valuated at the amortised cost, using the effective rate method. Gains and losses – either realised or not realised and arising from alterations to the fair value of the category of the financial assets at their fair value through results – are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise. Unrealised gains and losses, resulting from alterations to the fair value of non-monetary securities, classified as available for sale, are recognised in the equity. When the securities classified as available for sale are sold or are under impairment, the accumulated adjustments to the fair value are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as gains or losses in securities investments.

The fair value of listed investments is based on current market prices.

If there is no active market for a financial asset (and for non-listed securities), the group determines the fair value using evaluation techniques, which include using recent transactions between independent parties, reference to other instruments that are substantially identical, an analysis of the discounted cash flow and refined options price models that reflect the specific emission circumstances.

## 2.8.3. Impairment

On each consolidated statement of financial position, the group checks for objective evidence

showing whether any group of financial assets is subject to impairment. In the event of equity securities classified as available for sale, a significant or lasting decrease in the fair value falling below the cost value is determinant for knowing if there is impairment. If there is evidence of impairment applicable to financial assets available for sale, the accumulated loss – calculated by the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, minus any impairment loss of that financial asset previously recognised in results – is removed from equity and recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Impairment losses from capital instruments recognised in results are not reversible.

The group complies with the guidelines of IAS 39 (reviewed in 2004) to determine the permanent impairment of investments. This measure requires that the group valuate, among other factors, the duration and the extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost, the financial health and business outlook for the subsidiary, including factors such as the industry's and sector's performance, technological alterations and flows of operating cash and financing.

## 2.9. Stocks

Stocks are presented at the lowest value between their cost and the net realisation value. The cost is calculated using the weighted mean cost.