



Jean-Paul Méric is appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ciments Français

The Board warmly thanks Yves René Nanot who becomes Honorary Chairman of the company

Paris, 11 April 2013 - During its meeting held on April 11, 2013 after the general meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors of Ciments Français (Italcementi Group):

- has appointed Mr. Jean-Paul Méric, *Chairman of the Board*, and
- on a proposal from Mr. Giovanni Ferrario, Chief Executive Officer, has appointed Mr. Fabrizio Donegà *Chief Operating Officer*.

Mr. Yves René Nanot, who has reached the statutory age limit, has been nominated *Honorary Chairman* of the company and will continue, as a director, to take part in the work of the Board.

The Board warmly thanked Yves René Nanot for his invaluable contribution to the company over the last twenty years.

"The close collaboration established with Yves René Nanot shortly after the acquisition of Ciments Français by Italcementi has enabled one of the greatest industrial successes in the Europe of the 2000s, *recalls Giampiero Pesenti, Chairman of Italcementi*. Through his experience and determination, we have created an integrated group able to reach out beyond the natural borders between Italy and France giving birth to the fifth largest cement producer in the world. A vision we shared and appreciated and which still remains today the foundation of our conception of the industry."

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Jean-Paul MÉRIC, 69 years old

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ciments Français (as of April 11, 2013)

A former student at “École Polytechnique” and “École Supérieure d’Electricité”, Jean-Paul Méric began his career with EDF (Électricité de France) before moving into the cement industry, first with CERILH (Centre d’Études et de Recherches de l’Industrie des Liants Hydrauliques) then Ciments Français since 1985. He was appointed successively Research and Development Manager and Manager of the Cement Division for France.

Executive Vice-president of Ciments Français since 1991, he was then responsible for the Group France/Belgium activities, then the international business, working notably with the USA, Canada, Morocco, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Kazakhstan.

Since July 1, 2006, Jean-Paul Méric was responsible for Group activities in France, Belgium, Spain and Morocco.

Jean-Paul Méric was Chief Operating Officer of Ciments Français since January 1, 2010.

Fabrizio DONEGÀ, 49 years old

Chief Operating Officer of Ciments Français (as of April 11, 2013)

A graduate in Mechanical Engineering from Genoa University and post-graduate in Corporate Finance from Bocconi University (Milan) and Management Development from Harvard Business School (USA), Fabrizio Donegà began his career with Italcementi, first as Technical Assistance Manager in 1990 then as Plant Manager.

From 1995 until 1998, he served as Diagnostic & Performance Supervisor at the Italcementi headquarters. In 1999, he was appointed manager in charge of Greece and Bulgaria, with his responsibilities subsequently enlarged to Cyprus, Kazakhstan and Egypt until 2003. From 2004 to 2007, he was Deputy General Manager of Italcementi S.p.A. responsible for the Industrial Operations in Italy. Since October 2007, he was Executive vice-president of Ciments Français, responsible for Group activities in Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Egypt and Kuwait.