

Ciments Français agrees to sell part of its activities in Turkey to Limak Holding

Paris, 25 February 2011 - Ciments Français has agreed to sell Set Group Holding and its subsidiaries for a total amount of 290 million euros (on a cash and debtfree basis) to Limak Holding, a diversified Turkish Group with investments in construction, infrastructure, cement, energy, transport and tourism.

Set Group Holding, which represents a significant part of the existing industrial network of Ciments Français in Turkey, operates three cement plants in Ankara, Balikesir and Trakya (for a total clinker capacity of 2.3 Mt/y), one grinding center in Ambarli (total cement capacity of 1.2 Mt/y) and 13 ready mix concrete facilities. As of 31 December 2010, Set Group Holding posted revenues of approximately 130 million euros and a net debt close to 17 million euros.

Afyon Cimento, a listed Turkish company majority-owned by Ciments Français, is not included in the perimeter of the transaction. In the future, Ciments Français will examine the best industrial and financial opportunities for this asset.

The completion of the transaction with Limak Holding is subject to approval by the relevant Turkish authorities. The transaction is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2011.

Mediobanca acted as financial adviser to Ciments Français on this transaction.

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