

TITAN CEMENT GROUP
1st QUARTER 2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Titan Group sales for the 1st quarter 2003 were € 209 m., an 8% decrease compared to the previous year. Operating EBITDA at € 42 m. was down by 15% versus the prior year. Net profits for the Group, after minority interests and provision for taxes, were € 5 m., a decrease of 72% versus the previous year.

As we have mentioned in the previous years, the 1st quarter financial results are not representative of the entire year, due to the seasonality in demand for the Group's products. Especially the 1st quarter of 2003, the weather conditions were extremely adverse in the mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.A. and in the South-eastern Europe.

At the same time, the large devaluation of the Egyptian pound in January 2003 affected the extra-ordinary results by € 11 m. net of the initial provision of € 5 m. established in 2002.

The devaluation of the Dollar against the Euro, by 25% for the respective period, had a negative impact in revenues from sales in the U.S., but on the other hand it significantly reduced borrowings and increased provisions. In case the decline of the Dollar against the Euro does not invert, the previously mentioned provisions, now standing at € 34 m., will have a positive impact in the financial results during the gradual repayment of the loans.

High fuel prices also had a negative impact during the first couple of months of the year, particularly pet coke, the price of which spiked due to the strikes in Venezuela, the major supplier of pet coke in the global market.

Looking more specifically at each market the Group operates:

- In Greece, demand for cement and aggregates fell due to weather conditions during the first three months.
- In the mid-Atlantic region of the U.S.A., demand experienced a significant fall, however Florida, which is not affected by the winter climate, demand remained at high levels.
- In Egypt, there was a big slow down in the adjustment of cement prices in the new conditions that were formed after the serious depreciation of the currency. As a result 1st quarter results are negative, and it can be seen in the financial statement as "Losses from equity participations". However, a turn of the particularly competitive Egyptian cement industry towards exports, allows for the absorption of a big proportion of the production capacity surplus, which had pushed down prices in the local market.

- In Western Balkans, heavy winter kept sales in particularly low levels, but on the contrary, Bulgaria experienced conditions similar to the previous year.

Sales of the parent company, Titan Cement Company SA, decreased by 6% at € 86 m., operating EBITDA reached € 28 m., reduced by 5% while, net profits after taxes reached € 17 m., an increase of 3%.

The General Annual Meeting of Shareholders will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 13:00 in the Grand Bretagne Hotel.

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