



TRINIDAD CEMENT LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED 3 Months Apr to Jun		UNAUDITED 6 Months Jan to Jun		AUDITED 12 Months Jan to Dec
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2005
REVENUE	435,873	385,221	837,811	727,566	1,429,834
OPERATING PROFIT	56,300	78,785	92,284	145,333	183,930
Finance costs – net	(29,277)	(24,863)	(59,438)	(48,042)	(97,131)
Profit before taxation	27,023	53,922	32,846	97,291	86,799
Provision for Taxation	(34)	(6,637)	8,816	(12,328)	66,968
Profit after taxation	26,989	47,285	41,662	84,963	153,767
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of the parent	28,187	43,408	47,662	76,914	160,326
Minority Interest	(1,198)	3,877	(6,000)	8,049	(6,559)
	26,989	47,285	41,662	84,963	153,767
Earnings per Share – basic and diluted, cents	12	18	20	32	66

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

PERFORMANCE

The Group recorded an earnings per share of 20 cents for the first half of 2006 compared to 32 cents in the prior year period, mainly due to the quality problems that occurred at Caribbean Cement Company Limited in the first quarter. Whilst the problems were resolved by the end of the first quarter and production approached normal levels, increased energy costs at this subsidiary negatively impacted results of the second quarter. The rest of the Group performed well, especially the other two cement companies (Trinidad and Barbados) whose combined net profit exceeded the prior year by 31%.

Despite the challenges, it is encouraging to note that regional cement and concrete demand remained very strong and as a result Group revenue was \$837.8M compared to \$727.6M in 2005, an increase of \$110.2M (15%). The Group invested \$178.1M in property, plant and equipment for the half year mainly on the expansion and modernization programme at Caribbean Cement Company Limited, as reflected in an increase in total assets by \$97.6M over the prior year period.

In 2006, the 60% expansion in capacity to 1.2M tonnes per annum at Trinidad Cement Limited and the upgraded Packing Plant at Arawak Cement Company Limited, along with increased borrowings for working capital at Caribbean Cement Company Limited, resulted in higher finance costs.

Group taxation was in credit in 2006 due to tax losses at Caribbean Cement Company Limited.

OUTLOOK

A price increase was implemented from July at Caribbean Cement Company Limited and with the quality issues resolved and production normalized, a better performance by that subsidiary is expected in the second half of 2006. A price increase was also introduced in the Group's export markets and the Group is expected to continue the trend of good performance whilst the expansion and modernization programme continues.

The Board of Directors has decided not to pay an interim dividend for the 2006 half year in order to consolidate the Group's cash position, in light of our intensive capital programme.

Andy J. Bhajan

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Group Chairman
July 28, 2006

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED 30.06.2006	UNAUDITED 30.06.2005	AUDITED 31.12.2005
Non-Current Assets	2,225,366	1,898,891	2,165,924
Current Assets	730,215	536,951	782,226
Current Liabilities	(518,795)	(405,660)	(457,850)
Non-Current Liabilities	(1,243,657)	(934,604)	(1,351,182)
Total Net Assets	1,193,129	1,095,578	1,139,118
Share Capital	466,206	466,206	466,206
Reserves	620,963	507,845	565,635
Shareholders' Equity	1,087,169	974,051	1,031,841
Minority Interests	105,960	121,527	107,277
Total Equity	1,193,129	1,095,578	1,139,118

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

TT \$'000	UNAUDITED Half Year Ended 30.06.2006	UNAUDITED Half Year Ended 30.06.2005	AUDITED Year Ended 31.12.2005
Balance at beginning of period	1,031,841	939,374	939,374
Currency translation and other adjustments	(5,147)	(12,990)	(14,086)
Allocation to employees and sale of ESOP shares, net of dividend	–	725	4,249
Change in fair value of swap, net of tax	12,813	–	(3,073)
Profit attributable to shareholders	47,662	76,914	160,326
Dividends	–	(29,972)	(54,949)
Balance at end of period	1,087,169	974,051	1,031,841

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

TT \$'000	UNAUDITED Half Year Ended 30.06.2006	UNAUDITED Half Year Ended 30.06.2005	AUDITED Year Ended 31.12.2005
Profit before taxation	32,846	97,291	86,799
Adjustment for non-cash items	114,045	97,894	192,904
Changes in working capital	(8,406)	(48,130)	30,275
	138,485	147,055	309,978
Net Interest and taxation paid	(58,699)	(53,644)	(139,423)
Net cash generated by operating activities	79,786	93,411	170,555
Net cash used in investing activities	(178,132)	(105,622)	(304,336)
Net cash (used in)/generated by financing activities	(21,759)	(56,804)	299,078
Increase/(decrease) in cash and short term funds	(120,105)	(69,015)	165,297
Cash and short term funds – beginning of period	120,813	(44,385)	(44,385)
Currency adjustment – opening balance	–	–	(99)
Cash and short term funds – end of period	708	(113,400)	120,813

Notes:

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are consistent with those used in the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

2. Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share (EPS) for 2006 is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the year has been determined, in accordance with best practice, by deducting from the total number of issued shares of 249.765M, the 5.283M (2005: 5.643M) shares that were held as unallocated shares by our ESOP.