	2013 R'000	2012 R'000
7. Cash generated by operations		
Profit before taxation	**6 836 198**	6 432 931
Costs incurred in respect of acquisitions	**14 181**	17 762
Net finance charges	**764 546**	784 666
Share of current year earnings of associates	**(97 358)**	(33 565)
Adjustment for depreciation and amortisation	**2 097 264**	2 001 864
Adjustment for other non-cash items	**(244 115)**	(454 466)
Reduction in post-retirement obligations	**(110 832)**	(2 419)
Decrease in life assurance fund	**(1 466)**	(2 374)
Working capital changes	**(1 891 175)**	197 584
Increase in inventories	**(894 074)**	(825 498)
Increase in trade and other receivables	**(895 115)**	(967 606)
Increase in banking and other advances	**(296 091)**	(270 683)
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables and provisions	**(148 452)**	1 855 588
Increase in banking liabilities	**342 557**	405 783
Cash generated by operations	**7 367 243**	8 941 983
8. Finance charges		
Charge per income statement	**(841 205)**	(830 922)
Amounts capitalised to borrowings	**140 545**	121 281
Amounts capitalised to property, plant and equipment	**(2 548)**	(5 569)
Amounts paid	**(703 208)**	(715 210)
9. Taxation paid		
Amounts payable at beginning of year	**(298 240)**	(201 313)
Current taxation charge	**(1 803 652)**	(1 703 007)
Businesses acquired	**(10 125)**	(7 208)
Businesses disposed of	**–**	1 366
Exchange rate adjustments	**(35 445)**	(20 461)
Amounts payable at end of year	**299 967**	298 240
Amounts paid	**(1 847 495)**	(1 632 383)
10. Distributions to shareholders		
Dividends paid to shareholders	**(2 182 715)**	(2 014 585)
Dividends received by subsidiaries on treasury shares	**93 733**	93 662
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	**(138 148)**	(141 845)
Amounts paid	**(2 227 130)**	(2 062 768)