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As a result of the operation Ciments Français will become the majority shareholder in Suez Cement Company, owning about 54.2% after a total investment of about 460 million euros since 2001. Suez Cement will be fully consolidated from the second quarter of the current year.

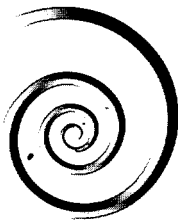
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