Trinidad Cement Limited 1997

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

for the year ended 31 December 1997

Thousands of dollars	Notes	1997	1996
Revenue Operating Profit Deferred Income Goodwill	3 4	446,783 99,621 3,611 (528)	364,158 74,817 3,611 (523)
Profit Before Taxation	5	102,704	77,905
Provision For Taxation	6	(12,370)	(2,342)
Profit After Taxation		90,334	75,563
Attributable To Minority Interests		(3,232)	(2,537)
Profit Attributable To Stockholders	7	87,102	73,026
Dividends		(30,000)	(24,690)
Retained Earnings - Beginning of Year		57,102 83,101	48,336 40,565

Reserve Movements	8	(5,977)	(5,800)
Retained Earnings - End of Year	8	134,226	83,101
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit		\$0.44	\$0.36

The attached statement and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND

RETAINED EARNINGS - PARENT

for the year ended 31 December 1997

Thousands of dollars	Notes	1997	1996
Revenue		294,698	249,618
Operating Profit		66,820	41,555
Dividend Income		8,532	7,888
Gain on Disposal of Investment in Subsidiary		-	14,721
Profit Before Taxation	5	75,352	64,164
Provision For Taxation	6	(10,385)	(1,012)
Profit After Taxation		64 , 967	63 , 152
Dividends	7	(30,000)	(24,690)
		34,967	38,462
Retained Earnings - Beginning Of Year		39,740	7,078

Reserve Movements Retained Earnings - End Of Year	8 8	(5,977) 68,730	(5,800) 39,740
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit After Gain on Disposal of Investment in Subsidiary		\$0.32	\$0.31
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit Before Gain on Disposal of Investment in Subsidiary		\$0.32	\$0.24

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