



TRINIDAD CEMENT LIMITED

# CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

## FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED Three Months July to Sept		UNAUDITED Nine Months Jan to Sept		AUDITED Year Jan to Dec 2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007	
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>533,403</b>	<b>485,704</b>	<b>1,616,526</b>	<b>1,449,495</b>	<b>1,922,957</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT - before cement claims</b>	<b>45,312</b>	<b>77,719</b>	<b>211,250</b>	<b>254,679</b>	<b>351,374</b>
Cement claims - CCCL	—	—	—	—	(1,982)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT - after cement claims</b>	<b>45,312</b>	<b>77,719</b>	<b>211,250</b>	<b>254,679</b>	<b>349,392</b>
Finance costs - net	(19,240)	(24,372)	(56,542)	(76,656)	(103,666)
<b>Profit before Taxation</b>	<b>26,072</b>	<b>53,347</b>	<b>154,708</b>	<b>178,023</b>	<b>245,726</b>
Taxation	135	(10,926)	(25,396)	(33,280)	(34,283)
<b>Profit after taxation</b>	<b>26,207</b>	<b>42,421</b>	<b>129,312</b>	<b>144,743</b>	<b>211,443</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>					
Shareholders of the Parent	25,098	37,044	115,461	127,139	187,795
Minority Interests	1,109	5,377	13,851	17,604	23,648
	<b>26,207</b>	<b>42,421</b>	<b>129,312</b>	<b>144,743</b>	<b>211,443</b>
<b>Earnings per Share - basic and diluted, cents</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>77</b>

### DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

#### PERFORMANCE

The 2008 Third Quarter was very challenging for the Group, with Earnings Per Share (EPS) being 5 cents below that of the 2007 Third Quarter. Profitability for this period was particularly hard hit by softening markets, especially in Jamaica, increased fuel and electricity costs, cement and clinker production shortfalls caused by the effects of Hurricane Gustav in Jamaica and delays in commissioning of the Caribbean Cement Company Limited's (CCCL) Kiln 5. These resulted in greater usage of imported product by the Group at a significantly escalated cost. These factors contributed to a decline in operating profit by \$32.4M compared to the third quarter of 2007.

Revenue for the nine months of 2008 increased by \$167.1M (12%) over the corresponding 2007 period, primarily as a result of 46.5k tonnes (3%) higher cement sales volume and price increases implemented in our domestic and export markets to mitigate rising input costs (mainly energy). For the nine months of 2008 the Group reported an EPS of 47 cents compared to 52 cents in the prior year period. Trinidad Cement Limited (TCL), Readymix (West Indies) Limited (RML) and TCL Packaging Limited (TPL) surpassed their 2007 nine month performances. However, Caribbean Cement Company Limited (CCCL) fell behind due to lower production in the third quarter arising from inclement weather, reduced demand and the transitioning to the new kiln 5. The CCCL kiln 5 commissioning was successfully completed at the end of September 2008. Although Arawak Cement Company Limited (ACCL) has corrected earlier production issues, its performance has fallen below that of 2007 largely because of higher energy costs.

The tax credit for the Third Quarter of 2008 was due mainly to losses incurred by CCCL in the Third Quarter. For the nine months, the Group generated cash from operating activities of \$330.3 million and invested \$387.3 million, mainly in its expansion project at CCCL in Jamaica. Our debt to equity ratio at the period end was 86 percent.

#### OUTLOOK

We are still evaluating the impact of the Global financial turmoil, but expect some softening in regional demand. Price adjustments have been implemented in all our markets to mitigate the rising input costs. Construction work for the new Mill 5 in Jamaica is progressing smoothly with the completion date for this plant now scheduled for the second quarter of 2009.

Andy J. Bhajan

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Group Chairman  
November 10, 2008

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### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED 30.09.2008	UNAUDITED 30.09.2007	AUDITED 31.12.2007
Non-Current Assets	2,998,390	2,600,729	2,748,717
Current Assets	799,468	881,301	872,876
Current Liabilities	(700,425)	(578,097)	(591,873)
Non-Current Liabilities	(1,569,166)	(1,531,581)	(1,587,466)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,528,267</b>	<b>1,372,352</b>	<b>1,442,254</b>
Share Capital	466,206	466,206	466,206
Reserves	921,331	794,246	847,529
<b>Equity attributable to the Parent</b>	<b>1,387,537</b>	<b>1,260,452</b>	<b>1,313,735</b>
Minority Interests	140,730	111,900	128,519
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,528,267</b>	<b>1,372,352</b>	<b>1,442,254</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED Nine Months Jan to Sept 2008	UNAUDITED Nine Months Jan to Sept 2007	AUDITED YEAR Jan to Dec 2007
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>1,313,735</b>	<b>1,158,981</b>	<b>1,158,981</b>
Currency translation and other adjustments	(24,051)	(8,589)	(12,043)
Allocation to employees and sale of ESOP shares, net of dividend	606	19	3,235
Change in fair value of swap, net of tax	(730)	(2,130)	(9,247)
Profit attributable to shareholders of the Parent	115,461	127,139	187,795
Dividends	(17,484)	(14,968)	(14,986)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>1,387,537</b>	<b>1,260,452</b>	<b>1,313,735</b>

### CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

TT\$'000	UNAUDITED Nine Months Jan to Sept 2008	UNAUDITED Nine Months Jan to Sept 2007	AUDITED YEAR Jan to Dec 2007
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>154,708</b>	<b>178,023</b>	<b>245,726</b>
Adjustment for non-cash items	175,579	165,421	209,121
Changes in working capital	330,287	343,444	454,847
	(53,513)	(74,701)	(29,034)
Net Interest and taxation paid	276,774	268,743	425,813
	(72,851)	(82,643)	(117,577)
Net cash generated by operating activities	203,923	186,100	308,236
Net cash used in investing activities	(387,261)	(285,799)	(433,429)
Net cash (used in)/generated by financing activities	(81,919)	65,666	122,406
Decrease in cash and short term funds	(265,257)	(34,033)	(2,787)
Currency adjustment - opening balance	—	—	2,873
Cash and short term funds - beginning of period	31,881	31,795	31,795
<b>Cash and short term funds - end of period</b>	<b>(233,376)</b>	<b>(2,238)</b>	<b>31,881</b>

#### NOTES:

- 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, 2007.
- Earnings Per Share**  
Earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the period has been determined, by deducting from the total number of issued shares of 249.765M, the 4.617M (2007: 5.087M) shares that were held as unallocated shares by our ESOP.
- Accounts Receivable**  
Included in our accounts receivable is an amount of US\$3.4M, due from a foreign Government entity, the collection of which has proven to be protracted. There is no evidence at this time to suggest that this amount will not be received.
- Loan Covenants**  
Certain loan covenants at the balance sheet date were not satisfied, however the Group has received waivers to remedy this situation.
- Short-term Funds**  
During the Third Quarter of 2008 the Group accelerated internal funding of its long term Expansion & Modernization project with a consequential increase in short-term borrowing. The Group is finalizing additional long-term debt of US\$25 million to enhance our liquidity, which still maintains our Debt to Equity ratio below the benchmark of 100 percent.