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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED
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I. Condensed Interim Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

		As at	
	Note	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1.385.344	1.405.940
Intangible assets	8	94.061	94.859
Investments in associates		363.559	357.858
Deferred income tax assets		40.550	42.255
Available-for-sale financial assets		2.082	2.092
Loans, advances and other long term assets	9	41.568	36.078
		1.927.164	1.939.082
Current assets			
Inventories	10	1.353.673	1.169.098
Trade and other receivables	11	919.070	888.079
Cash and cash equivalents	12	152.480	193.630
		2.425.223	2.250.807
Total assets		4.352.387	4.189.889
EQUITY			
Share capital	13	1.019.963	1.019.963
Reserves		543.642	543.642
Retained Earnings		662.758	590.933
Capital and reserves attributable to Company Shareholders		2.226.363	2.154.538
Minority interest		104.720	101.924
Total equity		2.331.083	2.256.462
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14	536.397	539.573
Deferred income tax liabilities		19.548	18.645
Retirement benefit obligations		136.699	133.747
Provisions and other long term liabilities	15	68.134	67.348
		760.778	759.313
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	527.054	637.043
Current income tax liabilities		176.929	153.045
Borrowings	14	548.255	356.360
Dividends payable		8.288	27.666
		1.260.526	1.174.114
Total liabilities		2.021.304	1.933.427
Total equity and liabilities		4.352.387	4.189.889

The notes on pages 7 to 18 are an integral part of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Finance Manager

Panagiotis Cavoulacos

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II. Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)

		For the three month period ended	
	Note	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Sales		2.058.193	1.460.271
Cost of sales		(1.878.621)	(1.279.571)
Gross profit		179.572	180.700
Selling, distribution and administrative expenses	4	(89.080)	(89.802)
Exploration and development expenses		(1.194)	(3.416)
Other operating income - net		6.218	2.927
Operating profit		95.516	90.409
Finance expense - net	5	(6.237)	(3.935)
Currency exchange gains /(losses)		12.296	(6.002)
Share of profit of associates	6	5.684	1.774
Profit before income tax		107.259	82.246
Income tax expense		(32.472)	(26.987)
Profit for the period		74.787	55.259
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the company		72.203	54.636
Minority interest		2.584	623
Profit for the period		74.787	55.259
Earnings per share attributable to Company Shareholders (expressed in Euro per share):			
Basic & Diluted		0,24	0,18
Net income attributable to ordinary shares		72.203	54.636
Average number of ordinary shares outstanding		305.622.245	305.513.425

Diluted earnings per ordinary share are not presented, as they are not materially different from basic earnings per share.

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to equity holders of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

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III. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)

	Attributable to Company Shareholders			Total	Minority Interest	Total Equity
	Share Capital	Reserves	Retained Earnings			
Balance at 31 December 2004	1.019.157	329.023	505.919	1.854.099	95.395	1.949.494
Adoption of IFRS 3	-	-	87.474	87.474	-	87.474
Balance at 1 January 2005	1.019.157	329.023	593.393	1.941.573	95.395	2.036.968
Profit for the period 1/1/05 - 31/3/05	-	-	54.636	54.636	623	55.259
Translation exchange differences	-	-	623	623	-	623
Balance at 31 March 2005	1.019.157	329.023	648.652	1.996.832	96.018	2.092.850
Balance at 1 April 2005	1.019.157	329.023	648.652	1.996.832	96.018	2.092.850
Reclassification of statutory reserves	-	181.337	(181.337)	-	-	-
Profit for the period 1/4/05 - 31/12/05	-	-	279.586	279.586	6.039	285.625
Translation exchange differences	-	-	2.576	2.576	(133)	2.443
Transfers between reserves	-	33.282	(33.282)	-	-	-
Dividends relating to 2004	-	-	(79.435)	(79.435)	-	(79.435)
Dividends relating to 2005	-	-	(45.827)	(45.827)	-	(45.827)
Exercise of employee share options	806	-	-	806	-	806
Balance at 31 December 2005	1.019.963	543.642	590.933	2.154.538	101.924	2.256.462
Balance at 1 January 2006	1.019.963	543.642	590.933	2.154.538	101.924	2.256.462
Profit for the period	-	-	72.203	72.203	2.584	74.787
Translation exchange differences	-	-	(378)	(378)	212	(166)
Balance at 31 March 2006	1.019.963	543.642	662.758	2.226.363	104.720	2.331.083

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IV. Condensed Interim Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (Unaudited)

		For the three month period ended	
	Note	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	17	(184.278)	57.538
Income tax paid		(4.029)	(6.513)
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities		(188.307)	51.025
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment & intangible assets	7,8	(17.390)	(52.353)
Interest received	5	3.278	4.083
Investments in associates		(19)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(14.131)	(48.270)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid	5	(9.515)	(8.018)
Dividends paid		(19.378)	-
Net movement in short term borrowings		191.897	(65.623)
Proceeds from long term borrowings		-	9.341
Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities		163.004	(64.300)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		(39.434)	(61.545)
Cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		193.630	181.178
Exchange gains / (losses) on cash & cash equivalents		(1.716)	(1.349)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		(39.434)	(61.545)
Cash & cash equivalents at end of the period		152.480	118.284

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V. Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Hellenic Petroleum and its subsidiaries (“Hellenic Petroleum” or “the Group”) operate in the energy sector predominantly in Greece and the Balkans. The Group’s activities include exploration and production of hydrocarbons, refining and marketing of oil products, and the production and marketing of petrochemical products. The Group also provides engineering services, while it has recently completed the construction of an electricity power generation plant, which is currently operating.

The interim consolidated financial statements of Hellenic Petroleum and its subsidiaries are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34) – *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three month period ended 31 March 2006 are consistent with those applied for the preparation of the consolidated published accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005. Where necessary comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with changes in the presentation of the current year.

These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2005 consolidated annual financial statements. These can be found on the Group’s website www.hellenic-petroleum.gr.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Group for the three month period ended 31 March 2006 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 May 2006.

2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been applied from 1 January 2006:

The Group has adopted IFRS 6 (*Amendment*); *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*, as of 1 January 2006. This standard allows companies to retain existing practices in accounting for exploration and evaluation expenditures. Accordingly adoption of this amendment did not have any significant impact on the Group’s condensed financial statements.

Finally the Group has adopted IFRIC 4, *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*. IFRIC 4 requires the determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease to be based on the substance of the arrangement. Following a review of the relevant contracts, the adoption of IFRIC 4 did not have any significant impact on the Group’s condensed financial statements.

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3. ANALYSIS BY INDUSTRY SEGMENT

	Refining	Marketing	Exploration & production	Petro- chemicals	Enginee- ring	Gas & Power	Inter- Segement	Total
For the three month period ended 31 March 2006								
Sales	1.992.295	586.675	282	83.239	3.294	24.644	(632.236)	2.058.193
Other operating income	4.212	2.426	-	(173)	33	6.720	(7.000)	6.218
Operating profit (loss)	92.075	9.526	(5.424)	980	(456)	1.009	(2.194)	95.516
Foreign exchange gains/ (losses)	12.244	52	-	-	-	-	-	12.296
Profit before tax, share of net result of associates & finance costs	104.319	9.578	(5.424)	980	(456)	1.009	(2.194)	107.812
Share of net result of associates	-	-	-	210	-	5.474	-	5.684
Profit after associates	104.319	9.578	(5.424)	1.190	(456)	6.483	(2.194)	113.496
Finance costs - net								(6.237)
Profit before income tax								107.259
Income tax expense								(32.472)
Income applicable to minority interest								(2.584)
Profit for the period attributable to the shareholders of the company								72.203

	Refining	Marketing	Exploration & production	Petro- chemicals	Enginee- ring	Gas & Power	Inter- Segement	Total
For the three month period ended 31 March 2005								
Sales	1.379.222	419.285	-	69.488	5.048	96	(412.868)	1.460.271
Other operating income	614	1.969	99	193	26	26	-	2.927
Operating profit (loss)	88.873	9.953	(6.300)	(891)	(795)	(349)	(82)	90.409
Foreign exchange gains/ (losses)	(6.096)	(52)	-	100	-	-	46	(6.002)
Profit before tax, share of net result of associates & finance costs	82.777	9.901	(6.300)	(791)	(795)	(349)	(36)	84.407
Share of net result of associates	-	-	-	91	-	1.683	-	1.774
Profit after associates	82.777	9.901	(6.300)	(700)	(795)	1.334	(36)	86.181
Finance costs - net								(3.935)
Profit before income tax								82.246
Income tax expense								(26.987)
Income applicable to minority interest								(623)
Profit for the period attributable to the shareholders of the company								54.636

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4. SELLING, DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	For the three month period ended	
	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Selling and distribution expenses	58.994	49.816
Administrative expenses	30.086	39.986
	89.080	89.802

5. FINANCE COSTS – NET

	For the three month period ended	
	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Interest expense	(9.515)	(8.018)
Interest income	3.278	4.083
Finance costs - net	(6.237)	(3.935)

6. SHARE OF NET RESULT OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The amounts represent the net result from associated companies accounted for on an equity basis.

	For the three month period ended	
	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Public Natural Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA)	5.474	1.683
Volos Pet Industries A.E.	210	91
Total	5.684	1.774

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7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land	Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor vehicles	Furniture and fixtures	Assets Under Con- struction	Total
<u>Cost</u>							
As at 1 January 2005	191.787	365.080	1.493.342	38.747	61.913	285.533	2.436.402
Additions	7.104	7.917	16.564	1.795	3.685	146.256	183.321
Capitalised projects	1.489	25.831	279.090	171	527	(307.108)	-
Disposals	(17)	(81)	(5.335)	(564)	(305)	(1.128)	(7.430)
Other movements	-	-	637	-	-	(837)	(200)
As at 31 December 2005	200.363	398.747	1.784.298	40.149	65.820	122.716	2.612.093
<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>							
As at 1 January 2005	870	178.139	836.862	18.638	46.190	-	1.080.699
Charge for the year	435	16.025	106.977	3.023	6.416	-	132.876
Disposals	-	(77)	(4.566)	(525)	(296)	-	(5.464)
Other movements	-	1.491	(3.254)	-	-	(195)	(1.958)
As at 31 December 2005	1.305	195.578	936.019	21.136	52.310	(195)	1.206.153
Net Book Value at 31 December 2005	199.058	203.169	848.279	19.013	13.510	122.911	1.405.940
<u>Cost</u>							
As at 1 January 2006	200.363	398.747	1.784.298	40.149	65.820	122.716	2.612.093
Additions	1.148	1.317	2.619	47	568	10.374	16.073
Disposals	-	(366)	(150)	(705)	(21)	-	(1.242)
Other movements	(253)	1.408	26	158	1.058	(3.633)	(1.236)
As at 31 March 2006	201.258	401.106	1.786.793	39.649	67.425	129.457	2.625.688
<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>							
As at 1 January 2006	1.305	195.578	936.019	21.136	52.310	(195)	1.206.153
Charge for the period	108	4.233	29.467	771	1.373	-	35.952
Disposals	-	(365)	(147)	(448)	(48)	-	(1.008)
Other movements	-	1.737	(2.633)	(2)	(50)	195	(753)
As at 31 March 2006	1.413	201.183	962.706	21.457	53.585	-	1.240.344
Net Book Value at 31 March 2006	199.845	199.923	824.087	18.192	13.840	129.457	1.385.344

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8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill	Computer software	Licences & Rights	Other	Total
<u>Cost</u>					
As at 31 December 2004	112.026	38.398	31.582	1.712	183.718
Effect of adopting IFRS 3	22.713	-	-	-	22.713
As at 1 January 2005	134.739	38.398	31.582	1.712	206.431
Additions	-	1.694	-	60	1.754
Disposals	-	(225)	-	(34)	(259)
Other movements	-	(864)	-	48	(816)
As at 31 December 2005	134.739	39.003	31.582	1.786	207.110
<u>Accumulated Amortisation</u>					
Balance at 31 December 2004	69.202	26.032	3.607	1.524	100.365
Effect of adopting IFRS 3	2.839	-	-	-	2.839
Balance as at 1 January 2005	72.041	26.032	3.607	1.524	103.204
Charge for the year	(212)	7.893	3.486	113	11.280
Disposals	-	-	-	(34)	(34)
Other movements	-	(2.244)	-	45	(2.199)
Balance as at 31 December 2005	71.829	31.681	7.093	1.648	112.251
Net Book Value at 31 December 2005	62.910	7.322	24.489	138	94.859
<u>Cost</u>					
As at 1 January 2006	134.739	39.003	31.582	1.786	207.110
Additions	-	66	-	1.251	1.317
Disposals	-	(204)	-	-	(204)
Other movements	-	66	-	(154)	(88)
As at 31 March 2006	134.739	38.931	31.582	2.883	208.135
<u>Accumulated Amortisation</u>					
As at 1 January 2006	71.829	31.681	7.093	1.648	112.251
Charge for the period	-	519	866	794	2.179
Disposals	-	(204)	-	-	(204)
Other movements	-	(4)	-	(148)	(152)
As at 31 March 2006	71.829	31.992	7.959	2.294	114.074
Net Book Value at 31 March 2006	62.910	6.939	23.623	589	94.061

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Loans and Advances	18.279	17.943
Other long term assets	23.289	18.135
	41.568	36.078

10. INVENTORIES

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Crude oil	395.885	368.343
Refined products and semi-finished products	855.510	695.567
Petrochemicals	29.677	32.313
Consumable materials and other	72.601	72.875
	1.353.673	1.169.098

11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Trade receivables	932.206	911.237
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	(121.600)	(127.216)
Trade receivables net	810.606	784.021
Other Receivables	106.358	99.665
Less: provision for impairment of other receivables	(19.023)	(10.858)
Other receivables net	87.335	88.807
Deferred charges and prepayments	21.129	15.251
Total	919.070	888.079

12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Cash at bank and in hand	118.912	126.044
Cash equivalents	33.568	67.586
Total cash and cash equivalents	152.480	193.630

Cash equivalents comprise of short-term deposits (made for varying periods, of less than three months).

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13. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of Shares (authorised and issued)	Share Capital	Share premium	Total
As at 1 January 2005	305.513.425	666.019	353.138	1.019.157
Exercise of employee share options	108.820	237	569	806
As at 31 December 2005	305.622.245	666.256	353.707	1.019.963
Exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2006	305.622.245	666.256	353.707	1.019.963

Hellenic Petroleum S.A. had up until the end of 2004 offered a share option scheme to its management executives: The exercise price was determined based on the Company's share performance compared to the market and the options were fully vested at the grant date and exercisable within five years. During the AGM of Hellenic Petroleum S.A. held on 25 May 2005, a revised share option scheme was approved with the intention to link the number of share options granted to employees with the results and performance of the Company and its management. No options have been granted under this scheme as of 31 March 2006.

14. BORROWINGS

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Non-current borrowings		
Bank borrowings	247.236	242.887
Bond loan	289.161	296.686
Total non-current borrowings	536.397	539.573
Current borrowings		
Bank overdrafts	511.372	317.444
Current portion of long term debt	36.883	38.916
Total current borrowings	548.255	356.360
Total borrowings	1.084.652	895.933

Bond Loan

In February 2005, the Parent Company issued a five year US \$ 350 million Bond Loan with Mandated Lead Arrangers The Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi Ltd, Citigroup Global Markets Ltd., EFG Telesis Finance S.A. and National Bank of Greece S.A. The Loan was signed with the participation of sixteen financial institutions and is part of the Company's refinancing arrangement of existing credit lines. The outstanding balance of the bond loan as of 31 March 2006 was US \$ 350 million.

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15. PROVISIONS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Government advances	25.614	25.614
Environmental provisions	5.192	5.192
Other provisions and liabilities	37.328	36.542
Total	68.134	67.348

Government advances

Advances by the Government (Hellenic State) to the Parent Company for the purposes of research and exploration amount to € 25.614 and have been recorded as a liability since such an amount may become payable if income is generated from activity in the relevant areas. The terms of repayment will be determined by the Ministry of Development, if applicable.

Environmental costs

A provision of € 1.092 was established in prior years for the estimated cost of rectifying environmental damage, as required by regulatory authorities, at various Company facilities. Additionally, the Group has made a provision of €4.100 in 2005 for obligations in respect of CO₂ emissions which is charged to the cost of sales line.

16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Trade payables	405.652	518.904
Accrued Expenses & Deferred Income	60.787	60.557
Other payables	60.615	57.582
Total	527.054	637.043

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17. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

		For the three month period ended	
	Note	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Profit before tax		107.259	82.246
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible and intangible assets (net of grant amortization)	7,8	36.511	35.253
Financial (income)/ expenses		6.237	3.935
Share of (income)/ loss from associates		(5.684)	(1.774)
Provisions		5.442	13.224
Foreign exchange (gains) / losses		(12.296)	6.002
Other items		235	-
		137.704	138.886
Changes in working capital			
(Increase) / decrease in inventories		(184.575)	(165.997)
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables		(28.994)	(35.164)
Increase / (decrease) in payables		(108.413)	119.813
		(321.982)	(81.348)
Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities		(184.278)	57.538

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in the Income Statement are proceeds, costs and expenses, which arise from transactions between the Group and related parties. Such transactions mainly comprise of sales and purchases of goods and services in the ordinary course of business and in total amounted to:

	For the three month period ended	
	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Sales of goods and services to related parties	225.482	405.787
Purchases of goods and services from related parties	6.348	10.843
	231.830	416.630
	As at	
	31 March 2006	31 December 2005
Balances due to related parties	4.492	102.247
Balances due from related parties	122.613	11.386
	127.105	113.633
	For the three month period ended	
	31 March 2006	31 March 2005
Charges for directors remuneration	770	1.137

All transactions with related parties are conducted under normal trading and commercial terms.

Transactions and balances with related parties are in respect of the following:

- a) Parties which are under common control with the Group due to the shareholding and control rights of the Hellenic State:
 - Public Power Corporation Hellas

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- Hellenic Armed Forces
 - Olympic Airways/Airlines
- b)** Financial institutions (including subsidiaries) which are under common control with the Group due to the shareholding and control rights of the Hellenic State:
The group has loans amounting to €281,322 as at 31 March 2006 (31 December 2005: €205,427) which represent loan balances due to related financial institutions.
- National Bank of Greece
 - Agricultural Bank of Greece
 - Commercial Bank of Greece
- c)** Joint ventures with other third parties:
- OMV Aktiengesellschaft
 - Sipetrol
 - Woodside – Repsol – Helpe
- d)** Associates of the Group which are consolidated under the equity method:
- Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company S.A. (EAKAA)
 - Public Gas Corporation of Greece S.A. (DEPA)
 - Volos Pet Industries A.E.
 - Spata Aviation Fuel Company S.A. (SAFCO)
- e)** Financial institutions (including subsidiaries) in which substantial interest is owned by parties which hold significant participation in the share capital of the Group.
- EFG Eurobank Ergasias S.A.
- f)** Enterprises in which substantial interest is owned by parties which hold significant participation in the share capital of the Group.
- Lamda Shipyards

19. COMMITMENTS

Significant contractual commitments of the Group are as follows:

- Capital investment of €29 million for upgrading the Hellenic Petroleum refinery installations.
- Upstream exploration and development costs of €17 million (31 December 2005: €19 million) have been committed as part of the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) in place. These commitments will depend on the progress of exploration activities.

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20. CONTINGENCIES AND LITIGATION

The Group has contingent liabilities in respect of bank and other guarantees and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. They are as follows:

- (i) The Government has advanced Hellenic Petroleum S.A. an amount of € 43.434 to undertake research and exploration projects, as determined by Law 367/1976. A portion of the amount received, € 25.614, may become repayable once the Group generates income from the discoveries resulting from its expenditure and therefore is included as part of long-term liabilities (see note 15). (The terms of repayment will be determined by the Ministry of Development, if applicable) The remaining € 17.902 has been written off as it is considered highly unlikely it will ever become repayable due to the nature of the expenditure.
- (ii) The Group is involved in a number of legal proceedings and has various unresolved claims pending arising in the ordinary course of business. Based on currently available information, management believes the outcome will not have a significant effect on the Group's operating results or financial position.
- (iii) The Group has entered into a contract with the Hellenic State for the construction of sports facilities at the Thessaloniki refinery premises for the use by the general public and the employees of the Group until the year 2017. Management is not in a position to determine whether the terms of the contract will be extended indefinitely or whether the land will be repossessed by the Hellenic State.
- (iv) During 2004, Hellenic Petroleum S.A. was audited by the Greek tax authorities for the years ended 31 December 1997 to 2001. An amount of €11,9 million of additional taxes, plus fines was assessed by tax authorities for prior year tax audits and was recorded in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004. Hellenic Petroleum S.A. has not undergone a tax audit for the years ended from 31 December 2002 to 31 December 2005. Management believes that no additional material liability will arise as a result of the aforementioned open tax years over and above the liabilities and provisions recognised in these financial statements.
- (v) Following an accident involving the motor tanker KRITI-GOLD on November 1998, at the Group's mooring installation in Thessaloniki, four seamen died. Claims have been lodged in connection with this accident against the ship owner and the Group. Of the four claims, three have already been settled with the involvement of the insurers. The last one is still pending but its outcome is not likely to have a material effect on the Group's operating results or financial position.
- (vi) The Group has given letters of comfort and guarantees of €395 million to banks for loans undertaken by subsidiaries and associates of the Group, the outstanding amount of which as of 31 March 2006 was €317 million. The Group has also issued letters of credit and guarantees in favour of third parties amounting to € 515 million mainly for the completion of contracts entered into by the Group.
- (vii) In October 2002 the Group guaranteed its commitment to the Investment Programme under the share purchase agreement for the acquisition of Jugopetrol AD Kotor, through a performance bond issued by the National Bank of Greece for €45 million. As at 31 March 2006, the Performance Bond had decreased to €17 million (31 December 2005: €24 million).
- (viii) Tax free reserves: The Group has recorded an amount of € 81 million as tax free reserves under L.3220 / 2004. The EU is presently investigating the applicability of this law and its compliance with EU policies. No adjustment has been made to the financial statements as this issue is being investigated by the EU and the Greek state.

21. DIVIDENDS PAID

A dividend in respect of 2004 of €0,26 per share (amounting to a total of € 79.433) was approved by the Annual Shareholders Meeting held on 25 May 2005 to all shares issued and outstanding at that date. Additionally for the 2005 year an interim dividend of €0,15 per share (amounting to a total of € 45.843) was approved by an extraordinary shareholders general meeting held at 12 December 2005. The interim dividend is paid to all shareholders who are entitled to profits from 2005.

In addition the Board of Directors will propose to the Annual Shareholders Meeting for 2005 the approval of final dividend of € 0,28 per share (amounting to a total of € 85.574).

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LIST OF PRINCIPAL CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES INCLUDED IN THE CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COMPANY NAME	ACTIVITY	COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION	PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGE	METHOD OF CONSOLIDATION
EKO S.A	Marketing	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
EKOTA KO	Marketing	GREECE	49,00%	FULL
EKO NATURAL GAS	Gas	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
EKO KALIPSO	Marketing	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
EKO BULGARIA	Marketing	BULGARIA	100,00%	FULL
EKO-YU AD BEOGRAD	Marketing	SERBIA	100,00%	FULL
EKO GEORGIA LTD	Marketing	GEORGIA	97,40%	FULL
HELPE. INT'L	Holding	AUSTRIA	100,00%	FULL
HELPE. CYPRUS	Marketing	CYPRUS	100,00%	FULL
HELPE SERVICES LTD	Services	CYPRUS	100,00%	FULL
YUGOPETROL AD	Marketing	MONTENEGRO	54,35%	FULL
GLOBAL ALBANIA S.A	Marketing	ALBANIA	99,96%	FULL
ELDA PETROL ALBANIA	Marketing	ALBANIA	99,96%	FULL
ELPET BALKANIKI S.A.	Holding	GREECE	63,00%	FULL
VARDAX S.A	Pipeline	GREECE	63,00%	FULL
OKTA CRUDE OIL REFINERY A.D	Refining	FYROM	51,35%	FULL
ASPROFOS S.A	Engineering	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
DIAXON S.A.	Petrochemicals	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
POSEIDON S.A.	Shipping	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
APOLLON S.A.	Shipping	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
ENERGIAKI THES. S.A.	Power generation	GREECE	100,00%	FULL
HELLENIC PETROLEUM FINANCE PLC*	Treasury services	U.K	100,00%	FULL
DEPA S.A.	Natural Gas	GREECE	35,00%	EQUITY
V.P.I S.A.	Petrochemicals	GREECE	35,00%	EQUITY
E.A.K.A.A	Pipeline	GREECE	50,00%	EQUITY

* Hellenic Petroleum Finance plc had not begun operations by 31 March 2006