

## **Cementir: Shareholders' Meeting approves 2005 annual accounts and appoints a new Board of Directors**

- Approved the 2005 annual accounts
- Approved a dividend of Euro 0.085 per share
- Appointed a new Board of Directors for the three-year period 2006-2008

**Rome, April 20, 2006** – the annual Shareholders' Meeting of Cementir was held today under the chairmanship of Mr. Francesco Caltagirone Jr..

The Shareholders' Meeting approved the annual accounts for the year ended December 31, 2005, which closed with a Group net profit of Euro 109.4 million (+62%) and revenues of Euro 857 million (+117%). On the proposal of the Board of Directors, a dividend was approved for the year 2005 of Euro 0.085 per share, an increase of 21% compared to the previous year. The payment will be made on May 18, 2006, with dividend coupon No. 5 dated May 15, 2006.

The Shareholders' Meeting also appointed a new Board of Directors which will increase in number from 11 to 13 members and composed of Francesco Caltagirone jr., Pasquale Alcini, Edoardo Caltagirone, Saverio Caltagirone, Carlo Carlevaris, Mario Ciliberto, Mario Delfini, Luciano Leone, Alfio Marchini, Walter Montevicchi, Riccardo Nicolini, Azzurra Caltagirone and Alessandro Caltagirone.

The term of office of the new Board of Directors will expire on the approval of the annual accounts for the year 2008.

The chairman Francesco Caltagirone Jr., reaffirming the targets to 2008 (sales of over Euro 1 billion, Ebitda of Euro 250 million), declared: "I am satisfied with the results achieved in 2005. The results for the first three months of the year are positive, and I wish a promising 2006".

The Shareholders' Meeting, on the proposal of the Board of Directors, renewed the appointment of the external audit firm Price Waterhouse Coopers for the period 2006-2011.

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