



Results for the first quarter of 2014

Data related to 2013 has been restated pursuant to IFRS 10, 11 and 12 applicable retrospectively as of 1 January 2014 (see page 5)

- **CONSOLIDATED REVENUES:** 807.2 million euros
(819.1 million euros in the first quarter of 2013)
- **RECURRING EBITDA:** 92.7 million euros
(112.3 million euros in the first quarter of 2013)
- **EBIT:** 16.2 million euros
(31.2 million euros in the first quarter of 2013)
- **NET CONSOLIDATED PROFIT :** -13.5 million euros
(0.5 million euros in the first quarter of 2013)
- **NET FINANCIAL DEBT:** 845.5 million euros
(750.4 million euros as of 31 December 2013 and 910.3 million euros as of 31 March 2013)

Paris, 8 May 2014 - At a meeting on 6 May chaired by Jean-Paul Méric, the Board of Directors of Ciments Français (Italcementi Group), examined and approved the unaudited consolidated accounts as of 31 March 2014.

RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD

*Cement sales showed a slight recovery in the **first quarter of 2014** in all the areas of activity, except for North America which was penalized by particularly adverse weather conditions. The improvement in the economic situation echoed more favorably in the countries of Western Europe than in the emerging countries. The demand remained sustained in the countries of Asia and, to a lesser extent, in North Africa.*

In such an environment and given a global price level in line with the previous quarter, with a significant increase in Thailand and in Egypt - where prices followed the costs of fuels -, revenues for the first quarter of 2014 amounted to 807.2 million euros, however down 1.5% on the year-earlier period because of a very negative foreign exchange impact (essentially Egyptian pound, Thai baht and Indian rupee). Excluding that impact, revenues were up 2.5%.

Additionally, operating results for the period were affected by the temporary change in inventories. The overall impact of higher costs was only offset in part by price trend and efficiency measures.

Recurring EBITDA amounted to 92.7 million euros, down 17.4% (-13.3% excluding foreign exchange).

Cement and **clinker** sales volumes were up 1.9% at 9.0 million tonnes. Sales volumes increased in all the countries of the Western Europe zone (+14.3%). Sales remained stable in Morocco (+0.1%) and Egypt (+2.8%) but strongly declined in Bulgaria (-15.0%). North America was affected by adverse weather conditions resulting in a decrease of 15.3% in sales volumes. The price trend was particularly favorable in Thailand (+9.4%) and Egypt (+8.3%).

Aggregates sales volumes amounted to 6.5 million tonnes, slightly down (-2.7%). The slowdown mainly affected North America (-41.2%), Morocco (-40.5%), Spain (-39.6%) and Thailand (-27.5%).

Ready mix concrete sales volumes were up 3.8% at 2.2 million cubic meters primarily due to a significant increase in Thailand (+43.7%) which compensated for the drop in Morocco (-21.7%).

Consolidated **revenues** for the quarter amounted to 807.2 million euros, down 1.5% (+2.5% at comparable exchange rates) on the year-earlier period.

Recurring EBITDA was down 17.4% at 92.7 million euros despite a slight recovery in volumes and margins, due to the temporary change in inventories and the negative foreign exchange effect.

EBIT declined by 48.1% at 16.2 million euros after recognition of 78 million euros in amortization and depreciation (81 million euros in the first quarter of 2013).

After recognition of 20.3 million euros in net interest expenses (6.5 million euros in the first quarter of 2013), affected by the negative impact in 2014 of foreign exchange movements of -4.1 million euros (as against +7.5 million euros in the first quarter of 2013), the **net consolidated profit/loss** amounted to -13.5 million euros as against 0.5 million euros in the first quarter of 2013.

The **share of profit/loss attributable to owners of the parent** was -31.0 million euros as against -22.8 million euros in the first quarter of 2013. The **share of profit/loss attributable to non-controlling interests** amounted to 17.5 million euros (23.3 million euros in the first quarter of 2013).

Investments in industrial assets over the first three months of 2014 amounted to 118.6 million euros up on the first quarter of 2013 (68.5 million euros). They related mainly to India, Bulgaria, France/Belgium and Egypt.

As of 31 March 2014 **net financial debt** reported a slight increase of 95.0 million euros at 845.5 million euros as against 750.4 million euros as of 31 December 2013 (but was down 64.8 million euros from 31 March 2013).

Total equity amounted to 3,471.9 million euros as against 3,515.4 million at the end of December 2013. The **debt to equity ratio** (net financial debt/total equity) was 24.4% compared to 21.3% as of 31 December 2013.

OUTLOOK

Despite a difficult start to the year, the Group confirms its objectives to maintain a stable EBITDA (excluding foreign exchange effect and costs related to the new commercial program launched at the end of September 2013).

BUSINESS TREND FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2014

Sales volumes by geographical segment and by business segment

Sales and internal transfers ⁽¹⁾	Cement & clinker (millions of tonnes)			Aggregates (millions of tonnes)			Ready mix concrete (millions of m ³)		
	Q1 2014	% change vs. Q1 2013		Q1 2014	% change vs. Q1 2013		Q1 2014	% change vs. Q1 2013	
		A	B		A	B		A	B
Western Europe	2.2	+14.3	+14.3	6.0	+2.8	+2.8	1.2	+3.6	+3.6
North America	0.6	-15.3	-15.3	0.2	-41.2	-41.2	0.1	-6.1	-6.1
Emerging Europe, North Africa & Middle East	3.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-40.5	-40.5	0.6	-4.4	-9.6
Asia	2.8	+1.9	+1.9	ns	ns	ns	0.3	+35.7	+35.7
Cement/clinker trading	0.8	+30.3	+30.3	-	-	-	ns	ns	ns
Eliminations	(0.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9.0	+1.9	+1.9	6.5	-2.7	-2.7	2.2	+3.8	+2.0

Western Europe: France, Belgium, Spain & Greece **North America:** U.S.A., Canada & Puerto Rico

Emerging Europe, North Africa & Middle East: Egypt, Morocco, Bulgaria, Kuwait & Saudi Arabia

Asia: Thailand, India & Kazakhstan

(1) Amounts given relate to fully consolidated companies and companies consolidated using the proportionate consolidation method up to Group share.

A: at historical consolidation scope B: at comparable consolidation scope ns: not significant

ECONOMIC TREND FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2014

Breakdown by business segment

Revenues (M€)	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	% changes vs. Q1 2013 Historical basis	% changes vs. Q1 2013 Comparable basis & exchange rates
Cement & clinker	541.3	555.8	-2.6%	+2.8%
Aggregates / RMC	231.0	231.3	-0.1%	+0.7%
Others	34.9	32.0	+9.1%	+10.7%
Total	807.2	819.1	-1.5%	+2.5%

Breakdown by geographical segment

Western Europe

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
France/ Belgium	327.7	319.8	34.6	37.2	35.0	36.3	12.7	14.0
Spain	24.9	21.7	2.5	(0.5)	2.5	(0.6)	(0.7)	(4.4)
Other country*	6.4	5.0	(0.5)	(1.4)	(0.5)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(2.0)
Intra-zone eliminations	(3.0)	(2.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	356.0	344.0	36.6	35.4	37.0	34.4	10.5	7.7

* Greece

North America

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Total	61.3	74.1	(23.0)	(11.7)	(22.9)	(11.3)	(39.2)	(27.8)

Emerging Europe, North Africa & Middle East

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Egypt	137.6	136.4	28.0	37.6	27.9	37.4	16.0	24.0
Morocco	76.1	80.1	30.9	37.1	30.9	37.9	21.7	28.9
Other countries*	24.3	25.3	3.1	1.6	3.2	1.9	13.9	0.3
Total	238.1	241.7	62.0	76.3	61.9	77.1	39.0	53.1

* Bulgaria, Kuwait & Saudi Arabia.

Asia

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Thailand	69.1	66.5	18.0	9.1	18.1	9.0	13.3	2.9
India	52.3	61.3	3.6	10.9	3.7	10.9	(0.4)	5.9
Other country*	3.7	8.2	(1.7)	(0.3)	(1.7)	(0.3)	(3.1)	(2.0)
Total	125.1	136.0	20.0	19.7	20.1	19.6	9.7	6.8

* Kazakhstan

Cement/clinker trading

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Total	46.6	39.0	2.5	1.8	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.1

Group total

(M€)	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA		EBITDA		EBIT	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Others & eliminations*	(20.0)	(15.6)	(5.4)	(9.3)	(5.4)	(9.3)	(5.7)	(9.7)
Group Total	807.2	819.1	92.7	112.3	93.3	112.3	16.2	31.2

* Others: fuel trading, headquarters & holding companies

Revenues and recurring EBITDA in "Other countries"

<i>(in millions of euros)</i>	Revenues		Recurring EBITDA	
	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Greece	6.4	5.0	(0.5)	(1.4)
Western Europe	6.4	5.0	(0.5)	(1.4)
Bulgaria	9.7	10.5	2.2	0.4
Kuwait	13.0	14.8	0.7	1.3
Saudi Arabia	1.6	-	0.1	-
Emerging Europe, North Africa & Middle East	24.3	25.3	3.1	1.6
Kazakhstan	3.7	8.2	(1.7)	(0.3)
Asia	3.7	8.2	(1.7)	(0.3)

The results for the first quarter of 2014 of Italcementi and Ciments Français will be illustrated during a **Conference Call on Friday 9 May 2014 at 3:30 pm**. The presentation will be broadcast in audio streaming on the italcementigroup.com and cimfra.com websites.

IFRS accounting standards

The first application of IFRS 10, 11 and 12 has mainly led to account joint-ventures, previously consolidated using proportionate method, under the equity method. This change in method, which has no impact neither on equity nor net profit/loss attributable to owners of the parent, affects the presentation of assets, liabilities, income statement and cash flow statement. For the Group, these impacts are limited.

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Appendices

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Income statement

<i>(in millions of euros)</i>	31 March 2014		31 March 2013		2014/2013 % change
	Amounts	%	Amounts	%	
Revenues	807.2	100%	819.1	100%	-1.5%
Other revenues	2.8		4.2		
Change in inventories	(0.5)		6.1		
Internal work capitalized	1.7		2.1		
Raw materials and utilities	(332.7)		(341.0)		
Service expense	(224.8)		(217.2)		
Personnel expense	(145.8)		(146.2)		
Other operating income (expense)	(15.1)		(14.7)		
Recurring EBITDA	92.7	11.5%	112.3	13.7%	-17.4%
Net capital gains (losses) on sale of fixed assets	0.6		1.9		
Other non-recurring income (expense)	ns		(1.8)		
EBITDA	93.3		112.3	13.7%	-17.0%
Amortization and depreciation	(77.6)		(81.2)		
Impairment	0.5		ns		
EBIT	16.2	2.0%	31.2	3.8%	-48.1%
Finance income	4.0		6.2		
Finance costs	(19.9)		(19.4)		
Gains (losses) on derivatives and exchange rates	(4.3)		6.7		
Finance income (costs), net	(20.3)		(6.5)		
Share of profit (loss) of associates	(0.5)		(1.3)		
Profit (loss) before tax	(4.6)	-0.6%	23.4	2.9%	
Tax expense	(8.8)		(22.9)		
Net profit (loss)	(13.5)	-1.7%	0.5	0.1%	
- attributable to owners of the parent	(31.0)		(22.8)		
- attributable to non-controlling interests	17.5		23.3		

Financial position	31 March 2014	31 December 2013	31 March 2013
Net financial debt	845.5	750.4	910.3
Total equity	3,471.9	3,515.4	3,778.1

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Statement of change in net financial debt

<i>(in millions of euros)</i>	31 March 2014	31 March 2013
Cash flow from operating activities	51.3	88.0
Change in working capital requirement	(9.6)	(75.9)
Total cash flow from operating activities	41.7	12.1
Investments in PPE and intangible assets	(97.4)	(59.5)
Change in PPE and intangible assets payables	(21.2)	(8.9)
Cash flow from operating activities net of capital expenditure	(76.9)	(56.3)
Equity investments	(0.8)	(0.6)
Disinvestments	1.9	2.3
Dividends paid	0.2	(0.7)
Change in foreign exchange on NFP and others	(19.4)	(16.3)
Change in net financial debt	(95.0)	(71.6)