

## 26 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CURRENT)

	31 December 2006 £m	31 December 2005 £m
Trade payables	85	118
Other payables	226	153
Accruals	218	240
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>511</b>

The Directors consider the carrying amounts of trade and other payables approximate to their fair value.

## 27 OTHER PAYABLES (NON-CURRENT)

	31 December 2006 £m	31 December 2005 £m
Other payables	40	14
Loans from minority interests	81	81
<b>Total other payables</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>95</b>

## 28 PROVISIONS

	Retirement benefit obligations £m	Commodity contracts £m	Other £m	Total £m
At 1 January 2006	27	–	41	68
Acquisitions	–	156	3	159
Provisions made during the year	10	–	14	24
Provisions used during the year	(12)	(16)	(5)	(33)
Exchange differences	–	(7)	(2)	(9)
<b>At 31 December 2006</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>209</b>

Commodity contracts added in 2006 relate to 'out of the money' power sales contracts acquired as part of the acquisition of Coletto Creek. The provisions utilised are credited to revenue in the income statement and are expected to be fully utilised by 2014.

The majority of the 'other' provisions relate to liabilities in respect of onerous property leases, employee-related compensation, amounts provided for long service and annual leave liabilities, and for mine site restoration. These liabilities are not expected to arise in the short-term. The Directors are uncertain as to the timing of when these provisions will be utilised.

## 29 SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised Ordinary Shares of 50p		Issued and fully paid Ordinary Shares of 50p	
	Number	£m	Number	£m
At 1 January 2006	2,266,000,000	1,133	1,474,736,637	737
Issue of shares under Executive Share Option Plan	–	–	13,073,207	6
Issue of shares under the Sharesave Plan	–	–	1,196,959	1
Issue of shares under Performance Share Plan	–	–	3,046,107	2
<b>At 31 December 2006</b>	<b>2,266,000,000</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,492,052,910</b>	<b>746</b>

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	Number	£m	Number	£m
At 1 January 2005	2,266,000,000	1,133	1,473,269,066	737
Issue of shares under the Sharesave Plan	–	–	858,892	–
Issue of shares under Executive Share Option Plan	–	–	608,679	–
At 31 December 2005	2,266,000,000	1,133	1,474,736,637	737

### Ordinary Shares

Ordinary Shares rank equally between each other with regard to the right to receive dividends and also in a distribution of assets on the winding up of the Company.