

## PRESS RELEASE

### Cementir Holding acquires assets in Belgium from HeidelbergCement

**Rome, 25 July 2016** – Aalborg Portland Holding A/S, a subsidiary indirectly 100% controlled by Cementir Holding, has entered into an agreement with Ciments Français S.A.S, a company controlled by Italcementi and a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, to acquire operations in Belgium, primarily consisting of Italcementi's Belgian subsidiary Compagnie des Ciments Belges S.A. (CCB). HeidelbergCement committed to divest the Belgian assets to the European Commission in order to address competition concerns caused by the Italcementi acquisition. The agreement is subject to the approval of the European Commission. The transaction has an enterprise value of EUR 312 million on a cash and debt-free basis. The closing is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to be closed in the second half of 2016.

Francesco Caltagirone, Chairman and CEO of Cementir Holding commented: "This acquisition is a unique strategic opportunity to diversify our geographical presence in the core of Western Europe with high quality assets and vertically integrated business as well as to increase our exposure to the aggregate business. The plant of Gaurain-Ramecroix is the largest integrated cement plant in France-Benelux, has a state-of-the-art technology and long-life mineral reserves".

In 2015 the disposed assets totaled pro forma sales of around EUR 180 million, with 1.8 million tons of cement volumes sold, 4.8 mt of aggregates and 0.8 mm<sup>3</sup> of ready-mixed concrete. The acquired business employed 434 people at the end of 2015.

A pool of banks committed to make available to Cementir Holding group an acquisition financing scheme with new loans available for the transaction and to refinance existing loans.

#### About HeidelbergCement

HeidelbergCement is one of the world's largest integrated manufacturers of building materials with leading market positions in aggregates, cement, and ready-mixed concrete. Following the acquisition of Italcementi, the company employs some 63,000 people at more than 3,000 locations in around 60 countries.

**CEMENTIR HOLDING** is a multinational group that produces and distributes grey and white cement, ready-mixed concrete, aggregates and concrete products. Cementir Holding is part of Caltagirone Group and has been listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 1955, currently in the STAR segment. Through its subsidiaries Aalborg Portland, Cimentas and Cementir Italia, Cementir Holding operates in 16 countries across 5 continents.

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