



Paris, October 31, 2008 - As the closing of the Share Purchase Agreement entered into with OJSC Holding Company Sibirskiy Cement for the sale by Ciments Français of the Set Group operations in Turkey did not occur by the deadline provided in the agreement, Ciments Français exercised on October 21, 2008 its right to terminate to the said agreement.

After several days of subsequent negotiations to achieve a new structure with similar terms and conditions, the parties failed to reach an acceptable solution that would allow closing a transaction within a reasonable time frame and Ciments Français has decided to withdraw from the negotiations.

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