Interim Report
January to March 2008

HEIDELBERGCEMENT

- **Turnover in the first quarter exceeds EUR 3 billion**
- **Significant double-digit growth in operating income, even on a like-for-like basis**
- **Decline in North America more than compensated for by Europe and Asia**
- **Noticeable increases in turnover and results confidently expected for 2008**

Overview January - March 2008 EURm	January - March 2007*	2008
Turnover	1,783	**3,062**
Operating income before depreciation (OIBD)	253	**385**
Operating income	142	**190**
Additional ordinary result	37	**19**
Results from participations	17	**6**
Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT)	196	**214**
Profit before tax	144	**15**
Net income from continuing operations	104	**11**
Net income from discontinued operations	15	**1,276**
Profit for the financial year	119	**1,287**
Group share of profit	109	**1,264**
Investments	230	**252**

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Change in consolidation scope

In order to ensure the comparability of operational development, the following consolidation-related changes should be taken into account:

Besides the companies included in the consolidation scope for the first time, the inclusion of Hanson had a particularly significant impact in the first quarter of 2008. Net income from discontinued operations includes the profit from the sale of maxit Group.

Letter to the shareholders

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Global economic development is slowing noticeably under the influence of the crisis on the financial markets. The weakening is most severe in the US, while the effects remain limited in Europe and particularly in the emerging countries. Even in the US, however, the development in the individual market regions is varied.

Good start in the year 2008

Despite the effects of the crisis on the property and financial markets in the US, HeidelbergCement has had a good start in the first quarter. Cement and clinker sales volumes of the Group rose by 9.9% to 19.6 million tonnes (previous year: 17.9). Excluding consolidation effects, the increase amounted to 4.1%. The growth was strongest in the Europe Group area, followed by Asia-Australia-Africa. Deliveries of aggregates almost quadrupled, reaching 61.0 million tonnes (previous year: 16.4) and ready-mixed concrete sales volumes increased by 89.6% to 10.0 million m^3 (previous year: 5.3). Even excluding the Hanson activities, the sales volumes noticeably improved in both operating lines.

Group turnover rose by 71.8% in the first quarter to EUR 3,062 million (previous year: 1,783). This was due to the inclusion of Hanson in particular, but the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia as well as Germany, the Benelux countries, Sweden, Asia, Ghana and Turkey also contributed to this growth. Excluding exchange rate and consolidation effects, turnover increased by 10.6%. Operating income before depreciation (OIBD) rose by 52.3% to EUR 385 million (previous year: 253). Operating income rose by 33.1% to EUR 190 million (previous year: 142).

The decline of EUR 10.9 million in results from participations to EUR 5.7 million (previous year: 16.6) results essentially from the sale of the French participation Vicat S.A. in June 2007. The decrease of EUR 146.6 million in financial results to EUR -199.1 million (previous year: -52.5) is mainly due to the financing of the Hanson acquisition in August 2007.

The increase in financing costs and the decline in results from participations were not completely compensated for by the improvement in operating income, which resulted in a reduction of EUR 128.8 million in profit before tax from continuing operations, bringing the total to EUR 14.9 million (previous year: 143.7). Taxes on income fell accordingly by EUR 35.3 million to EUR 4.1 million (previous year: 39.4). Net income from continuing operations amounted to EUR 10.7 million (previous year: 104.3).

In August 2007, HeidelbergCement signed and agreement for the sale of maxit Group with the French building materials manufacturer Saint Gobain. The transaction with a value of EUR 2,125 million was completed on 13 March 2008 with the approval of the cartel authorities. The resulting book profit of EUR 1,279.3 million is included in the net income from discontinued operations.

Overall, the profit for the financial year increased to EUR 1,287.1 million (previous year: 119.1). Consequently, the Group share of profit rose to EUR 1,264.4 million (previous year: 108.9).

Changes in the Supervisory Board

On 25 April 2008, Helmut S. Erhard, who had been appointed successor to Rolf Hülstrunk on the Supervisory Board, passed away. He had belonged to the Group since 1971 and, from 1999 to the end of 2007, was responsible for our North American activities as a member of the Managing Board. Helmut S. Erhard gave very valuable service to HeidelbergCement.

On 2 January 2008, Robert Feiger, member of the Managing Board of the Trade Union IG Bauen-Agrar-Umwelt, was appointed a member of the Supervisory Board by the Local Court (Amtsgericht) of Mannheim at the recommendation of this trade union. He follows Heinz-Josef Eichhorn, who gave up his Supervisory Board mandate on 29 September 2007. As of 31 December 2007, Rolf Hülstrunk gave up his Supervisory Board mandate, which he accepted in

2001 following his spell as Chairman of the Managing Board. Heinz Kimmel's post as the member of the Supervisory Board elected by the employees was discontinued when Südharzer Gipswerk GmbH, a subsidiary of maxit Group, left the Group on 13 March 2008. In his place, Veronika Füss was appointed a member of the Supervisory Board by the Local Court on 20 March 2008.

Refinancing successfully continued

In January, we issued a four-year Eurobond with a volume of EUR 1 billion via our EUR 10 billion European Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme. In addition, HeidelbergCement received EUR 512.5 million in February from a cash capital increase; VEM Vermögensverwaltung GmbH, Dresden, which belongs to members of the Merckle family, subscribed for 5 million new shares at the near-market subscription price of EUR 102.50 per share. The proceeds from these measures and from the sale of maxit Group of EUR 2,125 million were used to repay the syndicated loan taken out in connection with the Hanson acquisition.

Employees

At the end of the first quarter of 2008, the number of employees in HeidelbergCement's continuing operations was 65,700 (previous year: 41,167). The increase of 24,533 employees results essentially from the acquisition of Hanson in August 2007.

Investments

In the first quarter, cash flow investments in continuing operations amounted to EUR 252 million (previous year: 230). Investments in tangible fixed assets, which primarily relate to maintenance and optimisation measures in our cement plants, but also expansion projects in Russia, Kazakhstan, China, Tanzania and Turkey, accounted for EUR 198 million (previous year: 127) of this total. Investments in financial fixed assets reached EUR 54 million (previous year: 103). This figure primarily includes the acquisition of further shares in the Indian company Indorama Cement Limited.

Turnover by business lines January to March 2008

Europe EURm	2007	**2008**
Cement	603	**707**
Aggregates and concrete	320	**789**
Building products	39	**172**
Intra Group eliminations	-58	**-92**
Total	903	**1,576**

Growth in Europe continued

Economic growth stays on a high level in Europe, although the Eastern European countries are continuing to develop far more dynamically than the average.

Overall, the upward trend in the cement business line continued in the first quarter of 2008. Our cement deliveries increased in almost all countries, by a significant percentage in most cases. Once again, the highest growth rates were recorded by the Eastern European countries, with the exception of Poland and Hungary. Our plants in Scandinavia and the Benelux countries also benefited from the continued strong domestic demand. Thanks to increased exports, the sales volumes of the German plants were slightly higher than in the same period last year. In the United Kingdom, cement demand has weakened as a result of the decline in residential construction. Overall, our cement and clinker sales volumes in Europe improved by 12.2 % to 8.9 million tonnes (previous year: 8.0).

In the first quarter, deliveries of aggregates rose by 152 % to 27.6 million tonnes (previous year: 11.0); excluding the Hanson activities, the increase amounted to 33 %. Our plants in Eastern Europe, Germany and the Benelux countries recorded particularly high double-digit growth rates. In the first quarter, the sales volumes of the asphalt operating line remained at the previous year's level. There was also pleasing development in ready-mixed concrete sales volumes, which more than doubled to reach 5.5 million m3 (previous year: 2.7); excluding Hanson, the sales volumes rose by 19.5 %.

The weakening of the residential construction market in the United Kingdom is reflected in the building products business line, which has a turnover of EUR 172 million as a result of the Hanson integration.

The turnover of the Europe Group area grew by 74.6 % to EUR 1,576 million (previous year: 903); in operational terms, it rose by 12.3 %.

North America adversely affected by economic factors and weather conditions

In North America, HeidelbergCement is present in the US and Canada.

In the US, the economic cooldown is continuing as a result of the financial market crisis and the ongoing weakening of the housing market. While the decline in residential construction investments is continuing, positive contributions are expected from the multi-year infrastructure/road construction programme. The slowdown in construction affects particularly Florida and southern California.

North America

EURm	2007	**2008**
Cement	275	**253**
Aggregates and concrete	260	**392**
Building products		**207**
Intra Group eliminations	-42	**-39**
Total	493	**813**

Asia-Australia-Africa

EURm	2007	**2008**
Cement	341	**405**
Aggregates and concrete	20	**236**
Building products		**18**
Intra Group eliminations	-8	**-10**
Total	354	**650**

In Canada, where HeidelbergCement is active in the western provinces in particular, the continuing high oil demand results in strong construction activities and an intense demand for building materials.

The cement sales volumes of our North American plants rose by 1.7% overall to 3.0 million tonnes (previous year: 3.0) in the first quarter. Excluding the cement activities of Hanson in California, the deliveries remained 9.6% below the previous year's level as a result of the declining demand and adverse weather conditions. In order to ensure that our plants continue to be fully utilised, we have cut back the low-margin imports significantly.

The impact of the weakening construction activity and unfavourable weather conditions was also felt in the aggregates and concrete business line. Deliveries of aggregates, including the quantities delivered by Hanson, rose to 24.7 million tonnes (previous year: 5.5). A double-digit increase in asphalt sales volumes was also achieved in the first quarter. Ready-mixed concrete sales volumes grew by 4.3% to 2.1 million m3 (previous year: 2.1).

Due to the decline in residential construction in the US, the building products business line achieved lower turnover and sales volume figures. The bricks and roof tiles operating lines were particularly heavily affected.

The total turnover in North America rose by 64.8% to EUR 813 million (previous year: 493) as a result of consolidation. In the national currency, the increase amounted to 88.5%. Excluding Hanson and exchange rate effects, turnover fell by 5.8%.

Solid impetus for growth in Asia-Australia-Africa

In the emerging countries of the Asia-Australia-Africa Group area, the economy is continuing to develop dynamically; the strongest impetus for growth is still coming from China. Australia is also achieving stable economic growth. In Turkey, demand is still strong, but the economy is expected to slow down.

In the first quarter, cement and clinker sales volumes improved by 10.7% overall to 7.7 million tonnes (previous year: 6.9). In Indonesia, our subsidiary Indocement benefited from the marked increase in construction activity, which is being driven by governmental infrastructural projects in particular. In connection with the strong domestic demand, Indocement has reduced its export deliveries considerably; the cement and clinker sales volumes increased by 13.1% overall. We also achieved a pleasing increase of 18.9% in our sales volumes in China; the commissioning of the new Jingyang plant in the central Chinese province of Shaanxi in summer 2007 made a contribution to this growth. Our plants in India also recorded positive development, with a 15.6% rise in sales volumes. Our joint venture Akçansa in Turkey has cut back its cement exports considerably in order to meet domestic demand. In Africa, we achieved an increase of 6.6% in sales volumes, with varied development in the individual countries.

Aggregates sales volumes rose to 8.7 million tonnes (previous year: 0) as a result of the inclusion of the Hanson activities in Australia and Malaysia. The asphalt activities improved particularly in Malaysia. Deliveries of ready-mixed concrete more than quadrupled to 2.4 million m3 (previous year: 0.5); excluding Hanson, they rose by 16.5%.

The turnover of the Asia-Australia-Africa Group area was 83.5% above the previous year at EUR 650 million (previous year: 354); the operational growth in turnover amounted to 23.8%.

Group Services

The trade volume of our subsidiary HC Trading decreased by 20.3 % to 2.4 million tonnes (previous year: 3.0) in the first quarter. It was mainly hurt by the development of the freight rates, which rose to historic highs. Increases in clinker and dry mortar were not able to offset the decline in the cement trade volume.

Despite the strong growth in turnover achieved by our subsidiary HC Fuels, which is responsible for purchasing fossil fuels, the total turnover of the Group Services business unit fell by 3.2 % to EUR 166 million (previous year: 171).

Prospects

Throughout 2008, the global economy will be affected by the turbulence on the financial markets. The effects on production and consumption are being assessed in a differentiated manner. While expansion in the emerging countries should continue at a high level, the euro zone is adversely affected by the increase in the value of the common currency. Growth in most Eastern European countries, particularly in Russia, remains sound. The inflation risks have increased worldwide as a result of the sustained rise in energy prices.

HeidelbergCement is confident of being able to achieve noticeable increases in turnover and results also in this year. The broadened geographical diversification improves the Group's fundamental strengths. Growth is expected as a result of the full-year inclusion of Hanson and solid operational development. The integration of Hanson and the associated organisational changes are proceeding as planned. The completion of the integration process by mid-2008 and the first effects of converting potential synergies will contribute to the positive development of results.

Heidelberg, 8 May 2008

Yours sincerely,

Bernd Scheifele

Dr. Bernd Scheifele
Chairman of the Managing Board

Group profit and loss accounts

Group profit and loss accounts EUR '000s	January - March 2007*	 **2008**
Turnover	1,782,728	**3,062,354**
Change in stock and work in progress	607	**15,508**
Own work capitalised	328	**512**
Operating revenue	1,783,663	**3,078,374**
Other operating income	44,502	**50,660**
Material costs	-754,223	**-1,261,168**
Employee and personnel costs	-310,534	**-583,857**
Other operating expenses	-510,546	**-898,774**
Operating income before depreciation (OIBD)	252,862	**385,235**
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-107,968	**-190,076**
Amortisation of intangible assets	-2,424	**-5,562**
Operating income	142,470	**189,597**
Additional ordinary income	44,118	**43,128**
Additional ordinary expense	-7,024	**-24,536**
Additional ordinary result	37,094	**18,592**
Result from associated companies [1)]	15,734	**4,153**
Results from other participations	889	**1,586**
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	196,187	**213,928**
Interest and similar income	20,793	**17,116**
Interest and similar expenses	-67,774	**-215,406**
Foreign exchange gains and losses	-5,065	**-496**
Financial result of puttable minorities	-398	**-266**
Profit before tax	143,743	**14,876**
Taxes on income	-39,406	**-4,146**
Net income from continuing operations	104,337	**10,730**
Net income from discontinued operations	14,797	**1,276,361**
Profit for the financial year	119,134	**1,287,091**
Thereof minority interests	-10,191	**-22,656**
Thereof Group share of profit	108,943	**1,264,435**
Earnings per share in EUR (IAS 33)		
Earnings per share attributable to the parent entity	0.94	**10.50**
Earnings per share - continuing operations	0.81	**-0.10**
Earnings per share - discontinued operations	0.13	**10.60**

1) Net result from associated companies	10,841	3,320

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Group cash flow statement

Group cash flow statement EUR '000s	January - March 2007*	 **2008**
Net income from continuing operations	104,337	**10,730**
Taxes on income	39,406	**4,146**
Interest income/expense	46,981	**198,290**
Dividends received	481	**9,052**
Interest paid	-89,906	**-203,982**
Taxes paid	-48,768	**-113,460**
Elimination of non-cash items	90,344	**222,319**
Cash flow	142,875	**127,095**
Changes in operating assets	-77,025	**-219,826**
Changes in operating liabilities	-86,602	**-63,169**
Cash flow from operating activities - continuing operations	-20,752	**-155,900**
Cash flow from operating activities - discontinued operations	-1,019	**-30,434**
Cash flow from operating activities	-21,771	**-186,334**
Intangible fixed assets	-2,874	**-1,771**
Tangible fixed assets	-123,695	**-196,487**
Financial fixed assets	-102,941	**-53,729**
Investments (cash outflow)	-229,510	**-251,987**
Proceeds from fixed asset disposals	16,984	**2,137,367**
Cash from changes in consolidation scope	873	**27,404**
Cash flow from investing activities - continuing operations	-211,653	**1,912,784**
Cash flow from investing activities - discountinued operations	-9,015	**-24,519**
Cash flow from investing activities	-220,668	**1,888,265**
Capital increase		**512,500**
Dividend payments - minority shareholders	-2,091	**-2,741**
Proceeds from bond issuance and loans	277,283	**1,484,517**
Repayment of bonds and loans	-37,776	**-4,039,987**
Cash flow from financing activities - continuing operations	237,416	**-2,045,711**
Cash flow from financing activities - discountinued operations	6,488	**40,802**
Cash flow from financing activities	243,904	**-2,004,909**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents - continuing operations	5,011	**-288,827**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents - discontinued operations	-3,546	**-14,151**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,465	**-302,978**
Effect of exchange rate changes	-589	**-38,430**
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	218,839	**831,585**
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	219,715	**490,177**

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Group balance sheet

Assets EUR '000s	31 Dec. 2007	**31 Mar. 2008**
Long-term assets		
Intangible assets	10,943,310	**10,383,955**
Tangible fixed assets		
Land and buildings	4,962,660	**4,676,418**
Plant and machinery	4,481,000	**4,187,419**
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	219,237	**243,012**
Payment on account and assets under construction	771,804	**819,778**
	10,434,701	**9,926,627**
Financial fixed assets		
Investments in associates	761,864	**719,887**
Financial investments	152,609	**102,121**
Loans to participations	79,770	**53,432**
Other loans and derivative financial instruments	25,993	**26,454**
	1,020,236	**901,894**
Fixed assets	22,398,247	**21,212,476**
Deferred taxes	157,408	**154,728**
Other long-term receivables	353,991	**327,316**
Long-term tax assets	19,781	**20,556**
	22,929,427	**21,715,076**
Short-term assets		
Stock		
Raw materials and consumables	663,131	**673,249**
Work in progress	145,247	**150,869**
Finished goods and goods for resale	741,381	**706,517**
Payments on account	21,135	**33,555**
	1,570,894	**1,564,190**
Receivables and other assets		
Short-term financial receivables	189,114	**136,565**
Trade receivables	1,746,691	**1,823,909**
Other short-term operating receivables	429,072	**399,667**
Current tax assets	138,261	**220,531**
	2,503,138	**2,580,672**
Financial investments and derivative financial instruments	40,968	**62,045**
Cash at bank and in hand	831,585	**490,177**
	4,946,585	**4,697,084**
Assets held for sale and discontinued operations	1,406,300	
Balance sheet total	29,282,312	**26,412,160**

Liabilities EUR '000s	31 Dec. 2007	**31 Mar. 2008**
Shareholders' equity and minority interests		
Subscribed share capital	360,000	**375,000**
Share premium	2,973,392	**3,470,892**
Profit and loss reserve	4,761,976	**6,016,216**
Currency translation	-1,098,404	**-2,223,053**
Treasury shares		
Equity attributable to shareholders	6,996,964	**7,639,055**
Minority interests	521,861	**490,725**
	7,518,825	**8,129,780**
Long-term provisions and liabilities		
Provisions		
Provisions for pensions	648,360	**627,680**
Deferred taxes	1,103,934	**1,072,451**
Other long-term provisions	1,199,235	**1,156,062**
	2,951,529	**2,856,193**
Liabilities		
Debenture loans	2,312,166	**3,183,206**
Bank loans	10,547,677	**7,466,747**
Other long-term financial liabilities	389,312	**338,155** [1]
	13,249,155	**10,988,108**
Other long-term operating liabilities	140,328	**111,947**
Long-term tax liabilities	287,533	**251,965**
	13,677,016	**11,352,020**
	16,628,545	**14,208,213**
Short-term provisions and liabilities		
Provisions	280,358	**254,775**
Liabilities		
Debenture loans (current portion)	30,140	**8,026**
Bank loans (current portion)	1,365,933	**637,246**
Other short-term financial liabilities	921,335	**1,113,591** [1]
	2,317,408	**1,758,863**
Trade payables	1,010,724	**971,449**
Current income taxes payables	188,548	**146,565**
Other short-term operating liabilities	979,262	**942,515**
	4,495,942	**3,819,392**
	4,776,300	**4,074,167**
Provisions and liabilities associated with assets held for sale and discontinued operations	358,642	
Balance sheet total	29,282,312	**26,412,160**

[1] Includes puttable minorities with an amount of EUR '000s 40,248 (previous year: 85,977)

Statement of recognised income and expense

Statement of recognised income and expense	January - March	
EUR '000s	2007	**2008**
IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	24,044	**-9,623**
Currency translation	-72,235	**-1,141,060**
Other consolidation adjustments	100	**-1,140**
Income and expense directly recognised in equity	-48,091	**-1,151,823**
Profit for the financial year	119,134	**1,287,091**
Total earnings for the period	71,043	**135,268**
Relating to minority interests	-24,103	**5,677**
Relating to HeidelbergCement AG shareholders	95,146	**129,591**

Reconciliation of changes in total equity / Notes

Reconciliation of changes in total equity EUR '000s	Subscribed share capital	Share premium	Profit and loss reserve	Currency translation	Treasury shares	Equity attributable to shareholders	Minority interests	**Total equity**
1 January 2007	346,974	2,462,144	2,845,682	-303,455	-2,934	5,348,411	479,511	**5,827,922**
Profit for the financial year			108,943			108,943	10,191	**119,134**
Dividends							-2,091	**-2,091**
Changes without effects on results								
Consolidation adjustments			100			100	50,340	**50,440**
IAS 39 Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement			23,477			23,477	567	**24,044**
Exchange rate				-37,374		-37,374	-34,861	**-72,235**
31 March 2007	346,974	2,462,144	2,978,202	-340,829	-2,934	5,443,557	503,657	**5,947,214**
1 January 2008	360,000	2,973,392	4,761,976	-1,098,404		6,996,964	521,861	**7,518,825**
Profit for the financial year			1,264,435			1,264,435	22,656	**1,287,091**
Capital increase								
from issuance of new shares	15,000	497,500				512,500		**512,500**
Dividends							-2,741	**-2,741**
Changes without effects on results								
Consolidation adjustments			-372			-372	-34,840	**-35,212**
IAS 39 Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement			-9,823			-9,823	200	**-9,623**
Exchange rate				-1,124,649		-1,124,649	-16,411	**-1,141,060**
31 March 2008	375,000	3,470,892	6,016,216	-2,223,053		7,639,055	490,725	**8,129,780**

Segment reporting / notes

Group areas January - March 2008 (primary reporting format under IAS 14 No. 50 ff.)

EURm	Europe		North America	
	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**
External turnover	887	**1,556**	493	**813**
Inter-Group areas turnover	15	**20**		
Turnover	903	**1,576**	493	**813**
Change to previous year in %		74.6 %		64.8 %
Operating income before depreciation (OIBD)	107	**212**	77	**36**
in % of turnover	11.8 %	13.5 %	15.5 %	4.4 %
Depreciation	-67	**-98**	-23	**-62**
Operating income	40	**114**	54	**-26**
in % of turnover	4.4 %	7.2 %	10.9 %	-3.3 %
Results from participations	17	**3**	-1	**-1**
Additional ordinary result				
Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT)	57	**117**	53	**-28**
Capital expenditures [1]	65	**98**	36	**35**
Number of employees as at 31 March 2008	22,133	**29,296**	5,936	**18,303**
Average number of employees	22,281	**29,385**	5,936	**18,784**

[1] Capital expenditures = in the segment columns: tangible and intangible fixed asset investments; in the reconciliation column: financial fixed asset investments

Asia-Australia-Africa		Group Services		Reconciliation		Continuing operations		Discontinued operations	
2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**
336	**634**	66	**58**			1,783	**3,062**	278	**176**
18	**15**	105	**108**	-139	**-143**				
354	**650**	171	**166**	-139	**-143**	1,783	**3,062**	278	**176**
	83.5%		-3.2%				71.8%		-36.7%
67	**134**	2	**3**			253	**385**	30	**14**
19.0%	20.7%	1.4%	1.6%			14.2%	12.6%	10.9%	8.0%
-21	**-35**	0	**0**			-110	**-196**	-14	**-10**
47	**99**	2	**2**			142	**190**	16	**4**
13.2%	15.3%	1.3%	1.5%			8.0%	6.2%	5.9%	2.5%
1	**4**					17	**6**	2	**0**
				37	**19**	37	**19**		
47	**104**	2	**2**	37	**19**	196	**214**	18	**4**
26	**65**			103	**54**	230	**252**	10	
13,045	**18,044**	53	**56**			41,167	**65,700**	4,971	
13,025	**18,040**	50	**56**			41,293	**66,266**	4,934	

Notes to the interim report

Accounting and consolidation principles

The Group's unaudited interim accounts as of 31 March 2008 were prepared according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for interim reporting as applicable in the European Union. The same accounting and valuation methods were applied as in the preparation of the Group annual accounts as of 31 December 2007, as well as IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

Results from participations comprise both income from other participations and amounts written off financial fixed assets.

Seasonal nature of the business

Regional weather conditions are reflected in HeidelbergCement's production and sales position.

Changes in the consolidation scope

Additions

Additions to the consolidation scope in comparison with 31 December 2007 occurred in the Europe and Asia-Australia-Africa Group areas and are shown in the following table.

Additions of fully consolidated companies Country / Company	Domicile	%	Acquisition costs EURm	Preliminary goodwill EURm	Included since
Belgium					
Amix SA	Villers-le-Bouillet	100.0	6.6	4.7	1 Jan.
Georgia					
Kartuli Tsementi LLC	Tbilisi	51.0	2.2	1.1	1 Jan.
Kazakhstan					
Baykaz Beton LLP	Almaty	75.0	1.5	3.1	1 Jan.
Bektaz Group LLP	Almaty	75.0	1.0		1 Jan.
CaspiCement LLP	Shetpe	75.0	2.3	2.7	1 Jan.
Russia					
TulaCement LLC	Novogurovsky	100.0	3.9	0.4	1 Jan.
Ukraine					
LLC KSL	Bushevo	100.0	5.2	5.4	1 Jan.
LLC Kryvbas Beton	Kyiv	100.0	7.2	2.0	1 Jan.

In accordance with IFRS 3.61 ff., the acquired assets and liabilities of the companies consolidated for the first time are included in the Group annual accounts of HeidelbergCement AG on the basis of provisional information. The goodwill comprises market shares purchased that cannot be assigned to any other determinable and separable intangible fixed assets.

The assets and liabilities at the acquisition date and the subsequently earned turnover and profits of companies acquired and included for the first time in the Group annual accounts (Business Combinations) are as follows, in accordance with IFRS 3.67 ff:

Assets contributed by companies consolidated for the first time at acquisition date EUR '000s	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Long-term assets		
Intangible assets	21,678	21,678
Tangible fixed assets	23,034	23,034
Financial fixed assets	3,825	3,825
Fixed assets	48,537	48,537
Deferred taxes	19	19
Other long-term receivables	2,693	2,693
	51,249	51,249
Short-term assets		
Stocks	5,129	5,129
Receivables and other assets	11,673	11,673
Cash at bank and in hand	3,815	3,815
	20,617	20,617
Total Assets	**71,866**	**71,866**

Liabilities contributed by companies consolidated for the first time at acquisition date EUR '000s	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Long-term provisions and liabilities		
Provisions	478	478
Liabilities	28,075	28,075
	28,553	28,553
Short-term provisions and liabilities		
Liabilities	33,036	33,036
Total Liabilities	**61,589**	**61,589**

Turnover and results contributed by companies consolidated for the first time EUR '000s	
Turnover	**1,107**
Profit for the financial year	**-1,070**
Minority interests	**254**
Group share of profit	**-816**

For reasons of materiality, we refrained from individual disclosures (IFRS 3.68).

Disposals

On 7 August 2007, HeidelbergCement had reached agreement with the French building materials manufacturer Saint Gobain regarding the sale of maxit Group. The sale was completed on 13 March 2008 with the approval of the competition authorities. Besides the sale price for the participation, the transaction price of EUR 2,125 million also includes the refinancing of short- and long-term debts. The income and expenses of maxit Group and the earnings from its sale are shown in the profit and loss account in the results from discontinued operations.

The following table shows the composition of the results from discontinued operations.

Profit or loss of discontinued operations EUR '000s	January - March 2007	 **2008**
Revenue	290,232	**186,700**
Expenses	-273,128	**-189,214**
Income tax expense	-2,307	**-471**
Post-tax profit	14,797	**-2,985**
Gain from the disposal of discontinued operations		**1,279,346**
Post-tax profit from discontinued operations	14,797	**1,276,361**

On 26 January 2008, HeidelbergCement sold its shares in the joint venture United Marine Holdings Limited/United Kingdom to the joint venture partner Tarmac Limited, a subsidiary of Anglo American PLC, for a price of GBP 54 million. In addition, HeidelbergCement sold the subsidiaries Cement Company of Northern Nigeria/Nigeria and Société Nigérienne de Cimenterie/Niger for USD 29 million to the private Nigerian company Damnaz Cement Company Limited on 26 March 2008.

Turnover development by Group areas and business lines January to March 2008

EURm	Cement		Aggregates and concrete		Building products		Intra Group eliminations		Total	
	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**	2007	**2008**
Europe	603	**707**	320	**789**	39	**172**	-58	**-92**	903	**1,576**
North America	275	**253**	260	**392**		**207**	-42	**-39**	493	**813**
Asia-Australia-Africa	341	**405**	20	**236**		**18**	-8	**-10**	354	**650**
Total	1,219	**1,366**	600	**1,417**	39	**397**	-107	**-141**	1,750	**3,039**
Group Services									171	**166**
Inter-Group area turnover									-139	-143
Continuing operations									1,783	**3,062**

Exchange rates		Exchange rates at reporting day 31 Dec. 2007	**31 Mar. 2008**	Average exchange rates 01-03/2007	**01-03/2008**
	Country	EUR	**EUR**	EUR	**EUR**
USD	US	1.4589	**1.5771**	1.3109	**1.4992**
AUD	Australia	1.6660	**1.7281**	1.6675	**1.6565**
CAD	Canada	1.4536	**1.6186**	1.5357	**1.5058**
CNY	China	10.6552	**11.0586**	10.1729	**10.7382**
GBP	Great Britain	0.7351	**0.7954**	0.6706	**0.7580**
GEL	Georgia	2.3182	**2.3046**	2.2351	**2.3234**
HRK	Croatia	7.3310	**7.2707**	7.3602	**7.2860**
IDR	Indonesia	13,741.38	**14,536.13**	11,959.32	**13,772.03**
INR	India	57.4515	**63.1155**	57.6626	**59.5205**
KZT	Kazakhstan	176.0601	**190.2929**	163.5726	**180.5979**
NOK	Norway	7.9287	**8.0356**	8.1662	**7.9652**
PLN	Poland	3.5976	**3.5128**	3.8832	**3.5744**
RON	Romania	3.6063	**3.7231**	3.3786	**3.6879**
SEK	Sweden	9.4277	**9.3713**	9.1822	**9.3994**
SKK	Slovak Republic	33.5707	**32.5513**	34.3308	**33.0542**
CZK	Czech Republic	26.5053	**25.1642**	28.0106	**25.5639**
HUF	Hungary	252.1417	**260.2530**	252.0767	**258.9321**
TRY	Turkey	1.7003	**2.1020**	1.8475	**1.8059**

Related parties disclosures

On 14 February 2008, the Managing Board of HeidelbergCement AG decided on the conditions for carrying out the capital increase for cash from authorised capital, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, following its resolution of 15 January 2008. VEM Vermögensverwaltung GmbH, Dresden, which belongs to the Merckle Group, has subscribed for 5 million new shares at the near-market subscription price of EUR 102.50 per share. The Group received EUR 512.5 million on 19 February from the capital increase. Otherwise, no reportable transactions with related companies or persons took place in the reporting period beyond normal business relations.

Other disclosures

On 17 January 2008 (settlement on 25 January 2008), HeidelbergCement issued a four-year Eurobond with a volume of EUR 1 billion via the EUR 10 billion European Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme.

Financial calendar	
Interim Report January to June 2008	5 August 2008
Interim Report January to September 2008	5 November 2008
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