

# GROUP STATISTICS

(Unaudited, not forming part of the Consolidated Financial Statements)

(Millions of US dollars)	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Profit and Loss Account</b>					
Net Sales					
USA Fibre Cement	\$ 1,262.3	\$ 1,218.4	\$ 939.2	\$ 738.6	\$ 599.7
Asia Pacific Fibre Cement	251.7	241.8	236.1	219.8	174.3
Other	28.9	28.3	35.1	23.5	9.6
Worldwide total	\$ 1,542.9	\$ 1,488.5	\$ 1,210.4	\$ 981.9	\$ 783.6
<b>Operating Income</b>					
USA Fibre Cement	\$ 362.4	\$ 342.6	\$ 241.5	\$ 195.6	\$ 155.1
Asia Pacific Fibre Cement	39.4	41.7	46.8	37.6	27.3
Research and Development	(17.1)	(15.7)	(17.5)	(17.6)	(13.0)
Other	(9.3)	(26.5)	(11.8)	(15.9)	(10.7)
Segments total	375.4	342.1	259.0	199.7	158.7
General Corporate	(56.5)	(61.4)	(62.8)	(27.5)	(29.9)
Asbestos provision	(405.5)	(715.6)	–	–	–
Total operating (loss) income	(86.6)	(434.9)	196.2	172.2	128.8
Net interest expense	(6.5)	(0.2)	(5.1)	(10.0)	(19.9)
Other (expense) income, net	–	–	(1.3)	3.5	0.7
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(93.1)	(435.1)	189.8	165.7	109.6
Income tax benefit (expense)	243.9	(71.6)	(61.9)	(40.4)	(26.1)
Income (loss) income from continuing operations	\$ 150.8	\$ (506.7)	\$ 127.9	\$ 125.3	\$ 83.5
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle for stock-based compensation	0.9	–	–	–	–
Net income	\$ 151.7	\$ (506.7)	\$ 127.9	\$ 125.3	\$ 83.5
Dividends paid	\$ 42.1	\$ 45.9	\$ 13.7	\$ 22.9	\$ 34.3
<b>Balance Sheet</b>					
Net current assets	\$ 259.0	\$ 150.8	\$ 180.2	\$ 195.9	\$ 159.4
Total assets	\$ 2,128.1	\$ 1,445.4	\$ 1,088.9	\$ 971.2	\$ 851.8
Long-term debt <sup>1</sup>	\$ 105.0	\$ 121.7	\$ 147.4	\$ 165.0	\$ 165.0
Shareholders' equity	\$ 258.7	\$ 94.9	\$ 624.7	\$ 504.7	\$ 434.7
<b>Other Statistics</b>					
Number of employees:					
USA Fibre Cement	1,868	2,174	1,820	1,722	1,500
Asia Pacific Fibre Cement	835	854	892	955	931
Research and Development	101	118	131	117	107
Other	90	107	241	245	283
Corporate	50	50	38	34	34
Total from continuing operations	2,944	3,303	3,122	3,073	2,855
Number of shareholders	14,776	14,679	17,347	22,600	21,688
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:					
Basic	464.6	461.7	458.9	458.1	456.7
Diluted	466.4	461.7	461.0	461.4	459.4
Capital expenditures <sup>2</sup>	\$ 92.1	\$ 162.8	\$ 153.0	\$ 74.1	\$ 90.2
Depreciation and amortisation <sup>3</sup>	\$ 50.7	\$ 45.3	\$ 36.3	\$ 36.4	\$ 27.4
Dividends paid per share <sup>4</sup>	9.0¢	10.0¢	3.0¢	5.0¢	7.5¢
Return of capital per share <sup>5</sup>	–	–	–	15.0¢	20.0¢
Basic earnings (loss) per share – continuing operations <sup>6</sup>	32.7¢	(110.0¢)	27.9¢	27.4¢	18.3¢
Diluted earnings (loss) per share – continuing operations <sup>7</sup>	32.5¢	(110.0¢)	27.7¢	27.2¢	18.2¢
Gearing ratio <sup>8</sup>	12.8%	(1.6)%	6.8%	17.0%	21.4%

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes current portion of long term debt. The US\$ notes were repaid on 8 May 2006. See Note 9.

<sup>2</sup> Capital investment on property, plant and equipment includes both cash and credit purchases, and is for continuing operations only.

<sup>3</sup> Information for depreciation and amortisation is for continuing operations only.

<sup>4</sup> Dividends paid divided by the weighted average number of ordinary and employee shares on issue during the year.

<sup>5</sup> On 19 November 2003, the Company paid a capital return of US\$0.15 per share to shareholders for a total of US\$68.7 million.

On 1 November 2002, the Company paid a capital return of US\$0.20 per share to shareholders for a total of \$94.8 million.

<sup>6</sup> Net income divided by the weighted average number of ordinary and employee shares on issue during the year.

<sup>7</sup> Diluted EPS is similar to basic EPS except that the weighted average number of common shares outstanding is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the dilutive potential common shares, such as options, had been issued.

<sup>8</sup> Borrowings less cash (net debt) divided by net debt plus total shareholders' equity.