

LAFARGE CEMENT ZIMBABWE LIMITED UNAUDITED PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The first half of the 2022 financial year was characterised by monetary policy fragility which led to aggressive inflation and depreciation of the foreign currency exchange rate. As a result, the monetary authorities implemented tight policy measures, including an upward review of the bank interest rate from 80% to 200%. Policy measures led to monthly inflation coming down from a 23-month high of 30.7% in June 2022 to close the year at 2.4% in December 2022. Annual inflation closed 2022 at 243.7%, up from 60.7% in the previous year, reflecting the inherent vulnerabilities in the local currency and the general pricing of goods.

The country's overall economic performance was suppressed, with an annual growth of 3.0% in 2022 (2021: 6.3%) against a target of 3.9%.

The influx of cheap imported cement posed a serious threat to the domestic industry which has enough capacity to meet national demand. Constructive engagement continued with the regulatory authorities in an endeavour to obtain the required support.

The Company resumed production of cement at both mills in mid-February 2022 following the October 2021 incident which resulted in the roof over both cement mills collapsing. During the second half of the year, the Company successfully commissioned the Vertical Cement Mill (VCM) and subsequently decommissioned Mill 1 which had the least capacity. The VCM doubled the Company's milling capacity to 1 million tons per annum and bolstered its ability to supply high strength cement of improved quality and, at the same time, reduced the production costs. In December 2022, there was a change of the Company's majority shareholding which saw a local consortium acquire the 76.4% stake in the business, previously held by Associated International Cement Limited. Accordingly, the Company embarked on a transformation and rebranding journey in line with the changes in the majority shareholding.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I hereby present the unaudited financial results for the year ended 31 December 2022. Finalisation of the 2022 external audit has been impacted by the transition from the Holcim Group following the change in the shareholding structure. The Company and the external Auditors are concluding the audit process to enable the publishing of the audited results in a matter of weeks.

STRATEGIC AGENDA

The Company implemented the Lafarge Holcim 2022 Vision – Building for Growth, focusing on the key strategic pillars of Winning at the Customer, Creating Sustainable Industrial Performance, Building Winning Teams and Restoring Profitability.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Health, safety and environmental issues continue to be at the core of the Company's values, supported by policies and programs tailored to achieve zero harm in its operations. The Company has a zero-tolerance attitude towards negligence in the workplace. Health, safety, environment and quality systems are continually upgraded and improved, in line with world class standards to enhance performance in accordance with the Company's Zero Harm policy.

The Board and Management are committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for employees, contractors and all our stakeholders. During the year under review, it is pleasing to report that no fatalities or serious injuries were recorded at any of the Company's operations or projects. During the same period, the Company did not incur any environmental penalties.

INFLATION ADJUSTED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Inflation adjusted revenues were constant at ZWL 24.4 billion (2021: 24.6 billion) over the comparative period. Cement production volumes decreased by 15% as a result following of the cement mill roof collapsed incident, production ramp up after the commissioning of the VCM was also slow as tests had to be conducted before the mill could perform at optimal levels. Sales volumes decreased by 19% in line with the trend in production volumes. The Company also witnessed increased costs as a result of increased third party and plant maintenance costs. Consequently, margins dropped to 32.5% compared to 49.6% in the prior year.

The Company managed to maintain a tight control over its operating expenditure as total expenses fell by 7.6%. Distribution expenses declined by 77.1% whilst administrative costs remained fairly constant over the comparative period.

Despite the operating cost containment efforts, the lower volumes and inflationary pressures weighed down the overall performance of the Company to a loss before tax of ZWL 17.3 billion compared to a profit before tax of ZWL 1.7 billion in 2021. Exchange rate losses increased by 490% and were the major driver of the decline in profitability.

The Dry Mortars business performance was adversely affected by raw material shortages, including key imported materials, owing to foreign currency shortages.

BORROWINGS

The Company had net long term borrowings of ZWL 9.2 billion for the year under review (2021: ZWL 2.3 billion).

HYPERINFLATION AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

As previously reported, the Public Accountants and Auditors Board (PAAB), declared that Zimbabwe met the conditions for financial reporting of an economy in hyperinflation with effect from 1 July 2019. Consequently, all entities reporting under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) are required to comply with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 29 'Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies'. The business therefore continues to present hyperinflation adjusted financial statements on which the commentary is based. Historical information has been presented as unaudited supplementary information.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The business concluded the implementation of the previously announced USD 25 million capital expansion program. The final phase of this three-pronged investment plan was the commissioning of the VCM in 2022, following the successful installation of alternative power infrastructure in 2020 and the completion of the automated Dry Mortars plant in 2021.

BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

Mr. Geoffrey Ndugwa resigned as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors with effect from 1 December 2022. He was replaced by Mr. Innocent Chikwata. The Board is confident that Mr. Chikwata will lead the business effectively to deliver shareholder value. Mr. Amr Aly Moaify resigned as Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Board of Directors with effect from 1 December 2022. He was replaced by Mr. Willcott Dzuda.

Mrs. Gloria Eva Zvaravanhu resigned as an Independent Non-Executive Director, Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and member of the Safety Health & Environmental and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee with effect from 19 December 2022. Mr. Shepherd Shonhiwa resigned as an Independent Non-Executive Director and member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee as well as the Safety Health & Environmental and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee with effect from 31 December 2022. Mr. John William Stull resigned as a Non-Executive Director effective 1 December 2022. I would like to thank Mr. Ndugwa, Mr. Moaify, Mrs. Zvaravanhu, Mr. Shonhiwa and Mr. Stull for their dedicated service to the Company during their respective tenures.

DIVIDEND

Due to the prevailing uncertainties in the economic environment and the desire to ensure that adequate working capital is maintained in the business, the Directors have not declared a dividend.

APPRECIATION

I would like to extend a very special word of gratitude to our customers, suppliers and various stakeholders who have contributed to the success of the business, to all the employees for trusting and co-operating with the leadership direction to manage the various headwinds encountered during the year under review.

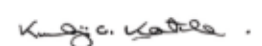
OUTLOOK

We welcome and support efforts by Government and regulatory agencies to stabilise the macro-economic environment and maintain the viability of the cement industry. The need to regulate cement imports, bring inflation under control, address the shortages of electricity supply and an improvement in the state of the global economy are likely to be dominant factors in the Company's performance for the year 2023. The Company will also continue to adapt its business strategy so as to thrive in the ever-changing environment.

Encouraging signs are being observed in the individual household sector and Government-funded infrastructure projects. There is also higher economic activity in the agricultural sector which is being spurred by Government-driven initiatives. The Company is uniquely positioned to support the agricultural sector through its Dry Mortar Products which include agricultural lime. Consequently, the Directors are satisfied with the positive trend in production, sales and profitability recovery despite power outages, and that overall performance will continue improving going forward.

The change of the Company's name from Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe Limited to Khayah Cement Limited will be dealt with at the forthcoming EGM scheduled for 7 July, 2023. This will pave way for resumption of trading of the Company's shares on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange.

By Order of the Board


K. C. Katsande
Chairman of the Board of Directors

29 June 2023

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the preparation of the financial statements and related information. The financial statements are prepared with the intention to comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"), the requirements of the Companies and Other Business Entities Act (Chapter 24:31) and Securities and Exchange (Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listing Requirements) Rules 2019 ("the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Listings Requirements").

The Directors are also responsible for the systems of internal control. These are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements and to safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of assets and to prevent and detect material misstatements and losses. The systems are implemented and monitored by suitably trained personnel with an appropriate segregation of authority and duties. Nothing has come to the attention of the Directors to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and systems has occurred during the year under review.

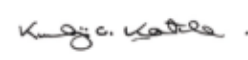
The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Directors have reviewed the Company's current operational performance, the forecasts for the three-year period from 1 January 2023, the projected cashflows for the forecast period, the recent commissioning of the Vertical Cement Mill (VCM) and the coming on board of a new shareholder. On the basis of this review and assessment of the current financial position, the Directors believe that the Company will remain a going concern for the foreseeable future. However, the Directors believe that under the current economic environment, a continuous assessment of the ability of the Company to continue to operate as a going concern will need to be performed to determine the continued appropriateness of the going concern assumption that has been applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

Compliance with IFRSs

The financial statements are prepared with the aim of complying fully with IFRSs. IFRSs comprise standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations developed and issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRS IC") or by the former Standing Interpretations Committee ("SIC"). Complying with IFRSs is intended to achieve consistency with the financial reporting framework adopted by the ultimate parent Company, Montanavalley (Private) Limited which is incorporated in Zimbabwe

The Company has translated all foreign currency transactions arising in both the 2021 and 2022 financial years, and the related balances at the end of both periods using the RBZ interbank exchange rates mid-rate. Therefore, all foreign currency transactions and balances are converted using the RBZ interbank rate mid-rate.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 were approved by the Board of Directors on 29 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



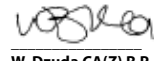
K. C. Katsande
Chairman
29 June 2023



I. Chikwata
Chief Executive Officer
29 June 2023

PREPARER OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of:



W. Dzuda CA(Z) R.P. Acc
Chief Finance Officer
PAAB No 00207
29 June 2023

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Inflation Adjusted		Historical Cost	
	2022 ZWL'000	*Restated 2021 ZWL'000	Unaudited 2022 ZWL'000	Unaudited *Restated 2021 ZWL'000
Revenue	24,436,516	24,666,442	17,579,460	5,586,097
Cost of sales	(16,748,391)	(12,429,537)	(9,862,695)	(2,788,563)
Gross profit	7,688,125	12,236,905	7,716,765	2,797,534
Other income	222,734	29,535	200,363	6,620
Distribution expenses	(866,464)	(1,534,124)	(599,994)	(329,035)
Administration expenses	(9,573,945)	(9,523,333)	(7,808,700)	(2,131,800)
Other expenses	(13,405,482)	(2,555,552)	(13,238,849)	(788,967)
Finance costs	(2,039,611)	(1,155,238)	(1,572,711)	(263,871)
Net monetary gain	4,772,667	1,899,540	-	-
Loss before income tax	(13,201,976)	(602,267)	(15,303,126)	(709,519)
Income tax (expense)/credit	(4,068,992)	2,271,618	(1,264,429)	818,573
(Loss)/profit for the year	(17,270,968)	1,669,351	(16,567,555)	109,054
Other comprehensive income net of tax	14,557,478	4,336,592	24,099,825	2,249,816
Total profit and comprehensive income for the year	(2,713,490)	6,005,943	7,532,270	2,358,870
Number of shares	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000
(Losses)/Earnings per share (in ZWL per share)				
Basic	(215.89)	20.87	(207.09)	1.36
Diluted	(215.89)	20.87	(207.09)	1.36
Headline	(216.22)	18.67	(207.38)	0.84



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