



**Paris, October 20, 2008** – In relation to the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Ciments Français and OJSC Holding Company Sibirskiy Cement regarding the sale by Ciments Français of its SET Group operations in Turkey\*, the transaction did not reach a successful completion on the scheduled Closing Date of October 20. Ciments Français has therefore retained the rights provided by the related provisions of the Agreement.

Ciments Français and OJSC Holding Company Sibirskiy Cement have however agreed to continue to work in good faith with the aim of closing the contemplated transaction within a reasonable time frame at mutually acceptable terms.

\* The shares subject to the SPA represented 100% of the share capital of SET Group Holding A.Ş. and SET Beton Madencilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. and 76.51% of the share capital of Afyon Çimento Sanayi T.A.Ş.

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