

CHINA PETROLEUM & CHEMICAL CORP

Form 6-K

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of February, 2004

China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation

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This Form 6-K consists of:

An announcement on domestic bond issue on February 23, 2004, in English of China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (the "Registrant").

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DOMESTIC CORPORATE BOND ISSUE

Sinopec Corp. and China International Capital Corporation (), the lead manager, have determined the final coupon rate of the Bonds to be 4.61% per annum based on book building. The coupon rate has been approved by the 6th meeting of the second session of the board of directors of Sinopec Corp. held on 23 February 2004 and by the relevant authorities in charge. Sinopec Corp. has also determined matters in relation to the interest calculation period and the offer period etc as listed below.

Reference is made to the announcement dated 6 February 2004 of China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation ("Sinopec Corp.") in relation to the details and use of proceeds of the proposed issue of RMB3.5 billion of corporate bonds (the "Bonds") of Sinopec Corp. (the "Bond Issue").

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The key information in relation to the coupon rate, the interest calculation period and the offer period of the Bond Issue is as follows:

1. Coupon rate: The Bonds have a fixed rate at 4.61% per annum.
2. Interest calculation period: From 24 February 2004 to 23 February 2014.
3. First date of offer: The first date of the offer period for the Bonds is 24 February 2004.
4. Offer period: 10 working days from 24 February 2004 to 8 March 2004.
5. Listing of the Bonds: The Bonds shall be listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as soon as possible after the expiry of the offer period and the obtaining of the approvals from the relevant authorities in charge.
6. First date of interest payment: 24 February every year from 2005 to 2014. If the date falls on a public holiday or non-working day, the date shall be postponed to the subsequent working day.

By Order of the Board
China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation
Chen Ge
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Beijing, PRC, 23 February 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation

By: /s/ Chen Ge

Name: Chen Ge

Title: Secretary to the Board of Directors

Date: February 23, 2004