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Lafarge To Build A New Production Line in Bouskoura, Morocco

Lafarge has today announced the decision by Lafarge Ciments (Morocco), its 50% subsidiary, to build a new production line in Bouskoura, Morocco, to increase the cement capacity by over 900,000 tonnes.

This investment will significantly reinforce the plant's profitability. The production is scheduled to start at the beginning of 2006. The project is expected to create value quickly, due to market growth.

"Together with the successful start of our new cement plant in Tetouan, the increase of capacity in Bouskoura will enable us to pursue our development with very good returns in this fast-growing market. This is perfectly consistent with Lafarge's long-term business strategy, particularly directed towards growing markets", said Bernard Kasriel, CEO of Lafarge.

Notes to the Editors:

1. Lafarge Ciments, a 50% subsidiary of Lafarge held in partnership with SNI (Société Nationale d'Investissement), has 4 cement plants in Bouskoura, Tangiers, Meknes and Tetouan, and a total capacity of 4.2 million tonnes, before the increase in capacity of the Bouskoura plant. In 2003, Lafarge Ciments posted sales of 275.3 million euros and a consolidated income of 106.5 million euros, increasing by 12.5% and 18.5% respectively, compared with 2002.
2. Overall, in 2003, the Cement division of the Lafarge Group posted a 46% share of its sales and a 42% share of its operating income in developing countries.
3. Lafarge, the world leader in building materials, holds top-ranking positions in all four of its Divisions: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete, Roofing and Gypsum. Lafarge employs 75,000 people in 75 countries and posted sales of €13.6 billion and operating income of €1.9 billion in 2003. Additional information is available on the web site at www.lafarge.com.

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