



Commissioning of the new kiln at the Rufisque plant in Senegal

Performance 2010 plan finalised in line with projections



Paris La Défense, 6 October 2009: The Vicat group (NYSE Euronext Paris: FR0000031775 – VCT) is today announcing the start-up of the new kiln at its Rufisque plant in Senegal.

The kiln, which uses the latest generation of Polysius technology, will lift the Group's annual production capacity to over 3 million tons of cement in Senegal. This installation is helping Vicat to fully leverage Western Africa's growth potential thanks to its modern manufacturing facilities. In addition, it will enable the Group to halt its external clinker purchases and significantly increase the proportion of alternative fuels used.

In line with the original schedule and objectives, this operation represents the final step in the investment program put in place under the Performance 2010 Plan drawn up by Group Chairman Jacques Merceron-Vicat. The Group's cement production capacity has thus risen to over 20 million tons, representing an increase of close to 50% in less than four years. This plan has also improved the operational and technical performance of its plants in France, Turkey, Egypt, Switzerland and Senegal.

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The Vicat Group has nearly 6,800 employees working in three core divisions, Cement, Concrete & Aggregates and Other Products & Services, which generated consolidated sales of €2,057 million in 2008.

The Group operates in eleven countries: France, Switzerland, Italy, the United States, Turkey, Egypt, Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Kazakhstan and India. Nearly 51% of sales are generated outside France.

The Vicat Group is the heir to an industrial tradition dating back to 1817, when Louis Vicat invented artificial cement. Founded in 1853, the Vicat Group now operates three core lines of business: Cement, Ready-Mixed Concrete and Aggregates, as well as related activities.