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- *Strategic acquisition of 46.57% of Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento, the leading cement company in Bolivia*
- *Sales grow 12.9% in the quarter*
- *Operating Income increases 24.9% in the quarter*
- *EBITDA is 21.4% greater in the quarter*
- *Net Income is 33.9% greater in the quarter*

## GCC REPORTS RECORDS RESULTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2005

**Chihuahua, Chih., Mexico, October 26, 2005** – Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua S.A. de C.V. ("GCC" or the "Company") (BMV: GCC\*), a leading cement producer in its markets in Mexico, United States and Bolivia, today announced its consolidated results for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005.

	3Q 2005	3Q 2004	Var %
Net sales	1,302.1	1,153.8	12.9
Operating income	385.5	308.6	24.9
EBITDA	485.4	399.9	21.4
Net consolidated income	264.9	197.9	33.9
Free cash flow	378.6	325.9	16.2
Shares outstanding	331.5	337.4	
EPS	0.80	0.59	35.8
Net debt	402.9	256.9	56.8
Net debt / EBITDA	0.3	0.2	

*(Figures in thousands of pesos and thousands of shares)*

### Notes:

- *GCC's third quarter 2005 results do not reflect the impact of its participation in Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento as the acquisition was completed in the last week of September 2005*
- *EBITDA: operating income + depreciation and amortization*
- *Net debt and net debt / EBITDA do not include the proportional debt of SOBOCE*

## **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AMERICA**

In September 2005, GCC took an important step forward in its growth and expansion plans by acquiring a 46.57% stake of Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento, S.A. ("SOBOCE"), the leading cement company in Bolivia. This transaction will enable the Company to diversify its earnings sources, and to create a platform to penetrate the South American market.

## **OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

Increases of 12.9% in sales, 21.4% in EBITDA and 33.9% in net income in the third quarter reflected growing demand for cement in the United States and the solid dynamics of the construction industry in Mexico.

In the Mexican market, public infrastructure work and investment in the industrial, commercial and housing sectors was reflected in volume and sales growth.

In the U.S. market, a favorable pricing environment and strong demand for cement resulted in higher sales. Due to the scarcity in cement supply, GCC's third party cement purchases decreased, which led to a slight decline in sales volume. In an environment such as this, the Pueblo, Colorado plant will allow GCC to efficiently cover U.S. market needs, as well as anticipated future demand.

### Sales

	Third quarter			Nine months		
	2005	2004	Var %	2005	2004	Var %
<b>Net sales ('000,000 pesos)</b>	1,302.1	1,153.8	12.9	3,368.7	3,077.8	9.5
Mexico	615.2	532.2	15.6	1,655.1	1,651.4	0.2
United States	686.9	621.6	10.5	1,713.6	1,426.4	20.1

### Sales Volumes Growth

	Third quarter	Nine months	Consecutive:
	2005 vs. 2004	2005 vs. 2004	3Q05 vs. 2Q05
	%	%	%
Cement	-1.6	2.6	2.7
Mexico	12.8	1.7	7.3
United States	-6.6	3.1	1.0
Concrete	18.2	9.6	22.8
Block	42.6	6.5	45.3
Aggregates	16.4	7.5	10.5

*(Concrete, blocks and aggregates are only sold in Mexico)*

**Net sales** in the third quarter of 2005 increased 12.9% to \$1,302.1 million pesos. Sales in Mexico increased 15.6%, driven primarily by growth in public infrastructure (highways, street paving, schools and bridges) as well as by renewed construction in the industrial, commercial and housing sectors, reaching \$615.2 million pesos. In the United States, sales grew 10.5% to \$686.9 million pesos. This reflects higher prices, as well as the integration of sales from the Durango, Colorado coal mine into GCC's financial statements, following its acquisition in the first quarter of 2005.

In the first nine months of the year, GCC's net sales increased by 9.5% compared to the year ago period. In the United States, sales rose 20.1% as a result of higher volumes and better pricing. Sales in Mexico, excluding real estate operations, increased 3.9%. Taking into account the decline in land sales, sales in the Mexican market increased 0.2%.

**Cost of sales** as a percentage of sales decreased by 2.0 percentage points in the third quarter of 2005, due primarily to a combination of the following factors: fewer third-party cement purchases in the United States and a decrease in land sales, both of which generate smaller profit margins; a reduction in maintenance expenses at the South Dakota plant; lower operating expenses in the New Mexico plant; and the incorporation of the coal mine operations.

**Sales and administrative expenses**, as a percentage of sales, declined one percentage point to 8.6%. These expenses increased by 2.4% in the third quarter of 2005 over the year ago period, as a result of the incorporation of the coal mine operations.

**Operating income** increased by 24.9% in the third quarter, totaling \$385.5 million pesos. Operating margin, as a percentage of sales, increased by 2.9 percentage points compared to the third quarter of 2004 as a result of the increase in sales, and lower operating costs and expenses as a percentage of sales. Operating income in the first nine months of 2005 increased by 27.1% compared to same period of the previous year due to a combination of higher sales and better margins, totaling \$941.2 million pesos.

**Free cash flow** rose 18.9% in the third quarter of 2005, totaling \$393.8 million pesos. Free cash flow generated in the first nine months of the year totaled \$640.0 million pesos, a 4.8% improvement over the year ago period.

**EBITDA and Free Cash Flow\***  
(in millions of pesos)

	Third quarter			Nine months		
	2005	2004	Var %	2005	2004	Var %
<b>Operating income</b>	385.5	308.6	24.9	941.2	740.8	27.0
Depreciation and amortization	99.9	91.3	9.4	294.3	270.8	8.7
<b>EBITDA</b>	485.4	399.9	21.4	1,235.5	1,011.6	22.1
Net financial expenses	7.6	2.7	181.5	17.3	7.2	140.3
(Increase) Decrease in working capital	10.3	79.7	-87.1	(162.4)	(190.2)	-14.6
Taxes paid	(15.0)	(6.9)	117.4	(45.0)	(20.7)	117.4
Anti-dumping duties paid in cash	(47.9)	(48.5)	-1.4	(166.8)	56.2	-397.1
Capital expenditures	(36.8)	(78.0)	-52.8	(208.6)	(249.9)	-16.5
Other	(9.8)	(17.5)	-44.2	(30.0)	(3.5)	757.1
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>393.8</b>	<b>333.1</b>	18.9	<b>640.0</b>	<b>610.7</b>	4.8

\* Excludes investments in the new cement plant in Pueblo, Colorado, the new pre-cast concrete products plant and the investment in SOBOCE.

**Consolidated net income** increased by 33.9% in the third quarter of 2005 as a result of the increase in operating income and comprehensive financing income, to reach \$264.9 million pesos. In the first nine months of the year, consolidated net income was \$630.7 million pesos, 19.3% higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

## **INTEREST-BEARING DEBT (excluding the proportional debt of SOBOCE)**

	Third Quarter		
	2005	2004	Var %
<b>Total interest-bearing debt</b>	1,445.3	1,625.4	14.3
Short term	0.8%	2.8%	
Long term	99.2%	97.2%	
Pesos	0%	0%	
Dollar	100%	100%	
Cash and temporary investments	1,042.4	1,368.5	-23.8
<b>Net debt</b>	402.9	256.9	56.8

*(millions of pesos)*

Short-term **interest-bearing debt** as of September 30, 2005 totaled \$11.4 million pesos, all of which was dollar-denominated. Long-term debt totaled \$1,433.9 million pesos, of which \$1,200 million was in domestic bonds converted to dollars under a cross-currency swap, and \$233.9 million pesos was dollar-denominated.

The average annual cost of debt in the month of September was 3.7%.

## **OTHER EVENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2005**

### ***Acquisition of a 46.57% stake in Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento, S.A. (SOBOCE)***

The acquisition of SOBOCE in Bolivia represents GCC's entry to the South American market and a growth opportunity for the Company.

GCC purchased a 46.57% stake in SOBOCE, the largest cement company in Bolivia with an approximate 70% share of its domestic market.

With annual cement production capacity of 870 thousand tons, SOBOCE operates two cement producing plants and two cement milling facilities, four ready mix concrete plants and a limestone aggregates plant in Bolivia. SOBOCE's cement sales volumes have grown a compounded 9.39% in the past four years. Net sales in fiscal 2004 totaled US\$54 million dollars. SOBOCE holds management control and a 33.34% stake in Fábrica Nacional de Cemento (FANCESA), the second largest cement producer in Bolivia, with 444 thousand tons of cement production capacity, one ready mix concrete plant, one limestone aggregates plant and three pre-cast concrete products plant; the combined Bolivian market share of SOBOCE and Fancesa is approximately 70%, with total annual sales of US\$83 million dollars.

The acquisition is GCC's entry into the South American market, and represents an important growth opportunity for the Company. Demand for cement in Bolivia has grown at 4.7% on a compounded basis in the last four years (compared to 2.6% GDP growth in the same period), and is forecast to increase significantly due to investments in highway and public infrastructure, mining and housing, while the self-construction industry should continue to reflect solid GDP growth.

GCC acquired its stake in SOBOCE for US\$58.2 million dollars in a cash transaction. The remainder of SOBOCE's equity capital will be held by its current shareholders. SOBOCE will be an affiliated company of GCC, whose financial results will be consolidated in GCC's reporting on a proportional basis of the 46.57% ownership. (See "*Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements*")

Key benefits of acquisition:

GCC expects that the acquisition will:

- Provide GCC with a diversified source of revenue and earnings, and a platform from which to expand its presence in South America
- Establish GCC as the market leader in Bolivia, where GDP growth and demand for cement have shown attractive historical growth and are anticipated to increase at a robust rate
- Provide SOBOCE with the opportunity to improve production efficiencies using GCC's industry expertise
- Maintain comparable operating margins while boosting EBITDA levels

### ***Construction concludes at pre-cast concrete products plant***

The pre-cast products plant located in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, where construction ended in the third quarter of 2005 following an approximate investment of \$40.0 million pesos, will initiate operations as of the fourth quarter of 2005. This plant provides GCC a new competitive advantage in the concrete market by augmenting the Company's commercial offering of value-added products to its clients. Pre-cast products help reduce clients' costs and speed construction time.

## **2005 OUTLOOK**

GCC expects that strong demand for cement and insufficient supply in the U.S. will continue for the remainder 2005. In addition, the Company anticipates steady demand for its products based on the solid performance of the construction industry in Mexico.

In the short term the Company expects GCC's 2005 sales, excluding the consolidation of SOBOCE, to increase 7% and EBITDA to grow 20% over 2004 figures.

## **BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Figures in this document are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in Mexico and are expressed in constant Mexican pesos as of September 30, 2005.

GCC will consolidate the 46.57% stake in Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento, S.A. (SOBOCE) and subsidiaries in which it holds common control. The consolidation will be undertaken in accordance with the proportional consolidation method set out in International Accounting Standards "Financial Reporting of Interest in Joint Ventures" (IAS 31).

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### **About GCC**

GCC is a leading supplier of cement, aggregates, concrete and construction-related services in Mexico and the United States, and holds an interest in Bolivia's largest cement company. The Company's annual cement production capacity is 3.4 million tons. Sales in 2004 totaled Ps. 4.0 billion.

Founded in 1941, the Company's shares trade on the Mexican Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol GCC\*.

*This document contains forward-looking statements relating to Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua S.A. de C.V. and subsidiaries (GCC) based upon management projections. These projections reflect GCC's opinion on future events that may be subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Various factors may cause actual results to differ from those expressed herein, including, among others, changes in macroeconomic, political, governmental or business conditions in the markets where GCC operates; changes in interest rates, inflation rates and currency exchange rates; construction industry performance; pricing, business strategy and other factors. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein. GCC assumes no obligation to update or correct the information contained in this press release.*

## Income Statement

*(in thousands of pesos of purchasing power as of September 30, 2005, except per share amounts)*

	THIRD QUARTER				NINE MONTHS CUMULATIVE				
	2005	%	2004	Var	2005	%	2004	Var	
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>1,302,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,153,800</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>3,368,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,077,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Domestic sales	615,200	47.2	532,200	15.6	1,655,100	49.1	1,651,400	53.7	0.2
International sales	686,900	52.8	621,600	10.5	1,713,600	50.9	1,426,400	46.3	20.1
Cost of sales	804,600	61.8	735,800	9.4	2,117,700	62.9	2,027,900	65.9	4.4
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>497,500</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>418,000</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>1,251,000</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>1,049,900</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>19.2</b>
Operating expenses	112,000	8.6	109,400	2.4	309,800	9.2	309,100	10.0	0.2
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>385,500</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>308,600</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>941,200</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>740,800</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>27.1</b>
<b>Comprehensive financing cost</b>									
Financial expenses	19,300	1.5	22,500	-14.2	54,700	1.6	65,300	2.1	-16.2
Financial income	(26,900)	-2.1	(25,200)	6.7	(72,000)	-2.1	(72,500)	-2.4	-0.7
Monetary position	(5,300)	-0.4	(14,900)	-64.4	(12,570)	-0.4	(25,931)	-0.8	-51.5
Exchange rate fluctuation	(21,900)	-1.7	(1,200)	1725.0	(26,200)	-0.8	1,100	0.0	N/A
<b>Total CFC</b>	<b>(34,800)</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>(18,800)</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>(56,070)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>(32,031)</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>75.0</b>
Other expenses and income	93,700	7.2	80,600	16.3	250,400	7.4	149,300	4.9	67.7
<b>Income before taxes and profit sharing</b>	<b>326,600</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>246,800</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>746,870</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>623,531</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>19.8</b>
Taxes and profit sharing	61,700	4.7	48,900	26.2	116,200	3.4	95,003	3.1	22.3
<b>Net consolidated income</b>	<b>264,900</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>197,900</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>630,670</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>528,528</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>
Majority interest	267,050	20.5	197,849	35.0	632,800	18.8	528,400	17.2	19.8
Minority interest	(50)	0.0	51	-198.0	(30)	0.0	128	0.0	-123.4
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>485,400</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>399,900</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>1,235,500</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>1,011,600</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>	<b>0.79</b>		<b>0.59</b>		<b>1.9</b>		<b>1.6</b>		

**Consolidated Income Statement**  
(in thousands of pesos of purchasing power as of September 30, except share figures)

	2004						2005					
	T1	%	T2	%	T3	%	T1	%	T2	%	T3	%
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>869,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,054,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,153,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>832,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,233,900</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,302,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Domestic sales	576,100	66.3	543,100	51.5	532,200	46.1	473,100	56.8	566,800	45.9	615,200	47.2
International sales	293,400	33.7	511,400	48.5	621,600	53.9	359,600	43.2	667,100	54.1	686,900	52.8
Cost of sales	592,700	68.2	699,400	66.3	735,800	63.8	564,800	67.8	748,300	60.6	804,600	61.8
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>276,800</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>355,100</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>418,000</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>267,900</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>485,600</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>497,500</b>	<b>38.2</b>
Operating expenses	91,000	10.5	108,700	10.3	109,400	9.5	94,600	11.4	103,200	8.4	112,000	8.6
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>185,800</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>246,400</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>308,600</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>173,300</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>382,400</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>385,500</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>Comprehensive financing cost</b>												
Financial expenses	20,500	2.4	22,300	2.1	22,500	2.0	18,500	2.2	16,900	1.4	19,300	1.5
Financial income	(21,400)	-2.5	(25,900)	-2.5	(25,200)	-2.2	(23,700)	-2.8	(21,400)	-1.7	(26,900)	-2.1
Monetary position	(17,231)	-2.0	6,200	0.6	(14,900)	-1.3	(8,570)	-1.0	1,300	0.1	(5,300)	-0.4
Exchange rate fluctuation	1,600	0.2	700	0.1	(1,200)	-0.1	(800)	-0.1	(3,500)	-0.3	(21,900)	-1.7
<b>Total CFC</b>	<b>(16,531)</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>(18,800)</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>(14,570)</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>(6,700)</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>(34,800)</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Other expenses and income	23,600	2.7	45,100	4.3	80,600	7.0	61,100	7.3	95,600	7.7	93,700	7.2
<b>Income before taxes and profit sharing</b>	<b>178,731</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>246,800</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>126,770</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>293,500</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>326,600</b>	<b>25.1</b>
Taxes and profit sharing	28,203	3.2	17,900	1.7	48,900	4.2	1,400	0.2	53,100	4.3	61,700	4.7
<b>Net consolidated income</b>	<b>150,528</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>180,100</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>197,900</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>125,370</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>240,400</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>264,900</b>	<b>20.3</b>
Majority interest	150,471	17.3	180,080	17.1	197,849	17.1	125,264	15.0	240,386	19.5	267,050	20.5
Minority interest	57	0.0	20	0.0	51	0.0	6	0.0	14	0.0	(50)	0.0
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>275,100</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>336,600</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>399,900</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>269,000</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>481,100</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>485,400</b>	<b>37.3</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>	<b>0.45</b>		<b>0.54</b>		<b>0.59</b>		<b>0.38</b>		<b>0.73</b>		<b>0.80</b>	
												<b>1.90</b>

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
(in thousands of pesos of purchasing power as of September 30, 2005)

<b>GCC</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>		<b>GCC with SOBOCE</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>		<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Assets</b>		
<i>Current</i>	2,669,500	2,914,600	<i>Current</i>	2,921,700	2,914,600
Cash and temporary investments	1,042,400	1,368,500	Cash and temporary investments	1,082,900	1,368,500
<i>Long term</i>	330,600	63,200	<i>Long term</i>	77,600	63,200
Property, plant and equipment	6,176,100	6,232,800	Property, plant and equipment	6,917,700	6,232,800
Other assets	966,200	603,100	Other assets	986,000	603,100
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,142,400</b>	<b>9,813,700</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,903,000</b>	<b>9,813,700</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
<i>Current</i>	414,000	406,800	<i>Current</i>	657,600	406,800
Bank debt	11,400	45,000	Bank debt	126,900	45,000
<i>Long term</i>	1,433,900	1,580,400	<i>Long term</i>	1,730,300	1,580,400
Bank debt	21,968	36,421	Bank debt	318,368	36,421
Domestic bonds	1,200,000	1,200,000	Domestic bonds	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other interest-bearing liabilities	211,932	343,979	Other interest-bearing liabilities	211,932	343,979
<i>Deferred taxes</i>	1,021,600	1,157,500	<i>Deferred taxes</i>	1,021,600	1,157,500
<i>Other liabilities</i>	599,100	625,200	<i>Other liabilities</i>	628,600	625,200
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,468,600</b>	<b>3,769,900</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,038,100</b>	<b>3,769,900</b>
<b>Consolidated shareholders' equity</b>	<b>6,673,800</b>	<b>6,043,800</b>	<b>Consolidated shareholders' equity</b>	<b>6,864,900</b>	<b>6,043,800</b>
Majority shareholders' equity	6,672,900	6,041,947	Majority shareholders' equity	6,670,800	6,041,947
Minority shareholders' equity	900	1,853	Minority shareholders' equity	194,100	1,853