

## **CEMENTIR PRESS RELEASE ON QUARTERLY RESULTS**

2005 Group figures are as follows (2004 figures in brackets): Net Sales €171,7m (€71,4m) Ebitda €25,9m (€15,7m) Ebit €9,7m (€8,8m)

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Today the Board of Directors approved Cementir Group 2005 first quarter results. For the first time the figures include three months results of Aalborg Portland and Unicon and are therefore not comparable with the same period of 2004: Group Net Sales reached €171,7m (€71,4m), Ebitda €25,9m (€15,7m), Ebit €9,7m (€8,8m).

Trading in Denmark was in line with budgeted figures: Aalborg Portland reported Net Sales of €55,1m, Ebitda of €12m. Unicon Group reported Net Sales of €47,1 m, Ebitda of €4,0m, better than budgeted.

First quarter results at constant perimeter (Italy and Turkey only).

At constant perimeter, first quarter 2005 Group Net Sales slightly decreased to €69,4m (€71,4 in Q1 2004); the 2,7% decline was mainly due to Italian operations suffering from unfavourable weather conditions and raw material cost increase.

Ebitda at constant perimeter was €12,1m (€16,1m), Ebit €4,3m (€8,8m).

Group Net debt reached €330,9m (€298,6m on December 31st 2004). The increase in Net Debt was due to €34,2m price adjustment still owed for the Aalborg Portland and Unicon acquisition.

For the remainder of the year the Group expects the Danish market to meet budgeted figures; the Turkish market to keep growing; the Italian market to slightly improve in the second half of the year after a somewhat weak start.

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## 2005 First Quarter Profit & Loss Accounts

## 2005 First Quarter Results

(Euro 000)	1° Q 2005	1° Q 2004	Δ%
NET SALES	171.709	71.357	140,63
RAW MATERIALS EXTERNAL SERVICES	(68.122) (47.682)	(32.275) (14.480)	111,07 229,29
CAPITALIZED COSTS	347	25	1.288,00
GROSS PROFIT GROSS MARGIN	<b>56.252</b> 32,76	<b>24.627</b> 34,51	128,42
LABOUR COSTS OTHER REVENUES OTHER COSTS INDIRECT TAXES <sup>(1)</sup>	(28.371) 1.295 (941) (2.385)	(8.603) 361 (307) (413)	229,78 258,69 206,51 477,48
EBITDA EBITDA MARGIN	<b>25.850</b> 15,05	<b>15.665</b> 21,95	65,02
D&A	(16.167)	(6.849)	136,04
EBIT EBIT MARGIN	<b>9.683</b> 5,64	<b>8.816</b> <i>12,35</i>	9,83
FINANCIAL RESULT	(2.236)	2.096	(206,67)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES AND EXTRAORDINAY ITEMS	7.447	10.912	(31,75)
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	(162)	35	(563,39)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	7.285	10.947	(33,45)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> From 2005 "indirect taxes" are included above the Ebitda line; 2004 figures are adjusted accordingly and therefore are comparable.

(Euro 000)	1° Q 2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	1° Q 2004	Δ%
NET SALES	69.419	71.357	(2,72)
RAW MATERIALS EXTERNAL SERVICES CAPITALIZED COSTS	(32.266) (15.989) 63	(32.275) (14.480) 25	(0,03) 10,42 152,00
GROSS PROFIT GROSS MARGIN	<b>21.227</b> 30,58	<b>24.627</b> 34,51	(13,81)
LABOUR COSTS OTHER REVENUES OTHER COSTS	(9.282) 436 (335)	(8.603) 361 (307)	7,89 20,78 9,12
EBITDA EBITDA MARGIN	<b>12.046</b> <i>17,35</i>	<b>16.078</b> 22,53	(25,08)
D&A NON INCOME TAXES	(7.282) (481)	(6.849) (413)	6,32 16,46
EBIT EBIT MARGIN	<b>4.283</b> 6,17	<b>8.816</b> <i>12,35</i>	(51,42)

## **Group Net Financial Position**

(Euro 000)	31/03/2005	31/12/2004	31/03/2004
NET CASH	53.067	59.974	188.692
LONG TERM DEBT	(90.798)	(105.657)	(50.191)
SHORT TERM DEBT	(293.261)	(252.966)	(19.785)
NET FINANCIAL POSITION	(330.992)	(298.649)	118.716

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  2005 figures do not include Aalborg Portland and Unicon results and are therefore comparable with 2004 figures .