

Open Joint Stock Company “Magnit” and its subsidiaries

Independent Auditor’s Report

**Condensed Consolidated Interim
Financial Statements**

Six Months Period Ended June 30, 2009
(Unaudited)

OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY “MAGNIT” AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

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STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor’s responsibilities stated in the independent review report on page 2, is made with a view to distinguishing the respective responsibilities of management and those of the independent auditor in relation to the consolidated interim financial statements of Open Joint Stock Company “Magnit” and its subsidiaries (the “Group”).

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated interim financial statements that present fairly the financial position of the Group at June 30, 2009 and the results of its operations, changes in equity and cash flows for the six months period then ended, in compliance with IAS 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”.

In preparing the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, management is responsible for:

- Selecting suitable accounting principles and applying them consistently;
- Making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Stating whether IFRS have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements; and
- Preparing the condensed consolidated interim financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business for the foreseeable future.

Management is also responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining an effective and sound system of internal controls, throughout the Group;
- Maintaining proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Group, and which enable them to ensure that the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group comply with IFRS;
- Maintaining statutory accounting records in compliance with legislation and accounting standards of the Russian Federation;
- Taking such steps as are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Group; and
- Preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months period ended June 30, 2009 were approved by the Board of Directors of Open Joint Stock Company “Magnit” and authorized to be signed and issued on behalf of the Board on August 20, 2009 by:



Sergey Galitskiy
Chief Executive Officer



Khachatur Pombukhchan
Chief Financial Officer

August 20, 2009
Moscow, Russia

REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of OJSC "Magnit":

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed interim consolidated financial statements of OJSC "Magnit" and subsidiaries (collectively – the "Group") which comprise of the condensed interim statement of financial position as of 30 June 2009 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34"). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34.



August 20, 2009

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (In thousands of US Dollars)

	Notes	Six months ended	
		June 2009	June 2008
REVENUE	6	2,377,813	2,469,895
COST OF SALES	7	(1,823,838)	(1,954,833)
GROSS PROFIT		553,975	515,062
Selling expenses	8	(19,696)	(22,138)
General and administrative expenses	9	(366,474)	(379,821)
Investment income		971	2,490
Finance costs		(29,146)	(29,306)
Other income		8,678	6,502
Other expenses		(930)	(1,798)
Foreign exchange gain		3,100	-
		<u>(403,497)</u>	<u>(424,071)</u>
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		150,478	90,991
INCOME TAX	10	(32,555)	(25,065)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		<u>117,923</u>	<u>65,926</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
(Loss)/Gain on currency translation		(48,518)	19,499
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR, net of tax		<u>(48,518)</u>	<u>19,499</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>69,405</u></u>	<u><u>85,425</u></u>
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Equity holders of the parent		117,923	65,645
Minority interest		-	281
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Equity holders of the parent		69,405	85,144
Minority interest		-	281
Basic and diluted earnings per share (in US Dollars per share)	11	1.42	0.85

The notes on pages 7 to 30 form an integral part of these consolidated interim financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Board:


Sergey Galitskiy
 Chief Executive Officer

August 20, 2009


Khachatúr Pombukhchan
 Chief Financial Officer

August 20, 2009

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2009 (In thousands of US Dollars)

	Notes	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
Property, plant and equipment	12	1,384,623	1,331,064
Land lease right		19,611	18,037
Intangible assets	13	2,964	1,776
Total non-current assets		<u>1,407,198</u>	<u>1,350,877</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Merchandise	14	346,583	323,336
Trade accounts receivable	15	440	907
Advances paid	16	25,665	26,478
Other receivables	17	8,694	15,327
Prepaid expenses		4,576	2,167
Short-term investments	18	9,299	7,842
Income tax receivable		1,309	-
Other current assets		136	2,066
Cash and cash equivalents	19	51,611	115,055
Total current assets		<u>448,313</u>	<u>493,178</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,855,511</u>	<u>1,844,055</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	20	30	30
Treasury shares		(5,557)	(5,557)
Share premium	20	646,028	646,028
Foreign currency translation reserve		(194,147)	(145,629)
Retained earnings		441,290	341,916
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		<u>887,644</u>	<u>836,788</u>
Total equity		<u>887,644</u>	<u>836,788</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Long-term loans and bonds	22	172,459	123,040
Long-term obligations under finance leases	23	40,753	39,624
Deferred tax liabilities		19,362	18,428
Total non-current liabilities		<u>232,574</u>	<u>181,092</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Trade accounts payable		383,752	484,857
Other payables and accrued expenses	24	67,200	92,266
Dividends payable	21	8,285	-
Income tax payable		-	5,847
Short-term obligations under finance leases	23	26,723	21,825
Short-term loans	25	249,333	221,380
Total current liabilities		<u>735,293</u>	<u>826,175</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>967,867</u>	<u>1,007,267</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>1,855,511</u>	<u>1,844,055</u>

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OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY “MAGNIT” AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (In thousands of US Dollars)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained earnings	Equity attributable to share- holders of the parent	Minority interest	Total
Balance at January 01, 2008	26	-	179,427	41,103	206,405	426,961	1,386	428,347
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	19,499	65,645	85,144	281	85,425
Additional issue of shares	4	-	466,588	-	-	466,592	-	466,592
Balance at June 30, 2008	30	-	646,015	60,602	272,050	978,697	1,667	980,364
Balance at January 01, 2009	30	(5,557)	646,028	(145,629)	341,916	836,788	-	836,788
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(48,518)	117,923	69,405	-	69,405
Dividends declared (Note 21)	-	-	-	-	(17,755)	(17,755)	-	(17,755)
Payment of additional contingent consideration for purchase of LLC “Magnit Nizhniy Novgorod”	-	-	-	-	(794)	(794)	-	(794)
Balance at June 30, 2009	30	(5,557)	646,028	(194,147)	441,290	887,644	-	887,644

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (In thousands of US Dollars)

	Notes	Six months ended	
		June 30, 2009	June 30, 2008
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Profit before tax		150,478	90,991
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		44,892	39,235
Amortization		683	520
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		46	809
Change in provision for doubtful receivables		1,447	(144)
Finance cost		29,146	29,306
Investment income		(971)	(2,490)
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital		<u>225,721</u>	<u>158,227</u>
Decrease in receivables		373	827
Decrease in advances paid		813	14,872
Decrease/(increase) in other receivables		5,279	(5,652)
Increase in prepaid expenses		(2,409)	(578)
Increase in merchandise		(23,247)	(24,782)
(Decrease)/increase in trade accounts payable		(101,105)	25,745
Increase in other payables and accrued expenses		<u>8,970</u>	<u>34,514</u>
Cash generated by operations		<u>114,395</u>	<u>203,173</u>
Income tax paid		(37,763)	(21,630)
Interest paid		<u>(29,048)</u>	<u>(28,991)</u>
Net cash generated by operating activities		<u>47,584</u>	<u>152,552</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(155,694)	(304,484)
Purchase of intangible assets		(1,942)	(1,338)
Purchase of minority interest in LLC “Magnit-Nizhniy Novgorod”		(34,830)	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,762	1,182
Loans provided		(25,597)	(45,450)
Repayment of loans provided		<u>25,111</u>	<u>3,570</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(191,190)</u>	<u>(346,520)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from short-term borrowings		718,187	666,597
Repayment of short-term borrowings		(640,913)	(980,839)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases		(10,110)	(8,795)
Dividends paid		(8,978)	-
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	466,592
Net cash generated by financing activities		<u>58,186</u>	<u>143,555</u>
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		21,976	4,321
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(63,444)	(46,092)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of the period	19	<u>115,055</u>	<u>120,959</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of the period	19	<u>51,611</u>	<u>74,867</u>

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SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (In thousands of US Dollars)

1. NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

Close Joint Stock Company Magnit (“Magnit”) was incorporated in Krasnodar, Russian Federation, in November 2003. In 2005, Magnit’s shareholders completed a group reorganization whereby Magnit became the holding company of a group of previously commonly controlled retail entities, CJSC “Tander” and its subsidiaries (“Tander”).

In January 2006 Magnit changed its legal form to Open Joint Stock Company “Magnit” (the “Company” or OJSC “Magnit”). There was no change in the principal activities or shareholders as a result of the change to an Open Joint Stock Company.

OJSC “Magnit” and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) operate in the retail and distribution of consumer goods under the “Magnit” name. The group operates in the retail and wholesale sectors. The Group’s retail operations are operated through convenience stores and through hypermarkets. The Group’s wholesale operations are insignificant and are expected to be wound down in the near term.

The principal retail business operations are carried out through Tander. All of the Group’s operational activities are conducted in the Russian Federation. The principal operating office of the Group is situated at 15/2 Solnechnaya St., 350072 Krasnodar, Russian Federation.

The principal activities of the Group’s subsidiaries all of which are incorporated in the Russian Federation, and the effective ownership percentages are as follows:

Company name	Principal Activity	Ownership Interest June 30, 2009	Ownership Interest December 31, 2008
CJSC “Tander”	Food retail and wholesale	100%	100%
LLC “Magnit Finance”	Issuer of the Group’s bonds	100%	100%
LLC “BestTorg”	Food retail in the city of Moscow and the Moscow region	100%	100%
LLC “Tander-Magnit”	Food retail in the Moscow region	100%	100%
LLC “Selta”	Transportation services for the Group	100%	100%
LLC “Project M”	Food retail in Saint-Petersburg	100%	100%
LLC “Magnit-Nizhniy Novgorod”	Holding company of LLC “Tandem”	100%	100%
LLC “Tandem”	Food retail in Nizhniy Novgorod	100%	100%
LLC “Alkotrading”	License holder for alcohol sales	100%	100%

At June 30, 2009 and December, 31 2008 the shareholding structure of the Company was as follows:

Shareholder	June 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Number of shares	Ownership interest, %	Number of shares	Ownership interest, %
Galitskiy S.N.	36,563,000	43.92%	36,563,000	43.92%
Labini Investments Ltd. (Cyprus)	1,967,112	2.36%	4,064,512	4.88%
Lavreno Ltd. (Cyprus)	5,555,199	6.67%	5,099,964	6.13%
Gordeichuk V.E.	2,999,100	3.60%	2,999,100	3.60%
Other (Group’s management)	1,255,137	1.52%	1,942,760	2.33%
Free float	34,906,112	41.93%	32,576,324	39.14%
Total	83,245,660	100%	83,245,660	100%

2. **ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS**

In the current period, the Group has adopted all of the following new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (the IFRIC) of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning on January 1, 2009.

New or revised Standards and Interpretations

IFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations

IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures

IFRS 8 Operating Segments

IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Revised)

IAS 23 Borrowing Costs - Revised

IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation

IFRIC 13 “Customer Loyalty Programs”

IFRIC 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation

The first-time application of the aforementioned amendments to standards from 1 January 2009 had no material effects on the interim financial statements of the Group for the period ended June 30, 2009 except for IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Revised) (“IAS 1R”). IAS 1R has introduced a number of terminology changes (including revised titles for the condensed financial statements) and has resulted in a number of changes in presentation and disclosure. However, IAS 1R has had no impact on the reported results or financial position of the Group.

3. **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Basis of Presentation – The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The term IFRS includes standards and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”), including International Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”) of the IASB.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2008 has been derived from the balance sheet included in the Group’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information and disclosure required in the annual consolidated financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

All entities of the Group maintain their accounting records in Russian Roubles in accordance with the accounting and reporting regulations of the Russian Federation. Russian statutory accounting principals and procedures differ substantially from those generally accepted under IFRS. Accordingly, the condensed consolidated interim financial statements which have been prepared from the Group’s Russian statutory accounting records, reflect adjustments necessary for such financial statements to be presented in accordance with IFRS.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions – The preparation of condensed consolidated interim financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Due to the inherent uncertainty in making those estimates, actual results reported in future periods could differ from such estimates.

Functional and Presentation Currency – The functional currency of the Group’s entities, which reflects the economic substance of its operations, is the Russian Rouble (“RUB”).

The presentation currency of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements is the United States of America Dollar (“USD”) as it is a more relevant presentation currency for international users of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group.

The translation from RUB (functional currency of the Group) into USD (presentation currency) is made as follows:

- All assets and liabilities, both monetary and non-monetary, are translated at closing exchange rates at the dates of each condensed consolidated interim balance sheet presented;
- All items included in the condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity, other than profit for the period, are translated at historical exchange rates;
- All income and expenses in each condensed consolidated interim income statement are translated at the average exchange rates for the periods presented; and
- In the condensed consolidated interim cash flow statement, cash balances at the beginning and end of each period presented are translated at exchange rates at the respective dates of the beginning and end of each period. All cash flows are translated at the average exchange rates for the periods presented. Resulting exchange differences are presented separately from cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities as “Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents”.

The RUB is not a freely convertible currency outside the Russian Federation and, accordingly, any translation of RUB denominated assets and liabilities into USD for the purpose of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements does not imply that the Group could or will in the future realise or settle in USD the translated values of these assets and liabilities.

Earnings per Share – Earnings per share have been determined using the weighted average number of the Group’s shares outstanding during the six months period ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008. The Group does not have any potentially dilutive equity instruments.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Consolidation – The condensed consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and other entities controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as those of the holding company; where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used by them into line with those of the Group.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the condensed consolidated interim income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All intra-group balances, transactions, and any unrealised profits or losses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests in the net assets (excluding goodwill) of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity therein. Minority interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the minority in excess of the minority's interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the interests of the Group except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation and is able to make an additional investment to cover the losses.

Any gain or loss on the acquisition of shares in subsidiaries from parties related by the means of common control, representing the difference between the cost of the acquisition and the Group's interest in the carrying value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition, is recognised directly in equity.

Business Combinations – Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses from third parties are accounted for using the purchase method. The cost of the business combination is measured as the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date, except for non-current assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale, which are recognised and measured at fair value less costs to sell.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised as an asset and 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 identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised. If, after reassessment, the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities exceeds the cost of the business combination, the excess is recognised immediately in the income statement.

The interest of minority shareholders in the acquiree is initially measured at the minority's proportion of the net fair value of the assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised.

Common Control Transactions – Acquisitions of entities under common control are accounted for on a carryover basis, which results in the historical book value of assets and liabilities of the acquired entity being combined with that of the Company. The consolidated historical financial statements of the Group are retrospectively restated to reflect the effect of the acquisition as if it occurred during the period in which the entities were under common control. Any difference between the purchase price and the net assets acquired is reflected in equity.

Disposal of entities under common control are accounted for on a carryover basis, which results in the historical book value of assets and liabilities of the disposed entity not combined with that of the Company. The consolidated historical financial statements of the Group are retrospectively restated to reflect the effect of the disposal as if it occurred during the period in which the entities were under common control. Any difference between the proceeds received from the disposal and the net assets disposed of is reflected in equity.

Investments in Associates – An associate is an enterprise over which the Group is in a position to exercise significant influence, and that is neither a subsidiary nor an interest in a joint venture. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over these policies.

The results and assets and liabilities of associates are incorporated in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, except when the investment is classified as held for sale, in which case it is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy for Financial Assets set out below. Under the equity method, investments in associates are carried in the consolidated balance sheet at cost as adjusted for post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate, less any impairment in the value of individual investments. Losses of an associate in excess of the Group's interest in that associate (which includes any long-term interest that, in substance forms part of the Group's net investment in the associate) are not recognised, unless the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the associate recognised at the date of acquisition is recognised as goodwill. The goodwill is included within the carrying amount of the investment and is assessed for impairment as the part of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of acquisition after re-assessment is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Where a group entity transacts with an associate of the Group, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the relevant associate, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

Goodwill – Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised as an asset and initially measured at cost, being the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary or associate at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash generating units (CGUs) to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the CGU is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

On disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

The Group's policy for goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is described under 'Investments in associates' above.

Revenue Recognition – The Group generates and recognizes sales to retail customers at the point of sale in its stores and to wholesale customers at the point of sale in its distribution centers. Retail sales are in cash. Revenues are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, recognized net of value added tax and are reduced for estimated customer returns. Historical information in relation to the timing and frequency of customer returns is used to estimate and provide for such returns at the time of sale.

Property, Plant and Equipment – Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Historical cost information was not available in relation to buildings purchased prior to January 1, 2004. Therefore, management has used valuations performed by independent professionally qualified appraisers to arrive at the fair value cost as of the date of transition to IFRS and deemed those values as cost. The basis of valuation was fair value, which is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Some of the property, plant and equipment are of a specialized nature and their fair values were considered to approximate their depreciated replacement cost. Depreciated replacement cost is estimated based on the property's current replacement cost adjusted for accumulated depreciation, including physical depreciation and functional and economic obsolescence.

Cost includes major expenditures for improvements and replacements, which extend the useful lives of the assets or increase their revenue generating capacity. Repairs and maintenance are charged to income statement as incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets, other than land and properties under construction, over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful economic lives of the related assets are:

Description	Useful life, years
Buildings	30
Machinery and equipment	3-14
Other fixed assets	3-5

Other fixed assets consist of vehicles and other relatively small groups of fixed assets.

Construction in progress comprises costs directly related to the construction of property, plant and equipment including an appropriate allocation of directly attributable variable overheads that are incurred in construction. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as for other property assets, commences when the assets are put into operation. Construction in progress is reviewed regularly to determine whether its carrying value is recoverable and whether appropriate provision for impairment is made.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in the income statement.

Land lease rights – Land lease right acquired as part of hypermarket development projects is separately reported at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization is charged on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The useful life is estimated to be 49 years.

Intangible Assets – Intangible assets acquired separately are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is charged on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Lease rights and other intangible assets acquired in a business combination are identified and recognised separately from goodwill where they satisfy the definition of an intangible asset and their fair values can be measured reliably. The cost of such intangible assets is their fair value at the acquisition date.

Subsequent to initial recognition, lease rights and other intangible assets acquired in a business combination are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses, on the same basis as intangible assets acquired separately.

Amortisation of lease rights and other intangible assets is charged to income statement on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

The following useful lives are used in the calculation of amortisation:

Description	Useful life, years
Licenses	3
Lease rights (convenience stores)	4-9
Software	2
Trade mark	9
Other	2

Impairment of Tangible and Intangible Assets Excluding Goodwill – At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the CGU to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value, using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or CGU) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (CGU) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (CGU) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (CGU) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation reserve increase.

Finance Leases – Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged directly to the income statement, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the Group's general policy on borrowing costs.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

Merchandise – Merchandise is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost comprises the direct cost of goods, transportation and handling costs. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

Provisions – Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

Vendor Allowances – The Group receives various types of allowances from vendors in the form of slotting fees, volume discounts and other forms of payments that effectively reduce the cost of goods purchased from the vendor or the cost of promotional activities conducted by the Group that benefit the vendor. Volume-related rebates and other payments received from suppliers are recorded as a reduction in the price paid for the products and are recognised in cost of goods sold in the period the products are sold. Where a rebate agreement with a supplier covers more than one year, the rebates are recognised in the period in which they are earned. Marketing contributions received from suppliers are credited to the income statement as a reduction to the cost of goods sold in the period in which they are earned.

Income Taxes – Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. Income taxes are computed in accordance with the laws of the countries where the Group operates. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the consolidated income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group’s liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences, and deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax are recognised as an expense or income in the consolidated income statement, except when they relate to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the tax is also recognised directly in equity, or where they arise from the initial accounting for a business combination. In the case of a business combination, the tax effect is taken into account in calculating goodwill or determining the excess of the acquirer’s interest in the net fair value of the acquiree’s identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over cost.

Retirement Benefit Costs – The operating entities of the Group contribute to the state pension, medical and social insurance funds on behalf of all its current employees. Any related expenses are recognized in the income statement as incurred. There is no unfunded element at the balance sheet date.

Segment Reporting – The Group’s business operations are located in the Russian Federation and relate primarily to retail sales of consumer goods. Although the Group operates through different types of stores and in various states within the Russian Federation, the Group’s chief operating decision makers do not regularly review the entity’s operating results for the purposes of allocation of resources based on the types of stores or by geographical location. Therefore, the Group considers that it only has one reportable segment under IFRS 8.

Seasonality – The Group’s business operations are not influenced by seasonality factors, except for the increase of business activities before the New Year holidays.

Borrowing Costs – Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred, as well as all other borrowing costs.

Financial Assets

General description – Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”); held-to-maturity investments, “available-for-sale” (“AFS”) financial assets and “loans and receivables”. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition.

Financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date where the purchase or sale of an investment is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the investment within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value.

Effective Interest Method – The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Income is recognised on an effective interest rate basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets designated as at FVTPL.

Financial Assets at FVTPL – Financial assets are classified as at FVTPL where the financial asset is either held for trading or it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- It has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future; or
- It is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- It is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

A financial asset other than a financial asset held for trading may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if:

- Such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- The financial asset forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Group’s documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- It forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IAS 39 permits the entire combined contract (asset or liability) to be designated as at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the income statement. The net gain or loss recognised in the income statement incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset.

Held-to-maturity Investments – Promissory notes with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that the Group has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity investments. Held-to-maturity investments are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment, with income recognised on an effective yield basis.

AFS Financial Assets – Unlisted shares and listed redeemable notes held by the Group that are traded in an active market are classified as being AFS and are stated at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised directly in equity in the investment revaluation reserve with the exception of impairment losses, interest is calculated using the effective interest method and foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets, which are recognised directly in profit or loss. Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the investment revaluation reserve is included in profit or loss for the period.

Dividends on AFS equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive the dividends is established.

The fair value of AFS monetary assets denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the balance sheet date. The change in fair value attributable to translation differences that result from a change in amortised cost of the asset is recognised in profit or loss, and other changes are recognised in equity.

For AFS investments for which there are no reliable market information to determine fair value, the investments are carried at cost.

Loans and Receivables – Trade receivables, loans, and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

Impairment of Financial Assets

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted. For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in the income statement.

With the exception of AFS equity instruments, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the income statement to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

In respect of AFS equity securities, any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is recognised directly in equity.

Derecognition of Financial Assets – The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

Financial Liabilities and Equity Instruments Issued by the Group

Classification as Debt or Equity – Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Equity Instruments – An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Financial Liabilities – Financial liabilities of the Group, including borrowings and trade and other payables, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Financial Liabilities at FVTPL – Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL where the financial liability is either held for trading or it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing in the near future, or it is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking, or it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

A financial liability other than a financial liability held for trading may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise, or the financial liability forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Group's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis, or it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IAS 39 Financial Instruments.

Recognition and Measurement permits the entire combined contract (asset or liability) to be designated as at FVTPL.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability.

Other Financial Liabilities – Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Derecognition of Financial Liabilities – The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The most significant areas requiring the use of management estimates and assumptions relate to useful economic lives of property, plant and equipment; impairment of assets and taxation.

Impairment of assets

The Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. In making the assessment for impairment, assets that do not generate independent cash flows are allocated to an appropriate CGU.

Management necessarily applies its judgment in allocating assets that do not generate independent cash flows to appropriate cash-generating units and also in estimating the timing and value of underlying cash flows within the value in use calculation. In determining the value in use calculation, future cash flows are estimated from each store based on cash flows projection utilising the latest budget information available.

The discounted cash flow model requires numerous estimates and assumptions regarding the future rates of market growth, market demand for the products and the future profitability of products. Despite the current downturn in the economic environment, the Group has assumed continuous market growth and increase in demand for its products. These assumptions are based on the fact that the Group operates in a low-margin retail market which has seen increases in volume and demand as a result of more cost-conscious consumers.

Due to its subjective nature, these estimates will likely differ from future actual results of operations and cash flows, and it is possible that these differences could be material.

Useful economic life of property, plant and equipment

The Group's property, plant and equipment, are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives which are determined based on the Group's management business plans and operational estimates, related to those assets.

The Group's management periodically reviews the appropriateness of the useful economic lives. The review is based on the current condition of the assets, the estimated period during which they will continue to bring economic benefit to the Group, historic information on similar assets and industry trends.

Changes in the useful economic life of property, plant and equipment will be recognized prospectively in the income statement.

Taxation

The Group is subject to income tax and other taxes. Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income tax and other taxes due to the complexity of the Russian Federation tax legislation. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether it is probable additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the amount of tax and tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

6. REVENUE

Revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Retail	2,372,727	2,456,935
Wholesale	<u>5,086</u>	<u>12,960</u>
Total	<u><u>2,377,813</u></u>	<u><u>2,469,895</u></u>

7. COST OF SALES

Cost of sales, classified by function, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Retail	1,818,934	1,942,635
Wholesale	<u>4,904</u>	<u>12,198</u>
Total	<u><u>1,823,838</u></u>	<u><u>1,954,833</u></u>

Cost of sales, classified by nature, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Cost of goods sold	1,890,624	1,989,860
Transportation expenses	30,042	38,777
Losses due to inventory shortages	14,522	11,505
Rebates and promotional bonuses received from suppliers	<u>(111,350)</u>	<u>(85,309)</u>
Total	<u><u>1,823,838</u></u>	<u><u>1,954,833</u></u>

8. SELLING EXPENSES

Selling expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Depreciation	8,188	8,217
Packaging and raw materials	6,516	7,073
Advertising	3,217	3,330
Fuel	1,606	2,397
Transportation	<u>169</u>	<u>1,121</u>
Total	<u><u>19,696</u></u>	<u><u>22,138</u></u>

9. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

General and administrative for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Payroll	167,748	174,694
Rent and utilities	80,855	90,680
Payroll related taxes	42,166	43,400
Depreciation	36,704	31,018
Taxes, other than income tax	9,383	8,999
Repairs and maintenance	6,455	7,529
Bank services	6,180	5,082
Provision for unused vacations	2,811	2,601
Security	2,787	3,393
Bad debt provision /(Reversal)	1,447	(144)
Other expenses	9,938	12,569
Total	<u>366,474</u>	<u>379,821</u>

10. INCOME TAX

The Group's provision for income tax for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Current tax	30,607	22,397
Deferred tax	1,948	2,668
Total income tax expense	<u>32,555</u>	<u>25,065</u>

Deferred taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes.

11. BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share for the six months period ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 have been calculated on the basis of the net profit for the period and the weighted average number of common shares in issue during the six months period ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008.

The calculation of earnings per common share for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent (in thousand of US Dollars)	117,923	65,645
Weighted average number of shares (in thousand of shares)	83,246	77,361
Basic earnings per share (in US Dollars)	<u>1.42</u>	<u>0.85</u>
Diluted earnings per share (in US Dollars)	<u>1.42</u>	<u>0.85</u>

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Machinery and equipment</u>	<u>Other assets</u>	<u>Construction in progress</u>	<u>Equipment under finance lease</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost							
At January 1, 2008	33,826	371,483	235,074	51,761	431,339	63,865	1,187,348
Reclassification	-	-	(1,563)	1,563	-	-	-
Additions	14,278	1	37,203	5,794	247,208	39,583	344,067
Transfers	706	239,537	-	-	(240,243)	-	-
Disposals	-	(964)	(564)	(149)	(701)	-	(2,378)
Transfer from lease to fixed assets	-	-	-	8,451	-	(8,451)	-
Currency translation adjustment	1,880	22,194	11,639	2,728	20,154	3,611	62,206
At June 30, 2008	<u>50,690</u>	<u>632,251</u>	<u>281,789</u>	<u>70,148</u>	<u>457,757</u>	<u>98,608</u>	<u>1,591,243</u>
At January 1, 2009	63,967	708,037	289,096	64,693	280,856	92,136	1,498,785
Additions	5,964	-	32,656	2,272	111,627	21,803	174,322
Transfers	1,874	100,503	-	-	(102,377)	-	0
Disposals	(62)	(639)	(336)	(40)	(957)	-	(2,034)
Transfer from lease to fixed assets	-	-	-	1,320	-	(1,320)	-
Currency translation adjustment	(3,464)	(37,528)	(15,706)	(3,971)	(16,673)	(4,460)	(81,802)
At June 30, 2009	<u>68,279</u>	<u>770,373</u>	<u>305,710</u>	<u>64,274</u>	<u>272,476</u>	<u>108,159</u>	<u>1,589,271</u>
Accumulated Depreciation							
At January 1, 2008	-	(13,206)	(83,534)	(6,873)	-	(9,487)	(113,100)
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the period	-	(7,483)	(23,200)	(3,342)	-	(5,210)	(39,235)
Eliminated on disposals	-	57	299	31	-	-	387
Transfer from lease to fixed assets	-	-	-	(3,404)	-	3,404	-
Currency translation adjustment	-	(768)	(4,354)	(384)	-	(477)	(5,983)
At June 30, 2008	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,400)</u>	<u>(110,789)</u>	<u>(13,972)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,770)</u>	<u>(157,931)</u>
At January 1, 2009	-	(27,440)	(110,877)	(19,189)	-	(10,215)	(167,721)
Charge for the period	-	(11,353)	(24,829)	(2,216)	-	(6,494)	(44,892)
Eliminated on disposals	-	6	192	28	-	-	226
Transfer from lease to fixed assets	-	-	-	(577)	-	577	-
Currency translation adjustment	-	1,127	5,227	1,083	-	302	7,739
At June 30, 2009	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,660)</u>	<u>(130,287)</u>	<u>(20,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,830)</u>	<u>(204,648)</u>
Net Book Value							
At January 1, 2009	<u>63,967</u>	<u>680,597</u>	<u>178,219</u>	<u>45,504</u>	<u>280,856</u>	<u>81,921</u>	<u>1,331,064</u>
At June 30, 2009	<u>68,279</u>	<u>732,713</u>	<u>175,423</u>	<u>43,403</u>	<u>272,476</u>	<u>92,329</u>	<u>1,384,623</u>

At June 30, 2009 property, plant and equipment with a net book value of USD 95,419 thousand were pledged to secure certain short-term loans granted to the Group (Note 25).

The Group is not allowed to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity without prior approval from collateral holder.

13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>Licenses</u>	<u>Lease rights</u>	<u>Software</u>	<u>Trade mark</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost						
At January 1, 2008	266	657	386	142	186	1,637
Additions	121	40	1,158	2	17	1,338
Disposals	(79)	-	(17)	-	(12)	(108)
Currency translation adjustment	14	32	44	5	9	104
At June 30, 2008	<u>322</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2,971</u>
At January 1, 2009	385	691	1,574	123	167	2,940
Additions	132	388	1,388	4	30	1,942
Disposals	(66)	(46)	(89)	-	(9)	(210)
Currency translation adjustment	(21)	(23)	(24)	(7)	(7)	(82)
At June 30, 2009	<u>430</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>2,849</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>4,590</u>
Accumulated Amortization						
At January 1, 2008	(93)	(151)	(153)	(47)	(90)	(534)
Charge for the year	(95)	(64)	(308)	(8)	(45)	(520)
Eliminated on disposals	79	-	17	-	12	108
Currency translation adjustment	(10)	(10)	(13)	(2)	(5)	(40)
At June 30, 2008	<u>(119)</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>(457)</u>	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(128)</u>	<u>(986)</u>
At January 1, 2009	(125)	(265)	(598)	(51)	(125)	(1,164)
Charge for the year	(81)	(80)	(497)	(7)	(18)	(683)
Eliminated on disposals	60	46	66	-	7	179
Currency translation adjustment	7	14	12	2	7	42
At June 30, 2009	<u>(139)</u>	<u>(285)</u>	<u>(1,017)</u>	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(129)</u>	<u>(1,626)</u>
Net Book Value						
At January 1, 2009	<u>260</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>1,776</u>
At June 30, 2009	<u>291</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>1,832</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>2,964</u>

14. MERCHANDISE

Merchandise as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Goods for resale	323,629	300,113
Raw materials	<u>22,954</u>	<u>23,223</u>
Total	<u>346,583</u>	<u>323,336</u>

15. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Trade accounts receivable as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Trade receivables from third parties	568	941
Less: provision for doubtful trade receivables	<u>(128)</u>	<u>(34)</u>
Total	<u>440</u>	<u>907</u>

16. ADVANCES PAID

Advances paid as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Advances to third party suppliers	24,071	22,812
Advances to employees	1,561	3,613
Advances to related party suppliers	33	53
Total	<u>25,665</u>	<u>26,478</u>

17. OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Other receivables from related parties	2,968	1,562
Other taxes receivable	1,410	1,547
Claims to suppliers	261	100
Settlements with employees	248	280
Other	6,521	8,914
Value Added Tax	-	4,285
Less: provision for doubtful other receivables	(2,714)	(1,361)
Total	<u>8,694</u>	<u>15,327</u>

Other receivables mainly consist of accounts receivable for sublease of premises and some other minor items.

18. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>Weighted average interest rate</u>	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Weighted average interest rate</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Short-term loans to third parties	16.02%	8,962	17.46%	6,168
Short-term loans to related parties	6.00%	337	6.00%	1,674
Total		<u>9,299</u>		<u>7,842</u>

19. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Cash in banks, in RUB	15,146	60,412
Petty cash, in RUB	8,105	9,990
Cash in banks, in CNY (currency in China)	-	4
Cash in transit, in RUB	15,573	35,459
Cash on deposit, in RUB	12,787	9,190
Total	<u>51,611</u>	<u>115,055</u>

Cash in transit represents cash collected by the bank from the Group's stores as of the end of the working day and not deposited to the bank account as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

20. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE PREMIUM

	<u>June 30, 2009 No. ('000)</u>	<u>June 30, 2008 No. ('000)</u>
Authorized share capital (ordinary shares with a par value of RUB 0.01)	200,850	200,850
Issued and fully paid (par value of RUB 0.01)	83,114	83,246
	<u>June 30, 2009 No. ('000)</u>	<u>June 30, 2008 No. ('000)</u>
Balance at beginning of financial year	83,114	72,000
Additional issue of shares	-	11,246
Balance at the end of financial period	83,114	83,246

On April 18, 2008 the Group performed an additional issue of 11,245,660 ordinary shares for a cash consideration USD 479,874 thousand less expenses related to the issue of shares in the amount of USD 13,282 thousand. The difference between cash received of USD 466,592 thousand and the nominal value of shares of USD 4 thousand was recorded as share premium (USD 466,588 thousand).

Distributable profits are determined on the basis of profits reported in the statutory financial statements of the Company. These profits may differ significantly from those profits recorded under IFRS on a consolidated basis.

21. DIVIDENDS PROPOSED AND PAID

During six month 2009 the Group declared dividends to shareholders relating to 2008 and first quarter of 2009:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>
Dividends declared for 2008 (0.05 USD for 1 share)	3,903	-
Dividends declared for the first quarter 2009 (0.15 USD for 1 share)	12,726	-
Income tax withheld and paid to budget	1,126	-

As of June 30, 2009 the amount of liability for unpaid dividends is USD 8,285 thousand.

22. LONG-TERM LOANS AND BONDS

Long-term loans and bonds as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	Weighted average interest rate	June 30, 2009	Weighted average interest rate	December 31, 2008
Bonds issued in 2007	8.20%	118,079	8.20%	125,705
Sberbank, Krasnodar branch	16.83%	56,856	-	-
Current portion of long-term loans (Note 25)	8.20%	<u>(2,476)</u>	8.20%	<u>(2,665)</u>
Total		<u>172,459</u>		<u>123,040</u>

Bonds Issued in 2007 – In March 2007 the Group issued bonds of RUB 5,000,000 thousand (USD 159,793 thousand), net of RUB 23,025 thousand direct issue costs (USD 736 thousand) maturing in March 2012. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 3,617,268 thousand (USD 115,603 thousand) plus accrued interest of RUB 77,464 thousand (USD 2,476 thousand). The bonds are listed on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (“MICEX”).

Sberbank, Krasnodar Branch – In February 2009 the Group entered into a number of revolving credit line agreements allowing borrowing of up to RUB 1,785,000 thousand (USD 57,046 thousand) maturing in August – December 2010. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 1,779,049 thousand (USD 56,856 thousand). The credit line was unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

23. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

Short-term and long-term obligations under finance leases as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	Minimum lease payments June 30, 2009	Minimum lease payments December 31, 2008	Present value of minimum lease payments June 30, 2009	Present value of minimum lease payments December 31, 2008
Amounts payable under finance leases				
Within one year	35,940	35,676	32,855	31,079
Between one and two years	30,116	30,980	23,339	20,602
Over two years	16,359	18,827	11,282	9,768
	<u>82,415</u>	<u>85,483</u>	<u>67,476</u>	<u>61,449</u>
Less: Future finance charges	(14,999)	(23,928)		
Effect of foreign exchange rates on leased obligations	60	(106)		
Present value of lease obligations	<u>67,476</u>	<u>61,449</u>	67,476	61,449
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months			<u>(26,723)</u>	<u>(21,825)</u>
Amount due for settlement after 12 months			<u>40,753</u>	<u>39,624</u>

The Group has entered into certain lease agreements with LLC “Hansa-Leasing”, LLC “Raiffeisen-Leasing”, LLC “BSGV Leasing”, CJSC “SG Finance”, LLC “De Lage Landen Leasing” and LLC “Cargobul Finance” for the rent of vehicles with an average lease term of 3.22 years. The average borrowing rate for six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 was 19.32% and 16%, respectively. Interest rates are fixed at the contract date, and thus expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

Lease obligations are denominated in RUB, USD and Euro. All lease payments are denominated in RUB.

The fair value of the Group’s lease obligations approximates their carrying amounts.

24. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Other payables and accrued expenses as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Accrued salaries and wages	30,132	28,055
Other accrued expenses	12,636	9,380
Unified Social Tax	6,959	6,707
Property tax	4,355	4,877
Personal Income Tax	3,658	3,120
Value Added Tax	2,682	7
Other payables to third parties	5,275	38,226
Other taxes	793	590
Other payables to related parties (Note 26)	710	1,304
Total	67,200	92,266

25. SHORT-TERM LOANS

Short-term loans as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	Weighted average interest rate	June 30, 2009	Weighted average interest rate	December 31, 2008
Sberbank, Krasnodar branch	13.91%	152,207	12.76%	159,189
Unicredit Bank	9.55%	47,665	-	-
BSGV	6.60%	29,703	19.69%	13,419
Sberbank, Severokavkazskiy branch	17.23%	12,784	14.08%	6,804
Moskva Sistema	14.00%	3,995	-	-
Sberbank, Volgo-Vjatskiy branch	18.49%	495	14.58%	3,590
Uralsib Bank	-	-	13.05%	794
Raiffeisen Bank	-	-	26.36%	17,506
VTB	-	-	15.00%	17,018
Other short-term loans	-	8	6.54%	395
Current portion of long-term loans (Note 22)	8.20%	2,476	8.20%	2,665
Total		249,333		221,380

Sberbank, Krasnodar branch – At the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009 the Group entered into a number of revolving credit line agreements allowing borrowings of up to RUB 8,606,988 thousand (USD 275,068 thousand) maturing in November-December 2009. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 4,762,666 thousand (USD 152,207 thousand) and as of December 31, 2008 is RUB 4,677,036 thousand (USD 159,189 thousand). As of June 30, 2009 the Group pledged RUB 2,631,190 thousand (USD 84,090 thousand) of real estate, and RUB 354,504 thousand (USD 11,329 thousand) of equipment as collateral.

Unicredit Bank – During second quarter 2009 the Group entered into a number of revolving credit line agreements denominated in USD and RUB allowing borrowings up to RUB 2,015,008 thousand (USD 64,397 thousand) maturing during third quarter 2009. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 1,484,111 thousand (USD 47,430 thousand) plus interest accrued of RUB 7,335 thousand (USD 235 thousand). The credit lines were unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

BSGV – In April 2009 the Group entered into a number of revolving credit line agreements denominated in USD and RUB allowing borrowings of up to RUB 2,100,000 thousand (USD 67,113 thousand) maturing in October 2009. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 927,216 thousand (USD 29,633 thousand), plus interest accrued RUB 2,193 thousand (USD 70 thousand). The credit lines were unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

Sberbank, Severokavkazskiy branch – In June 2009 the Group entered into a number of revolving credit line agreements allowing borrowings of up to RUB 400,000 thousand (USD 12,783 thousand) maturing in December 2009. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 399,636 thousand (USD 12,772 thousand), plus interest accrued of RUB 373 thousand (USD 12 thousand). The credit line was unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

Moskva Sistema – In April 2009 the Group entered into credit agreement allowing to borrow RUB 125,000 thousand (USD 3,995 thousand) maturing at the end of June 2010. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 125,000 thousand (USD 3,995 thousand). The credit line was unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

Sberbank, Volgo-Vjatskiy branch – In June 2009 the Group entered into a revolving credit line agreement allowing borrowings of up to RUB 40,918 thousand (USD 1,307 thousand) maturing in July 2009. The total amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 is RUB 15,306 thousand (USD 489 thousand), plus interest accrued RUB 192 thousand (USD 6 thousand). The credit line was unsecured as of June 30, 2009.

As of June 30, 2009 the Group also has unused credit facilities in Alfa bank for the amount of RUB 2,100,000 thousand (USD 67,113 thousand) and in VTB Bank for the amount of RUB 2,500,000 thousand (USD 79,897 thousand).

26. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The ultimate controlling party of the Group is Galitskiy S.N (Note 1).

The Group enters into transactions with related parties in the ordinary course of business. Related parties, allied with the Group through key management personnel, mainly purchase fixed assets from the Group and obtain loans.

Loans to related parties mature in August 2009-February 2010, are bearing interest and unsecured. These loans are stated at cost as the discounting effect is not significant.

No expense has been recognized in the period for bad or doubtful debts in respect of the amounts owed by related parties.

Related parties represent entities in which the Group has significant influence. Related party balances as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Deposits	-	9,190
Advances paid	33	53
Other receivables	2,968	1,562
Other payables	710	1,304
Loans given	337	1,674

The Group's transactions with related parties for the six months period ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<u>6 months 2009</u>	<u>6 months 2008</u>
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	4,381	6,384
Rent received	78	343
Other sales	1,427	2,034
Rent paid	48	47
Loans given	9	119

Transactions with related parties are performed on terms that would not necessarily be available to third parties.

The amounts outstanding to and from related parties are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received.

The remuneration of Group management and members of the Board of directors of Group companies for the six months period ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 was USD 1,311 thousand and USD 1,524 thousand, respectively.

27. CAPITAL AND RENT COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 the Group entered in a number of agreements related to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	<u>195,769</u>	<u>181,877</u>

The Group entered in a number of short-term and long-term rent agreements. The commitments fall due as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>
Within one year	87,223	76,464
In the second to fifth years inclusive	113,926	94,496
After five years	<u>22,057</u>	<u>29,911</u>
Total	<u>223,206</u>	<u>200,871</u>

28. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In July – August 2009 the Group entered into a number of credit line agreements maturing in October 2009 - July 2010 for RUR 2,000,000 thousand (USD 63,917 thousand).

29. CONTINGENCIES

Litigation – The Group has been and continues to be the subject of legal proceedings and adjudications from time to time, none of which has had, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse impact on the Group. Management believes that the resolution of all business matters will not have a material impact on the Group's financial position or operating results.

Russian Federation Tax and Regulatory Environment – The government of the Russian Federation continues to reform the business and commercial infrastructure in its transition to a market economy. As a result, laws and regulations affecting businesses continue to change rapidly. These changes are characterized by poor drafting, different interpretations and arbitrary application by the authorities. Management's interpretation of such legislation as applied to the activity of the Group may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. Recent events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities are taking a more assertive position in their interpretation of the legislation and assessments and as a result, it is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged. It is therefore possible that significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods remain open to tax audit by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of tax audit. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods. Management believes that it has accrued all taxes that are applicable. Where uncertainty exists, the Group has accrued tax liabilities as management's best estimate of the probable outflow of resources which will be required to settle such liabilities. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of tax legislation. However, the relevant authorities may have differing interpretations, and the effects could be significant.

Insurance – The insurance industry in the Russian Federation is in the process of development and many forms of insurance protection common in developed markets are not yet generally available in Russia. The Group does not fully cover many risks that a group of a similar size and nature operating in a more economically developed country would insure. Management understands that until the Group obtains adequate insurance coverage there is a risk that the loss or destruction of certain assets could have an adverse effect on the Group's operations and financial position.

Volatility on financial markets – In recent months a number of major economies around the world have experienced volatile capital and credit markets. A number of major global financial institutions have been placed into bankruptcy, taken over by other financial institutions and/or supported by government funding. As a consequence of the recent market turmoil in capital and credit markets both globally and in Russia, notwithstanding any potential economic stabilisation measures that may be put into place by the Russian Government, there exists as at the date these financial statements are authorised for issue economic uncertainties surrounding the continual availability, and cost, of credit both for the entity and its counterparties, the potential for economic uncertainties to continue in the foreseeable future and, as a consequence, the potential that assets may be not be recovered at their carrying amount in the ordinary course of business, and a corresponding impact on the entity's profitability.

30. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Management of risk is an essential element of the Group's operations. The main risks inherent to the Group's operations are those related to market movements in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and credit risk. A description of the Group's risk management policies in relation to these risks follows.

Interest Rate Risk – The Group is not exposed to interest rate risk as entities in the Group borrow funds at fixed rates.

Currency Risk – Currency risk is that the financial results of the Group will be adversely impacted by changes in exchange rates to which the Group is exposed. With the exception of finance leases and short term loan from BSGV and Unicredit Bank, materially all borrowings and trading activities are denominated in Russian Roubles.

Credit Risk – The Group's exposure to credit risk arises only with respect to wholesale activities. During recent years the volume of wholesale business activities has significantly decreased in relation to the total volume of sales. The Group intends to cease its wholesale activities in the near term. The Group is dealing with creditworthy counterparties, who have a good long term credit history. The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties. Credit exposure is controlled by counterparty limits that are reviewed and approved by management.

Liquidity risk management – Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the board of directors, which has built a liquidity risk management framework for management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

31. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Management believes the fair value of financial instruments held by the Group classified as current approximates their carrying values due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of bonds issued in 2007 disclosed in Note 22 is USD 92,506 thousand (2008: USD 68,225 thousand). The fair value of the Sberbank loan disclosed in Note 22 is considered to approximate its carrying amount.