

Cementir Holding: Shareholders' Meeting approves 2007 financial statements

**Dividend of EUR 0.12 per share approved (+20%)
New Board of Auditors appointed
First Environmental Report presented
New plant in China by 2009**

Rome, 16 April 2008 – The Ordinary Shareholders' meeting of Cementir Holding was held today in Rome under the chairmanship of Francesco Caltagirone Jr..

The shareholders approved the financial statements at 31 December 2007. Among the main consolidated performance figures, revenues rose by 9% to EUR 1.15 billion, EBITDA increased by 11% to EUR 274 million and EBIT rose 9.1% to EUR 197.3 million. Group net profit totalled EUR 140.4 million, up 23.1%.

Acting on a proposal of the Board of Directors, the shareholders approved a dividend for 2007 of EUR 0.12 per share, up 20% on the previous year. Payment is scheduled for 22 May 2008, with an ex dividend date of 19 May 2008.

The Shareholders' Meeting also elected the Board of Auditors for the three years 2008, 2009 and 2010 on the basis of a single slate of candidates submitted by the majority shareholder Calt 2004.

The members of the Board of Auditors are as follows: Claudio Bianchi (Chairman); Carlo Schiavone and Giampiero Tasco (standing auditors); Federico Malorni, Maria Assunta Coluccia and Vincenzo Sportelli, (alternate auditors).

During the meeting, the Chairman, Francesco Caltagirone Jr., also announced the construction of a new white cement plant in China with a capacity of 600 thousand metric tons. The investment will amount to about EUR 60 million and the plant is expected to enter service by the end of 2009.

The Chairman also presented Cementir's first Environmental Report, prepared in response to the need to bring the Group into line with the standards adopted by its main international competitors, to highlight the investments that the Group is making to reduce environmental impact, to enhance workplace safety, and to illustrate the social initiatives launched by the Group in the regions in which it has production facilities. Another objective of the Environmental Report is to ensure the adoption of common environmentally sensitive operating procedures in all the countries in which the Group operates.

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