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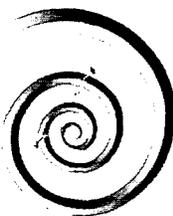
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LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASEC CEMENT COMPANY IN EGYPT

Paris, June 13, 2005 – According to a Letter of Intent signed with Citadel Capital, an Egyptian investment fund, the Italcementi Group has obtained a 60-day period of exclusivity to draw up a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire the Citadel's controlling stake in ASEC Cement share capital. The operation is notably subject to a due diligence process.

ASEC Cement Company is the 5th largest cement player in Egypt with an annual production capacity of around 4 million tons of clinker. The company, which is 68% controlled by ASEC Group, is listed on the Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange with a market capitalisation of around USD 550 million.

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ASEC Cement is the fifth largest cement producer and second largest cement exporter in Egypt. It has two manufacturing facilities in Helwan and El Minya, producing respectively grey and white cements. In 2004, it reported consolidated net sales of EGP 871 million, and EBITDA of EGP 351 million with approximately 1,670 employees. ASEC Cement has an 8.4% market share on its domestic market and mainly exports to Africa, the Gulf region and Europe.

Italcementi Group is one of the primary cement producers worldwide and the leading player in the Mediterranean basin with a consolidated production capacity of some 70 million tons and net sales of 4,527 million euro in 2004.

In Egypt Italcementi Group controls Suez Cement, the country's largest cement producer, with a market share of more than 22%. The Suez Cement group has three production facilities (Suez, Quattamiah and Tourah), all equipped with state of the art kilns, for a total capacity of approximately 8 million metric tons for the domestic market and for export.

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