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OCI Announces First Half 2007 Results

Summary of Results for the First Half Ended 30 June 2007:

- Consolidated revenue grew 43% to US\$ 1,731.3 million (LE 9,874.1 million) versus US\$ 1,214.9 million (LE 6,989.5 million) in H1 2006
- EBITDA rose 48% to US\$ 515.0 million (LE 2,937.0 million) versus US\$ 347.7 million (LE 2,000.7 million) in H1 2006
- Net income increased 46% to US\$ 307.1 million (LE 1,751.5 million) versus US\$ 210.1 million (LE 1,208.6 million) in H1 2006
- Consolidated EBITDA margin of 30% and operating margin of 25%
- Annualized return on equity of 43% (H1 2006, 41%)

Cement

- Cement Group EBITDA grew 55% during H1 2007
- Cement Group sold 8.4 million tonnes during H1 2007, up 32%
- Main contributions from Algerian, Egyptian, northern Iraqi and Spanish operations
- Ready-mix concrete sales 4.5x same period last year as a result of new investments and the acquisition of a 50% stake in Spanish Group GLA

Construction

- Construction revenue grew 50% and EBITDA grew 64% during H1 2007
- Backlog as at 30 June 2007 stood at US\$ 3.5 billion (LE 19.7 billion), compared to US\$ 2.2 billion as at 31 December 2006
- Construction Group recorded US\$ 1.8 billion in new contract awards during the second quarter of 2007, a 145% increase over the same period last year



Statement from the Chief Executive Officer

Orascom Construction Industries (OCI) maintained its 2007 growth momentum with solid first half results. Consolidated revenue grew 43%, EBITDA rose 48% and net income increased 46% in dollar terms over the same period last year. We continue to generate exceptional returns for our shareholders.

Our Cement Group continues to pursue attractive opportunities in emerging markets. We have recently announced two major breakthrough investments in Sangwon Cement (DPRK) and Mafikeng Cement (South Africa) adding five million tonnes of annual cement production capacity to our future pipeline. Our acquisition of a 50% stake in Sangwon Cement secures us a first entry advantage in a frontier emerging market. Our investment in South Africa reinforces our position as the largest cement group on the African continent. We are now active in Africa's four largest economies.

Equipment, procurement and construction contracts have already been signed for our greenfield plants in Syria and Saudi Arabia, award decisions are being finalized for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Sangwon Cement plant, and equipment orders have already been placed for our South African greenfield plant. We have started the commissioning process for our greenfield plants in the UAE, northern Iraq, Algeria (both grey and white cement plants) and our new grinding facility in Spain, which should significantly contribute to our 2008 cash flows and earnings. The new plants will add 10 million tonnes of annual cement production capacity raising our total Cement Group capacity to 32 million tonnes by year-end.

Our cement operations continued to benefit from favorable market conditions. Our Algerian and Egyptian cement subsidiaries witnessed double-digit sales volume growth and our cement sales in northern Iraq grew seven fold as a result of the capacity ramp-up at Tasluja Cement.

During the second quarter, our Construction Group was awarded a record US\$ 1.8 billion in new contracts (50% of BESIX contract awards reflected in line with our consolidation method), approximately 2.5x the value of work booked during the same quarter last year and reflecting vibrant market conditions in our key geographic areas of operations. Our consolidated construction backlog stood at approximately US\$ 3.5 billion, 1.6x the backlog figure at year-end 2006. The Construction Group's operating margin inched up 140 basis points echoing an improving contract pricing environment.



Construction work on greenfield ammonia plant of EBIC in Egypt is progressing ahead of schedule with commissioning likely to begin during the second quarter of 2008. Sorfert Algeria successfully signed its EPC contract with Uhde/OCI consortium for a total value of US\$ 1.7 billion for its planned two state-of-the-art fertilizer plants near the Algerian coast. Growing demand for agricultural products continues to keep fertilizer prices near their all-time highs.

We shall continue to pursue both greenfield and acquisition opportunities in order to sustain our growth momentum leveraging our employees' entrepreneurial drive and our strong balance sheet. As always, we are committed to deliver the highest returns for our shareholders.



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Orascom Construction Industries

Orascom Construction Industries (OCI) is a leading cement producer and construction contractor active in emerging markets. Based in Cairo, we employ more than 40,000 people in over 20 countries.

As a cement producer, we own and operate cement plants in Egypt, Algeria, Turkey, Pakistan, northern Iraq and Spain, which have a combined annual production capacity of 21 million tonnes. Our new investments in northern Iraq, Nigeria, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Syria, DPRK and South Africa will increase our annual production capacity to 44 million tonnes positioning us among the world's top ten cement producers.

As a contractor, we provide engineering, procurement and construction services on large industrial, commercial and infrastructure projects for private and public customers principally in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. We also have investments in natural gas industries, such as fertilizer producers, and infrastructure concessions, such as port operators.

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