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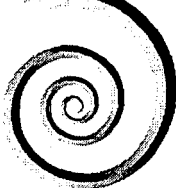
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At its meeting of April 30, 2004, held under the chairmanship of Mr Yves René Nanot, the Board of Directors of Ciments Français reviewed the Group's consolidated accounts as of March 31st, 2004.

These non-audited accounts were drawn up in accordance with the Group's accounting standards. The accounts of our subsidiary in Kazakhstan have been consolidated since January 1st, 2004.

CONSOLIDATED SALES :

Consolidated net sales for the 1st quarter of 2004 amounted 666 millions euros, up 7.9% compared with the figure recorded in the 1st quarter of 2003. It progressed 11.3% on a like for like basis. The unfavourable exchange rate is 21.2 millions euros.

BREAKDOWN BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

March 31 st				
In M€	2004	2003	%	% (1)
European Union	420	390	7.6%	8.1%
<i>Including France</i>	301	268	12.4%	11.1%
North America	84	86	-2.2%	13.8%
Asia (2)	56	47	19.5%	23.5%
Other countries	106	94	12.5%	16.2%
TOTAL	666	617	7.9%	11.3%

(1) On a like for like basis

(2) Thailand, India and Kazakhstan

BREAKDOWN BY ACTIVITY

March 31 st				
In M€	2004	2003	%	% (1)
Cement and Clinker	415	391	6.0%	10.6%
Aggregates / Ready-Mixed Concrete	234	208	12.6%	14.1%
Others	17	18	-6.7%	-3.9%
TOTAL	666	617	7.9%	11.3%

(1) On a like for like basis

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME :

In M€	March 31 st 2004	March 31 st 2003	%
Net sales	666	617	7.9%
Operating income	82	62	33.6%
Net income (Group share)	22	-4	NS

Business during the first quarter benefited from good weather conditions and in 2004 progressed on all the Group's geographical areas and business lines.

In developed countries, France and the United States experienced strong growth in activity. All emerging countries showed very positive development.

The growth of business and the generally favourable evolution of prices made it possible to mark up a sharp improvement in operating income (+33.6%) despite the increase in the price of fuel and of maintenance.

Net income (Group share) also benefited from a reduction of financial costs and from improvement in the contribution of companies consolidated by the equity method.

OUTLOOK :

Given the importance of the weather conditions for business during the first quarter, the very positive results of this quarter cannot be extrapolated for the entire financial year. Even so, this good level of performance lends support to the objective of maintaining a level of results for the financial year which is comparable to that of 2003, before extraordinary items.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
AS OF MARCH 31st

In M€	2004 1st quarter	2003 1st quarter
Net sales	665.5	616.9
Gross operating income	135.8 20.4%	116.0 18.8%
Operating income	82.4 12.4%	61.7 10.0%
Net interest expense	-19.1	-25.3
Other income and expense	-	-2.5
Income before taxes and minority interests	63.2 9.5%	33.9 5.5%
Income taxes	-23.6	-15.7
Equity in net income of affiliates	2.4	-2.7
Amortization and depreciation of goodwill and other intangibles	-11.5	-12.3
Net income before minority interests	30.6 4.6%	3.3 0.5%
Minority interests	-9.0	-6.9
Consolidated net income (Group share)	21.6 3.2%	-3.7 -0.6%

CIMENTS FRANÇAIS GROUP
SIMPLIFIED BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31st

In M€	March 31st 2004	December 31st 2003
Fixed assets	3,809.4	3,777.3
Inventory	323.0	302.7
Cash and cash equivalent	918.6	828.9
TOTAL ASSETS	5,051.0	4,908.9

	March 31st 2004	December 31st 2003
Stockholder's equity and minority interests	2,064.4	1,995.6
Perpetual floating rate notes	324.6	324.6
Other liabilities	518.1	498.1
Financial debt	1,432.7	1,424.6
Other creditors	711.2	666.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,051.0	4,908.9