a) Estimated impairment of consolidation differences

The group performs annual tests to determine whether the consolidation differences are subject to impairment, according to the accounting policy indicated in Note 2.5. Recoverable amounts from the units generating cash flows are determined based on the calculation of utilisation values. Those calculations require the use of estimates (Note 9).

If the real gross margin is less, or the discount rate - prior to taxes - is greater than the estimates by the managers, the impairment losses of the consolidation differences may be greater than those recorded.

b) Income Tax

The group is subject to Income Tax in Portugal, Spain and Angola. A significant judgement must be made to determine the estimated income tax. The large number of transactions and calculations make it difficult to determine the income tax during normal business procedures. The group recognises liabilities for additional payment of taxes that may originate from reviews by the tax authorities. When tax audits indicate a final result different from the initially recorded amounts, the differences will have an impact on the income tax and on deferred taxes in the period in which those differences are identified.