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## International Cement Group's 1H2021 net profit more than doubles to S\$13.0 million

- *Group revenue rose 35% to S\$84.9 million on the back of a 36% surge in revenue from the Group's cement segment*
- *Contributions from the new Alacem cement plant in Kazakhstan, which commenced sales in 3Q2020, boosts revenue by S\$25.8 million and gross profit margin by 4 ppt to 44%*
- *Continues to expand its operations through acquisitions and new builds to capture growing demand in Central Asia*

SGD\$'000	1H2021	1H2020	Change (%)
<b>Revenue</b>	84,942	63,092	35
- Cement	80,618	59,159	36
- Aluminium	4,324	3,933	10
<b>Gross Profit</b>	37,146	25,246	47
<b>Profit Before Tax</b>	23,218	13,596	71
<b>Profit After Tax</b>	18,650	11,196	67
<b>Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders</b>	13,029	6,001	117

**SINGAPORE, 13 August 2021** – Mainboard-listed **International Cement Group** (“**ICG**” or the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), a cement producer and distributor in the Central Asia region, today reported a 117% increase in net profit attributable to shareholders to S\$13.0 million for the half year ended 30 June 2021 (“**1H2021**”).

This was achieved on the back of a 35% rise in Group revenue to S\$84.9 million, boosted by a 36% surge in contribution from its cement segment largely due to the commencement of sales from its new Alacem cement plant in Kazakhstan, which generated S\$25.8 million in sales in 1H2021. This was partially offset by a slight dip in revenue from the Group’s Tajikistan operations, as a result of a slowdown in local construction activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue from the aluminium segment remained relatively consistent period-on-period.

Gross profit climbed 47% to S\$37.1 million in 1H2021, while gross profit margin improved by 4 percentage points to 44%, thanks to the higher profit margin achieved by the Alacem cement plant as it benefited from lower costs in raw materials in Kazakhstan.

In the latest half-year results, the Group posted earnings per share of 0.23 Singapore cents, up from 0.10 Singapore cents in the previous period.

### **Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2021, the Group’s net assets attributable to owners of the Company was S\$207.0 million, which translates into a net asset value per share of 3.61 Singapore cents, compared with 3.36 Singapore cents as at 31 December 2020. Cash and cash equivalents stood at S\$17.6 million.

**Said the Group’s Chairman Mr Ma Zhaoyang**, “*We have been able to continually increase our production capacity in the Central Asia region year-on-year. With a much bigger cement production capacity after acquiring the cement-related assets in the East Kazakhstan region by end of this month, we will be well-positioned to capture the growing demand in Central Asia region. Moving forward, as governments in the Central Asia region continue to prioritise infrastructure development, we will build on this momentum and continue to explore more opportunities to further increase our overall production capacity in this region.*”

## **Corporate Update**

On 9 April 2021, Sharcem LLP, a newly incorporated 60% owned subsidiary of the Group, entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Kazakhcement LLP and Development Bank of Kazakhstan to acquire cement-related assets located in Jarminsky district in the East Kazakhstan region, for a cash consideration of approximately 7.1 billion Kazakhstan tenge (approximately S\$22.1 million). The plant, which has an annual production capacity of 1 million metric tonnes, is situated in a strategically important region with direct export routes to Russia and will complement the Group's existing operations in south-eastern Kazakhstan. This proposed acquisition is expected to be completed by 31 August 2021. Upon completion, the Group's combined annual cement production capacity in Central Asia will increase from 3 million metric tonnes to 4 million metric tonnes.

In addition to growing its cement operations, the Group also intends to expand its product offerings within the Central Asia region by constructing a drywall (gypsum plasterboard) production line within its main Tajikistan cement plant, with an anticipated annual production capacity of 30 million square metres of drywall. Construction of the production line is expected to commence in 2H2021. Construction was originally slated to begin in FY2020 but was delayed due to disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Group believes that by tapping into its existing distribution network in Tajikistan, this new business will further enhance its product offerings in the construction sector.

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*This press release is to be read in conjunction with the Company's announcement posted on the SGX website on 13 August 2021.*

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***About International Cement Group ([www.internationalcementgroup.com](http://www.internationalcementgroup.com))***

International Cement Group Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) is a cement producer with operations in the Central Asia region. The Group owns and operates the largest cement plant in the Khatlon Region in Tajikistan in Central Asia, with an annual production capacity of 1.2 million metric tonnes. In addition, the Group owns and operates a grinding station in Kolkhozabad, Tajikistan, with an annual production capacity of 0.6 million metric tonnes.

In addition to its Tajikistan operations, the Group also owns and operates a cement plant in the Almaty region of Kazakhstan. The plant, which has an annual production capacity of 1.2 million metric tonnes, commenced commercial production in April 2020.

Formerly listed as Compact Metal Industries Ltd on the Mainboard of SGX-ST, the Group also has an established business in manufacturing and marketing aluminum extrusions used for the construction industry.