



TRINIDAD CEMENT LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED 3 Months Jan-Mar		AUDITED 12 months Jan-Dec 2005
	2006	2005	2005
REVENUE	401,938	342,345	1,429,834
OPERATING PROFIT	35,984	66,548	183,930
Finance costs – net	(30,161)	(23,179)	(97,131)
Profit before taxation	5,823	43,369	86,799
Provision for Taxation	8,850	(5,691)	66,968
Profit after taxation	14,673	37,678	153,767
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Parent	19,475	33,506	160,326
Minority Interests	(4,802)	4,172	(6,559)
	14,673	37,678	153,767
Earnings per Share (EPS) – basic and diluted, cents	8	14	66
Dividends per Ordinary Share, cents	–	–	15

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

Regional cement demand continues to be strong. Group revenue for the quarter was \$401.9 million, an increase of \$59.6 million (17%) from the prior period. Our Trinidad and Barbados subsidiaries recorded increased sales volumes of 16% and 34% in their domestic markets. Additionally, sales volumes at our Readymix and Packaging companies were higher than in the prior period.

The EPS has been negatively impacted by quality issues at Caribbean Cement Company Limited, which interrupted sales and production in the first quarter. A provision of \$15.5 million has been made for claims arising out of this incident. The quality concerns have been addressed and a comprehensive review of operating systems will soon be concluded, and appropriate measures implemented to ensure no recurrence. Operating profit was lower than the prior year period mainly as a result of the interruption at Caribbean Cement Company Limited as well as increased costs of fuel, electricity, spares and labour. At the end of the 1st quarter we did introduce a 12.5% price increase to negate these costs.

Total Net Assets at the end of the quarter stood at \$1.2 billion, an increase of 6% from the corresponding prior period.

Net cash generated by operating activities was \$56.9 million higher than the prior period mainly due to stringent management of working capital.

OUTLOOK

The quality issues at Caribbean Cement Company Limited and the accounting issues at Readymix (West Indies) Limited are now behind us. Together with the successful completion of phase one of the capacity upgrade at Trinidad Cement Limited, the scheduled completion of the Caribbean Cement Company Limited expansion program and the Guyana Bagging Plant in 2008 and mid 2006 respectively, the Group will continue to position itself to benefit from the projected growth in the domestic and export markets.

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Group Chairman
May 26, 2006

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Director/Group CEO
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED 31.03.2006	UNAUDITED 31.03.2005	AUDITED 31.12.2005
Non-Current Assets	2,113,655	1,878,654	2,165,924
Current Assets	795,196	520,731	782,226
Current Liabilities	(446,099)	(383,844)	(457,850)
Non-Current Liabilities	(1,297,011)	(915,435)	(1,351,182)
Total Net Assets	1,165,741	1,100,106	1,139,118
Share Capital	466,206	466,206	466,206
Reserves	593,067	509,430	565,635
Shareholders' Equity	1,059,273	975,636	1,031,841
Minority Interests	106,468	124,470	107,277
Total Equity	1,165,741	1,100,106	1,139,118

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

TT \$'000	UNAUDITED Quarter Ended 31.03.2006	UNAUDITED Quarter Ended 31.03.2005	AUDITED Year Ended 31.12.2005
Balance at beginning of period	1,031,841	939,374	939,374
Currency translation and other adjustments	(2,061)	2,756	(14,086)
Allocation to employees and sale of ESOP shares, net of dividend	–	–	4,249
Change in fair value of swap, net of tax	10,018	–	(3,073)
Profit attributable to shareholders	19,475	33,506	160,326
Dividends	–	–	(54,949)
Balance at end of period	1,059,273	975,636	1,031,841

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

TT \$'000	UNAUDITED Quarter Ended 31.03.2006	UNAUDITED Quarter Ended 31.03.2005	AUDITED Year ended 31.12.2005
Profit before taxation	5,823	43,369	86,799
Adjustment for non-cash items	57,749	47,196	192,904
Changes in working capital	56,250	(15,198)	30,275
	119,822	75,367	309,978
Net Interest and taxation paid	(25,656)	(38,084)	(139,423)
Net cash generated by operating activities	94,166	37,283	170,555
Net cash used in investing activities	(99,060)	(41,685)	(304,336)
Net cash (used) in/generated by financing activities	18,236	(24,776)	299,078
Increase/(decrease) in cash and short term funds	13,342	(29,178)	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	134,155	(73,563)	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 2005 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 (2004: 5.643M) shares that were held as unallocated shares by our ESOP.