

# CARIBBEAN CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED 1999

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## RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

The Directors of the Caribbean Cement Company Limited report the Group's UNAUDITED RESULTS for the six months ended June 30, 1999.

	NOTE	1999	1998
Sales (including Exports) in tonnes		297,587	299,879
		J\$ MILLION	
Turnover		1,455.06	1,414.03
(Loss)/Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization		(190.31)	561.04
Depreciation and amortization		<u>125.83</u>	<u>100.75</u>
(Loss)/Earnings before interest and taxation		(316.14)	460.28
Interest income		-	-
Interest expense		482.45	<u>331.18</u>
(Loss)/Earnings from continuing operations		(798.59)	129.10
Exceptional items	2	<u>43.54</u>	<u>22.03</u>
(Loss)/Earnings before taxation		(842.13)	107.07
Taxation		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION		(842.13)	<u>107.07</u>

	\$	\$
(Loss)/Earnings per stock unit	(2.00)	0.25

#### NOTES

1 There were no changes in accounting policies during the period

2 Exceptional items represent redundancy costs incurred.

3 The net loss of \$842.13 million includes losses totalling \$42.07 million incurred by the subsidiary companies, Rockfort Mineral Bath Complex (\$0.76 million) and Jamaica Gypsum & Quarries (\$41.31 million).

At CCCL, amongst other costs, inventories were written down to net realisable value (\$102.5 million) and the Power Station spares completely provided for (\$64.0 million) while foreign exchange losses of (\$59.96 million) were incurred.

4 Clinker production for the period was 238,744 tonnes (1998 - 281,866 tonnes). Production was adversely affected by the unreliable power supply.

5 During June the profitability of the company was stabilised with a break-even position being achieved signalling the start of the turn-around. The Rights Issue was completed in July and the Sale and Lease-back transaction is scheduled to be completed in August thus completing the financial restructuring.

A contract was signed with Jamaica Public Service Company whereby CCCL will be supplied power from the national grid. This will result in greater plant reliability and reduced costs.