

Cementos Molins net profit has increased by 10% up to September and reaches 70 million euros

The cement plant in Colombia is launched after a joint investment of 380 million dollars with the multinational Corona

October, 30th 2019_Cementos Molins has released today its results pertaining to the third quarter of 2019, a period where the net profit has reached 70 million euros, what represents a 10% growth compared to the same period of the previous year. In comparable terms regarding exchange rates and hyperinflation adjustment in Argentina, the net profit up to September increases by 16%.

The good result reached in Spain has been limited by the market slowdown in Mexico and the depreciation of Argentine peso.

The group's income has increased to 594 million euros, what represents an increase of 8% compared to the same period of previous year (+17% without exchange rate variation), due to a greater activity mainly in Spain and Argentina.

During the first nine months of the year, the EBITDA has grown by 6% compared to the same period of the previous year (+16% in comparable terms). EBITDA margin amounts to 24.1%.

Net financial debt increased to 177 million euros as of 30 September 2019, which represents a decrease of 1% with regard to 31 December 2018 (and 10% in comparable terms) and a multiple Net financial debt / EBITDA of 0.9x.

In the investment section, during the first nine months of 2019, Cementos Molins has allocated 64 million euros, mainly in the building of a new plant in Colombia, which has been operating satisfactorily during October, and the enlargement of the San Luis plant (Argentina).

Julio Rodríguez, CEO of Cementos Molins, has highlighted that ***“in an environment of great volatility and global economic slowdown, the results reached by the company between January and September 2019 consolidate our position in the market and, together with the start-up of the plant in Colombia, allow us to start 2020 with renewed ambition.”***

A 380-million-dollar investment in Colombia

On the other hand, Empresa Colombiana de Cementos (Ecocementos), a company held by Cementos Molins (50%) and the multinational Corona (50%), has confirmed the start of production in its new cement plant in the municipality of Sonsón, Antioquia, in Colombia. The installation has represented an investment beyond a billion Colombian pesos, approximately 380 million dollars, and it will reach a production capacity of up to 1,500,000 tonnes of cement per year.

The new plant can be highlighted for including the best technology available, for establishing the highest priorities in energy efficiency and environmental protection and it has already started the production of cement under Alion brand, a new product aimed at the Colombian market.



The building of the plant has also provided a boost to the local economy, entailing the creation of 120 direct jobs and 180 indirect jobs.

Ecocementos is a business alliance merging the global experience and number of operations of Cementos Molins in the cement sector with Corona's knowledge of the building and refurbishing market, the distribution channels and mineral reserves in a market with great potential such as the Colombian.

The start of the operation in the Colombia plant is a new example of the sustained move for the internationalization of Cementos Molins, having other 11 integrated plants manufacturing cement distributed among Spain, Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Tunisia and Bolivia.

Following the directives of the European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA) on Alternative Performance Measures (APM), of mandatory application to regulated information, the information and breakdowns regarding APM which are used in this Press Release are included in the "Results information. Third Quarter 2019," sent by the Company to the Spanish Securities Exchange Commission.

Regarding Corona. *Corona is a Colombian multinational with more than 135 years of business history focused on the manufacturing and marketing of products for the home, building, industry, agriculture and the energy sector. Corona includes 20 manufacturing plants in Colombia, 3 in USA, 3 in Central America and 3 in Mexico, together with a global supply office in China. It has created more than 9,000 employments and it exports its products to various markets around the world, including the USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Central America, the Caribbean, Italia, Spain and the United Kingdom.*

Regarding Cementos Molins Group *Cementos Molins Group has 90 years of experience in the cement industry and it is one of the most important companies in the cement sector in our country and it is active in Spain, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, Tunisia and Bangladesh. In addition to cement, it participates in the business of concrete, aggregates, prefabricated concrete, special mortars and adhesive cement, as well as environmental activities. These activities are carried out through the companies Cementos Molins Industrial, SA; Promotora Mediterránea-2, SA; Prefabricaciones y Contratas, SA; y Propamsa, SA; and those where capital is held: Cementos Avellaneda, SA; Cementos Artigas, SA; Corporación Moctezuma, SA de C.V., Itacamba Cemento, SA, Sotacib, Sotacib Kairouan, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, Empresa Colombiana de Cementos e Insumos and Agregados de Colombia.*

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