

Cementir Holding: Shareholders' Meeting approves 2009 financial statements

Dividend of EUR 0.06 per share approved

Article 10 of Company's bylaws amended

Study under way for investment of EUR 150 million at Taranto plant

Expansion of waste management operations in Turkey

Rome, 19 April 2010 – The Ordinary and Extraordinary 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 2009. Cementir Holding closed the 2009 financial year with a net profit of EUR 29.8 million (EUR 65.3 million at 31 December 2008), revenues of EUR 822.5 million (EUR 1.09 billion at 31 December 2008), and EBITDA of EUR 135.5 million (EUR 209.2 million at 31 December 2008).

Acting on a proposal of the Board of Directors, the shareholders approved a dividend for 2009 of EUR 0.06 per share (EUR 0.08 per share the previous year). Payment is scheduled for 27 May 2010, with an ex dividend date of 24 May 2010.

Meeting in extraordinary session, the shareholders also approved the proposed amendment to Article 10 of the Company's bylaws granting the Board of Directors the power to amend the bylaws whenever required to ensure their compliance with the law.

During the meeting, the Chairman, Francesco Caltagirone Jr., announced that a project for the complete refurbishing of the Taranto production facility, originally built in the early 1960s, was under study. A final decision will be taken by the summer. The project, which envisages an investment of about EUR 150 million over three years, will be focused on increasing industrial efficiency and mitigating environmental impact, both in terms of energy consumption and atmospheric emissions.

Discussion also touched on waste management operations in Turkey, which began in 2009 with the acquisition by the subsidiary Cimentas of Sureko AS, a leader in the Turkish market for industrial waste management and the production of alternative fuels.

The Group intends to develop this line of business through an investment plan totalling about EUR 50 million over the next two years, with estimated direct and indirect benefits of about EUR 20 million a year (at unchanged exchange rates) by 2012.

Finally, a project to double production capacity in Malaysia is also under examination.

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Oprandino Arrivabene, as the manager responsible for preparing the Company's financial reports, certifies, pursuant to Article 154-bis (2) of the Consolidated Law on Financial Intermediation, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds with that contained in company documents, books and accounting records.

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