.224</b>

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**25. SHARE OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES (continued)**

The expense for services received is recognized in the P&L at the time of vesting. The P&L charge relating to the future vesting of stock rights during 2006 and 2005 is Euro 46 and Euro 0 (zero), respectively. These amounts are transferred to a reserve in the equity. This reserve is reduced as the CSRs are being exercised or cancelled.

The table below illustrates the movement of the stock option plan reserve:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Stock rights reserve at the beginning of the year	-	-
Current year's P&L charge	46	-
Fair value of stock options delivered	-	-
Stock option plan reserve at the end of the year	<u>46</u>	<u>-</u>

During 2006, no CSRs have been vested/exercised or delivered.

**Share Appreciation Rights (SARs)**

The Shareholders' General Assembly of the Parent Company approved the establishment of a compensation plan the amount of which is connected to company's share price (Share Appreciation Rights – SAR) and are settled in cash for the Chief Executive Officer of the Group.

- The table below illustrates the strike price of the stock appreciation rights granted in 2006:

<u>No of SARs</u>	<u>Strike price</u>
216.000	€ 10,00
72.000	€ 11,70

- The 216.000 SARs vest by 72.000 in the end of 2007, 2008 and 2009. The rest 72,000 SARs vest in the end of 2010. No other vesting conditions exist.
- SARs vested can be exercised within three weeks after the quarterly financial statements publication and up to 31.12.2011 (for the 216.000 SARs) or 31.12.2014 (for the rest 72.000).
- SARs vested will be settled in cash.
- SARs are not tradable or transferable.

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**25. SHARE OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES (continued)**

The following table illustrates the movement of outstanding SARs in 2006 and 2005:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Total SAR outstanding at the beginning of the year:		-
- SAR awarded in the year	288.000	-
- SAR exercised in the year	-	-
- SAR cancelled in the year	-	-
- SAR expired in the year	-	-
Total SAR outstanding at the end of the year	<u><u>288.000</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

The amount of SARs that will vest within the forthcoming years has as follows:

	<u>No of SARs</u>
Year of vesting:	
- 2007	72.000
- 2008	72.000
- 2009	72.000
- 2010	72.000
	<u><u>288.000</u></u>

The fair value of the SARs is estimated at each reporting date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

The following table lists the inputs to the model used for the valuation of SARs awarded in 2006 as of 31.12.06:

**Range for all SARs awarded**

Expected life of option (years)	4,8 – 7,9
5 year risk-free interest rate (%)	4,02 – 4,08
3-year volatility (%)	28,82
Dividend yield (%)	2,73

The expense for services received is recognized in the P&L at the time of vesting. The P&L charge relating to the future vesting of SARs during 2006 and 2005 is Euro 167 and Euro 0 (zero), respectively. These amounts are transferred to “Other provisions”. This provision is reduced as the SARs are being exercised, cancelled or expired.

The table below illustrates the movement of the provision:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Provision for SAR at the beginning of the year	-	-
Current year’s P&L charge from provision revaluation	167	-
Fair value of SAR exercised	-	-
Provision for SAR at the end of the year	<u><u>167</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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**26. OTHER RESERVES**

Reserves in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31</b>	<b>December 31</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Tax-free and specially taxed reserves	69.436	62.652
Legal reserve	9.149	8.605
Special reserves	8.224	8.048
Revaluation reserves from participation and securities	2.825	2.825
Extraordinary reserves	346	1.765
	<b>89.980</b>	<b>83.895</b>

The majority of the above reserves relates to Parent Company and Greek subsidiaries. Under Greek corporate law, corporations are required to transfer a minimum of 5% of their annual net profit as reflected in their statutory books to a legal reserve, until such reserve equals one-third of the outstanding share capital. The above reserve cannot be distributed throughout the life of the Company. The Group transferred to legal reserves for the year ended December 31, 2006 an amount of Euro 544.

Tax free reserves represent non distributed profits that are exempt from income tax based on Development Laws. These reserves mainly relate to investments and are not distributed. For these reserves no deferred income tax liabilities were provided.

Specially taxed reserves represent interest income and income from disposal of listed and non listed subsidiaries and are tax free or tax has been withheld at source. According to the Greek tax regulations, this reserve is exempt from income tax, provided it is not distributed to shareholders. The Group transferred to specially taxed reserves for the year ended December 31, 2006 an amount of Euro 6.784.

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**27. DIVIDENDS**

**(in this note all the amounts are reported in Euro)**

Under Greek corporate law, companies are required each year to declare from their statutory profits, dividends of at least 35% of after-tax statutory profit, after allowing for legal reserve, or a minimum of 6% of the paid-in share capital, whichever is greater. The non-distribution of dividends requires the unanimous consent of all shareholders. Furthermore, Greek corporate law requires certain conditions to be met before dividends can be distributed, which are as follows:

- (a) No dividends can be distributed to the shareholders as long as the company's net equity, as reflected in the statutory financial statements, is, or after such distribution, will be less than the outstanding capital plus non-distributable reserves, and
- (b) No dividends can be distributed to the shareholders as long as the unamortized balance of "Pre-operating Expenses," as reflected in the statutory financial statements exceeds the aggregate of distributable reserves plus retained earnings.

On June 22, 2005 the parent company's regular General Assembly has approved a dividend distribution of Euro 1.809.247,50 (Euro 0,06 per share), amount which was fully paid to the shareholders on July 25, 2005.

On June 14, 2006 the parent company's regular General Assembly approved the dividend distribution of Euro 8.203.078,00 (Euro 0,27 per share), amount which was fully paid to the shareholders on June 14, 2006.

In the financial statements of the year 2006 were approved by the Board of Directors of the Parent Company in a meeting held on March 15, 2007. The Board of Directors proposed a dividend for the year 2006 which amounts to Euro 9.195.401,15 (Euro 0,30 per share) which is included in the equity of December 31, 2006 and is not reflected as a liability on the balance sheet. From the previously mentioned dividend, Euro 2.320.410,78 is coming from equity reserves taxed in a special way for which an additional income tax of Euro 773.470,25 will be paid and recognized in the financial statements during 2007.

The dividend not withdrawn by the shareholders of the company by December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounted to Euro 52.626,25 and Euro 47.620,63 respectively.

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**28. PROVISION FOR STAFF LEAVING INDEMNITIES**

The Group has established certain entitlement programs in the various countries of doing business which may be summarized as follows:

**Statutory Benefit Obligation:** In accordance with local labor law, employees are entitled to indemnities for dismissal or for retirement, the amount of which varies according to salary, years of service, and the way of separation (dismissal or retirement). Employees who quit or are fairly dismissed are not entitled to an indemnity.

The amount of the retirement indemnity in Greece is equal to 40% of indemnity entitled in the case of an unfair dismissal. The indemnity programs are not financed and under IAS 19 they are classified as defined benefit plans.

**Constructive Benefit Obligation:** In accordance with Group practice, a selected group of employees are provided with certain entitlements which under IAS 19 are classified as defined benefit pension plans and are indexed to inflation. The level of benefits is covered with individual contracts and varies according to calculation which considers the years of service, age and level of salary for a defined period. The Group charges to the statement of income the accrued indemnities in each period with a corresponding increase or entitlement liability. Any payments made to entitled employees during any period are offset against this liability.

The additional cost of entitlements relates to payments made to employees who were unfairly dismissed. Most of these payments were not expected in the context of these programs and thus were treated as an additional retirement indemnity in the statement of income.

**Contribution Plans:** The Group has also pension plans under which it pays fixed contributions into an insurance entity and for IAS 19 purposes are classified as defined contribution plans. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee years of service.

The movement in the net liability in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet has as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b>Net liability at beginning of the year</b>	<b>14.934</b>	<b>14.504</b>
Benefits paid directly by the Group	(1.027)	(1.411)
Expense recognised in the consolidated statements of income	2.031	1.762
Other movements	(9)	79
<b>Net liability at end of the year</b>	<b>15.929</b>	<b>14.934</b>

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**28. PROVISION FOR STAFF LEAVING INDEMNITIES (continued)**

An international firm of independent actuaries evaluated the Group's liabilities arising from the obligation to pay retirement indemnities. The details and principal assumptions of the actuarial study as at December 31, 2006 and 2005 have as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation of net liability benefit obligation</u></b>		
<b>Present value of actuarial liability at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>18.235</b>	<b>15.915</b>
Service cost	805	792
Interest cost	699	744
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	1.657	98
Benefits paid	(1.027)	(1.411)
Additional cost of extra benefits	205	128
Actuarial loss / gain	(211)	1.959
Foreign exchange differences	(9)	10
<b>Present value of actuarial liability at the end of the year</b>	<b>20.354</b>	<b>18.235</b>
Unrecognized actuarial loss	(2.887)	(3.301)
Unrecognized service cost	(1.538)	-
<b>Net liability in balance sheet</b>	<b>15.929</b>	<b>14.934</b>
	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b><u>Components of income statement charge</u></b>		
Service cost	805	792
Interest cost	699	744
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	203	106
Amortization of unrecognized service cost	119	-
<b>Regular income statement charge</b>	<b>1.826</b>	<b>1.642</b>
Additional cost of extra benefits	205	120
<b>Total income statement charge</b>	<b>2.031</b>	<b>1.762</b>
<b><u>Principal assumptions</u></b>		
Discount rate	4,5%	4,5%
Rate of executives compensation increase	3%-5,5%	5,5%
Average future working life (in years)	14,39%-19,36%	14,7%-19,6%

The amount of additional cost of termination benefits relates to employees who became redundant. Most of these benefits were not expected within the terms of this plan and, accordingly, the excess of benefit payments over existing reserves have been treated as an additional pension charge.

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**29. PROVISION FOR ENVIRONMENT REHABILITATION**

The movement of provision for environment rehabilitation for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
<b>Total Amount at the Beginning of the Year</b>	<b>12.747</b>	<b>13.793</b>
Additional provision	702	852
Change in future outflow for active mines (income statement)	108	(788)
Change in future outflow for depleted mines (tangible assets)	874	(253)
Re-estimation of provision	(142)	315
Utilization of provision (payments)	(1.084)	(1.172)
<b>Total Amount at the End of the Year</b>	<b>13.205</b>	<b>12.747</b>

**30. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS**

Interest bearing loans and borrowings in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Bond loan (Law 3156/2003)	75.000	75.000
Syndicated loan (Euro 90 million)	33.175	53.079
Syndicated loan (Euro 75 million)	75.000	75.000
Syndicated loan in Euro	519	-
Long term loan in INR	1.668	2.748
	<b>185.362</b>	<b>205.827</b>
Loan expenses	(675)	(922)
Less: current portion of long term loans and borrowings	(34.009)	(19.905)
	<b>150.678</b>	<b>185.000</b>

• **Bond loan (Law 3156/2003)**

On June 2005 the Group concluded an agreement for a common bond issue of Law 3156/2003 of Euro 75 million, with a duration of 7 years, which accrues interest on a floating basis at Euro interbank borrowing rate (Euribor plus spread) and comprised of 150 common bonds of Euro 500.000,00 par value each. Interest expense is calculated on a six months basis. The bond is repayable in five annual installments (commencing 36 months after the issuance of the bond). Each of the first four installments will repay 10% of the bond (2008-2011) and the final installment will repay 60% of the loan (2012). The bond can be repaid earlier with no additional charges.

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**30. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)**

The terms contain financial covenants including requirements to maintain minimum ratios of net borrowings to EBITDA and EBITDA to net interest expense. The terms of the bond loan contains events of default including, among others, failure to make payments, inability to meet general and economic guarantees, certain events of insolvency, the suspension of business, ownership structure and materially adverse changes clause affecting the financial position of the Group.

- **Syndicated loan (Euro 90 million)**

On January 2002 the Group concluded a syndicated loan of a total amount of Euro 90 million (with the option to convert it in USD or CHF) with floating interest rate (Euribor plus spread) repayable in five years. According to the loan agreement it is available to the Group a term loan agreement of Euro 45 million (amount used by the Parent Company) and a revolving credit facility of Euro 45 million.

The term loan is repayable in four annual installments of Euro 2,5 million, Euro 2,5 million, Euro 15 million and Euro 25 million, respectively, commencing 24 months after the date of the agreement. The Group can repay the loan earlier than the above schedule with no additional cost. The revolving credit facility will be repaid in full in maturity date (2007), while any amount repaid earlier can be re-borrowed. The aggregate loan amount was denominated in US Dollars as of December 31, 2005.

In order to hedge the exposure of interest rate fluctuations the Group has entered into interest rate option contracts. Due to the fact that loan withdrawals are denominated in USD, the Group has entered into cross currency swap contracts in order to reduce the exposure to exchange rate fluctuations (Note 31).

The loan agreement also defines financial covenants that relate to minimum ratios of net borrowings to consolidated EBITDA, net borrowing to net worth, consolidated EBITDA to consolidated net interest payable and ratio of current assets to current liabilities less than one. There are also general covenants relating to compliance with laws and regulations, disposal of assets, changes of business, mergers, investments, environmental matters and insurance coverage status.

- **Syndicated loan (Euro 75 million)**

On June 2005 the Group concluded a syndicated loan of a total amount of Euro 75 million (with the option to convert it in USD) with floating interest rate (Euribor plus spread), with a tenor of seven years. Drawdown was made in Euro. The loan is repayable in five annual installments. Each of the first four installments will repay 10% of the loan (2008-2011) and the final installment will repay 60% of the loan (2012). The loan can be repaid earlier with no additional charges. The financial covenants relate to minimum ratios of net borrowings to consolidated EBITDA and EBITDA to consolidated net interest payable.

The above bank loan balances approach their fair value since they are not quoted in a secondary interbank market. For the above loans there are no pledges or other guarantees. The weighted average interest rate of long term interest bearing loans for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is 3,86% and 3,32%, respectively.

In addition, the Group has concluded a loan of INR 218,8 million which is repayable in nine semi-annual equal installments (commencing on November 2004 to November 2008). The weighted average interest rate of long term interest bearing loan in INR for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 was 7,08% and 6,38%, respectively.

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**30. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)**

Total interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounts to Euro 7.385 and Euro 4.682, respectively.

With respect to the above loans the table below presents the future payments as of December 31, 2006:

	<u>December 31 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
Within one year	34.009	19.905
2-5 years	61.353	80.922
More than 5 years	90.000	105.000
	<u><b>185.362</b></u>	<u><b>205.827</b></u>

Within March 2007 the Group concluded two bond loans amounted to Euro 15 million and Euro 10 million for the purpose of refinancing the syndicated loan (Euro 90 million) that expired in January 2007. The loans have a tenor of two years with a floating interest rate (Euribor plus spread). None of these loans is secured by any kind of the Group's assets.

**31. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Group used the exemption provided by IFRS 1 «First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards» and applied IAS 39 «Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement» since January 1, 2005 as follows:

- **Interest rate option:** The parent company has entered into an interest rate option contract of Euro 25 million (to cover the exposure from part of the syndicated loan – Note 30) based on which the parent company pays fixed interest rate 2,72% per quarter and receives 3 month Euribor. This derivative does not qualify for hedge accounting and as a result any change in its fair values is charged to the income statement.
- **Cross currency swaps:** The parent company has entered into cross currency swap agreements to hedge the exchange rate exposure of the syndicated loan (Note 30):

<u>Conduction date</u>	<u>Maturity date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Exchange rate (Euro / USD)</u>
January 2002	January 2007	25.000	0,8649
April 2003	January 2007	5.272	1,0960
January 2004	January 2007	2.903	1,2400
		<u><b>33.175</b></u>	

The above derivatives meet the requirements of cash flow hedges according to IAS 39 «Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement» and thus any change in their fair value is recognized directly to equity

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**31. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

- **Forward contracts:** The parent company has entered into eight forward contracts as of December 31, 2006 to hedge exchange rate exposure from sales in USD (sale of USD 5.226 to buy Euro 4.069). The duration of all forward contracts is less than one year with maturity dates from January 2007 to April 2007. The above derivatives meet the requirements of cash flow hedges according to IAS 39 «Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement» and thus any change in their fair value is recognized directly to equity.

The following table presents the total movement of derivative financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005:

	<u>January 1 2006</u>	<u>Movement in 2006</u>	<u>December 31 2006</u>
<b>Financial instruments that qualify for hedge accounting</b>			
Forward contracts	(163)	273	110
Cross currency swap	(232)	229	(3)
Effect in equity	<u>(395)</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>107</u>
<b>Financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting</b>			
Interest rate option	(18)	61	43
Other	(23)	22	(1)
Effect in retained earnings as of January 1, 2006	<u>(41)</u>		
Effect in current year's income statement		<u>83</u>	
Financial instruments assets on balance sheet			<u>153</u>
Financial instruments liabilities on balance sheet			<u>(4)</u>
	<u>January 1 2005</u>	<u>Movement in 2005</u>	<u>December 31 2005</u>
<b>Financial instruments that qualify for hedge accounting</b>			
Forward contracts	507	(669)	(162)
Cross currency swap	(361)	129	(232)
Effect in equity	<u>146</u>	<u>(540)</u>	<u>(394)</u>
<b>Financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting</b>			
Interest rate option	(270)	252	(18)
Other	(57)	34	(23)
Effect in retained earnings as of January 1, 2005	<u>(327)</u>		
Effect in current year's income statement		<u>286</u>	
Financial instruments liabilities on balance sheet			<u>(435)</u>

The above amounts are net of deferred taxes.

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**32. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Trade and other payables in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Suppliers	45.030	35.231
Freights payable	990	606
Customers advances	447	97
	<b>46.467</b>	<b>35.934</b>

**33. SHORT TERM BORROWINGS**

Short term borrowings in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Short term loans	4.690	6.154
Overdrafts	2.451	3.475
Used amount	<b>7.141</b>	<b>9.629</b>

The above loans are analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Short term loans in Euro	5.402	8.160
Short term loans in Indian Rupee (INR)	829	601
Short term loans in Real Brazil (BRL)	910	868
Total	<b>7.141</b>	<b>9.629</b>

As of December 31, 2006 and 2005 the Group has entered into short term loan agreements and overdrafts with floating interest rate (Euribor plus spread for loans in Euro). For the above loans no guarantees have been provided. The weighted average interest rate of short term loans in Euro, for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is 4,76% and 3,52%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate of short term loans in INR and BRL for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is 8,89% and 18,01% respectively. Total interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounts to Euro 599 and Euro 2.587, respectively.

Total credit limits of the Group (long term and short term loans) at December 31, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Credit limit	331.019	342.258
Less: used amount		
Long term loans	(185.362)	(205.827)
Short term loans	(7.141)	(9.629)
Guarantees (reducing credit lines' availability)	(7.467)	(7.325)
Credit limits Unused	<b>131.049</b>	<b>119.477</b>

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**34. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated financial statements is analyzed as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Bonuses to employees	3.547	2.822
Accrued payroll expenses	3.220	3.154
Taxes and duties	2.287	4.445
Social security	2.178	2.501
Interests accrued	1.245	682
Share of profits payable to employees	1.014	914
Board of Directors fees	753	496
Freights accrued	372	76
Derivative financial instruments	4	436
Other accrued expenses	2.714	3.339
Other payables	2.966	4.438
	<b>20.300</b>	<b>23.303</b>

**35. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The main activities of the Group are influenced by a variety of financial risks such as the risks resulted from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The overall financial risk management programme is focused on unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects in the Group's financial position as a whole. Financial risk management is performed by a central Corporate Treasury Department.

The Corporate Treasury Department operates as a service department that provides access to financial markets to the Group subsidiaries. This includes identifying, evaluating and if necessary, hedging financial risks relating to the Group's operating activities. The Corporate Treasury Department does not undertake any transactions of a speculative nature.

The Group's main financial instruments consist mainly, apart from derivatives, cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and trade payables and available for sale investments. As further discussed in Notes 30 and 31, the Group enters in derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate options and cross currency swaps, in order to manage the related foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks stemming from its activities and the manner of financing. Management periodically controls and revises the relative policies and procedures in connection with financial risk management, which are summarized below:

- (i) **Credit Risk:** The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counter party. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each asset, including derivative financial instruments, in the balance sheet. With respect to derivative instruments, the Group monitors its positions, the credit ratings of counter parties and the level of contracts it enters into with any counter party. The counter parties to these contracts are major financial and other institutions. The Group has a policy of entering into contracts with parties that are well qualified and, given the high level of credit quality of its derivative counter parties, the Group does not believe it is necessary to enter into collateral arrangements.

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**36. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

- (ii) **Fair Value:** The carrying amounts reflected in the accompanying balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and current liabilities approximate their respective fair values due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The fair values of marketable securities are based on their quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. The fair values of derivative instruments are based on marked to market valuations (discounted cash flow analysis). For all derivatives, the fair values are confirmed to the Group by the financial institutions through which the Group has entered into these contracts.
- (iii) **Liquidity Risk:** The Group manages its liquidity risk by on-going monitoring of its cash flows. The Group budgets and follows up its cash flows and appropriately acts for available cash deposits and credit lines with the banks. The unutilized approved credit lines available to the Group are sufficient to cover any financing need.
- (iv) **Interest Rate Risk:** With respect to its long-term debt, the management of the Group closely monitors the fluctuations in foreign currency exchange and in interest rates and evaluates on an ongoing basis the need to enter into any financial instruments to mitigate those risks. In this respect, the Group enters into interest rate and currency swap contracts to reduce the exposure to interest rate and currency fluctuations. Such financial instruments, effective January 1, 2005, are measured at fair value and recognized as assets or liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.
- (v) **Foreign exchange risk:** The Group is exposed in foreign exchange risk as it undertakes trading transactions in various foreign currencies. Foreign exchange risk is managed, where necessary, mainly through the use of forward exchange contracts. These derivatives as of January 1, 2005 are stated at fair values and recognized as asset or liability in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**36. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- (a) **Litigations and claims:** The Company is a party to various lawsuits and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of business, for which the company has provided the amount of approximately Euro 856 in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.
- (b) **Guarantees:** At December 31, 2006 and 2005 the Group has issued letters of guarantee for mining rights and licenses, out of which the most significant relate to the Parent company, for a total amount of Euro 2,8 million and Euro 3,4 million respectively. Total Group guarantees as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 were Euro 7,5 million and Euro 7,3 million, respectively.
- (c) **Environmental issues:** Petitions of reversal have been submitted before the Council of State, against the Greek State and the administrative act which approves the Environmental Study issued by the Parent regarding the exploitation of bauxite deposits covering area of 9.244 thousand square meters in the mountain of Giona. The petitions of reversal were finally heard before the Council of State on October 4, 2006 along with the interventions of S&B in support of the Greek State and the validity of the aforementioned act. The petitioners had also asked for the suspension of the disputed act. The Commission of Suspension of the Council of State by its decision nr. 504/2006 suspended the implementation of the disputed act as to the part regarding the operation in the new exploitations, until issuance of a definitive decision on the petitions of reversal. The decision of suspension is expected to influence the production program of the Parent for year 2007. The Parent has located alternative sources of supply/production of bauxite outside Greece in order to face the expected partial reduction on the production and to minimize, in combination with redefined production plans in Greece, a long-term material effect on its operation and financial position..

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**36. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)**

(d) *Operating lease commitments:* As of December 31, 2006 the Group has entered into a number of operating lease agreements relating mainly to the rental of buildings that expire on various dates through 2016. Rental expenses included in the accompanying statement of income for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 amounted to approximately Euro 5,8 million and Euro 4,6 million respectively. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases as at December 31, 2005 are as follows:

	<u>December 31</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2005</u>
	(in millions Euro)	
Within one year	3,5	3,0
2-5 years	12,9	10,0
After 5 years	14,8	16,2
	<u><u>31,2</u></u>	<u><u>29,2</u></u>

**37. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group presents segment information for the following business activities (primary information):

- *Industrial Minerals Activities:* include all mining, processing and trading of a variety of industrial minerals and ores. Through these activities providing value-adding industrial solutions for a broad range of applications are provided.
- *Commercial Activities:* include the exclusive distributorship of YAMAHA two-wheelers and marine products in Greece, Romania and Bulgaria via MOTODYNAMICS S.A and the distributorship of Case, Linde and Cummins products through the industrial machinery and equipment trading company, ERGOTRAK S.A.
- *Real Estate Activities:* include the management and development of the Group's real estate assets that have been classified as investment properties and which do not participate in the operations of the other two segments.

The secondary segment information is referred to geographical analyses of sales and total assets of the Group.

Transfer prices between business segments are set on an arm's length basis. Segment revenue, segment expense and segment result include transfers between business segments which are eliminated at consolidation. All business segments apply the accounting principles of the Group.

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**37. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**

	Industrial Minerals		Real Estate		Commercial activities		Eliminations		Total	
	December 31 2006	December 31 2005	December 31 2006	December 31 2005	December 31 2006	December 31 2005	December 31 2006	December 31 2005	December 31 2006	December 31 2005
<b>Income statement</b>										
Sales	355.396	335.226	-	-	100.462	85.074	(257)	(466)	455.601	419.835
<b>Profits before tax, financial and investing results</b>	34.553	30.087	569	171	5.116	4.435	-	(3)	40.238	34.690
Financial income/(expense)	(8.037)	(5.243)	-	-	(244)	(290)	-	-	(8.281)	(5.533)
Investment income	2.247	1.670	-	6.555	-	-	-	-	2.247	8.225
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>28.763</b>	<b>26.514</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>6.726</b>	<b>4.872</b>	<b>4.145</b>	-	<b>(3)</b>	<b>34.204</b>	<b>37.382</b>
Income tax	(8.802)	(8.804)	(165)	(2.152)	(1.699)	(1.279)	-	-	(10.666)	(12.235)
<b>Net profit / (loss)</b>	<b>19.961</b>	<b>17.710</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>4.574</b>	<b>3.173</b>	<b>2.866</b>	-	<b>(3)</b>	<b>23.538</b>	<b>25.147</b>
Minority interests	(302)	(227)	-	-	(1.140)	(960)	-	-	(1.442)	(1.187)
Profit after minority interests	<b>19.659</b>	<b>17.483</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>4.574</b>	<b>2.033</b>	<b>1.906</b>	-	<b>(3)</b>	<b>22.096</b>	<b>23.960</b>
Earnings per share (in Euro)	0,65	0,58	0,01	0,15	0,07	0,06	-	-	0,73	0,80
<b>Assets</b>										
Non current assets	258.210	264.838	27.150	27.821	7.441	5.362	(33)	(32)	292.768	297.989
Current assets	163.768	165.430	533	568	49.261	46.903	(566)	(908)	212.996	211.993
	<b>421.978</b>	<b>430.268</b>	<b>27.683</b>	<b>28.389</b>	<b>56.702</b>	<b>52.265</b>	<b>(599)</b>	<b>(940)</b>	<b>505.764</b>	<b>509.982</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>										
Provisions	29.697	27.642	-	-	1.042	864	-	-	30.739	28.506
Non current liabilities	166.991	202.919	-	-	526	16	(32)	(33)	167.485	202.902
Current liabilities	80.599	67.964	157	74	30.832	28.316	(474)	(903)	111.114	95.451
	<b>277.287</b>	<b>298.525</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>32.400</b>	<b>29.196</b>	<b>(506)</b>	<b>(936)</b>	<b>309.338</b>	<b>326.859</b>
<b>Other information</b>										
Depreciation and amortization	23.738	25.654	558	564	896	830	-	-	25.192	27.048
Depreciation included in inventories	697	325	-	-	-	-	-	-	697	325
Capital expenditure	21.856	19.824	17	12	2.859	1.792	-	-	24.732	21.628

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**37. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**

Due to the reclassifications referred to in note 2.2 above, certain amounts of segment information for the year ended December 31, 2005 have been reclassified.

The Group's sales per geographical segment have as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Europe	362.594	326.570
Americas	75.270	76.549
Other	17.737	16.716
	<b>455.601</b>	<b>419.835</b>

The Group's assets per geographical segment have as follows:

	<b>December 31 2006</b>	<b>December 31 2005</b>
Europe	450.236	459.741
Americas	44.839	40.582
Other	10.689	9.659
	<b>505.764</b>	<b>509.982</b>