

and any additional losses, except when the respective minority interests have the obligation and capacity to cover those losses. If the subsidiary reports profits in later periods, the group appropriates those profits in the amount necessary to recover the said minority losses that had been absorbed by the group.

The purchase method is used to account the acquisition of subsidiaries that occurred before 2010. The acquisition cost corresponds to the fair value of the delivered goods, capital issued instruments and liabilities incurred or assumed on the acquisition date. The identifiable acquired assets and the liabilities and contingent liabilities taken into account in a corporate concentration will initially correspond to the fair value on the acquisition date, regardless of whether there are non-controlling interests. The positive difference between the acquisition cost and the fair value of the group's stake in the acquired and identifiable net assets is recorded as a consolidation difference. If the acquisition cost is less than the fair value of the acquired subsidiary's net assets, the difference is recognised directly in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (see Note 2.5).

For the acquisition of subsidiaries that occurred after 1 January 2010 the Group has applied revised IFRS 3. Accordingly to which the purchase method continues to be applied in acquisitions, with some significant changes:

(i) All amounts which comprise the purchase price are valued at fair value, with the option of measuring, transaction by transaction, the "non-controlled interests" by the proportion of the value of net assets of the acquired entity or the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired.

(ii) All costs associated with acquisition are recorded as expenses.

Also has been applied since 1 January 2010 the revised IAS 27, which requires that all transactions with the "non- controlling interest" are recorded in equity, when there is no change in control of the entity, there is no place to record goodwill or gains or losses. When there is a loss of control exercised over the entity, any remaining interest on the principal is remeasured at fair value, and a gain or loss is recognized in the results of the exercise.

Balances and gains arising from transactions between group companies are eliminated. Losses not realised are also eliminated, except when the transaction reveals that a transferred asset is subject to impairment. The subsidiaries' accounting policies are altered whenever necessary to ensure consistence with the group's policies.

(b) Jointly controlled companies

The financial statements of jointly controlled companies were included in these consolidated