



Independent assurance report to Holcim Limited (Holcim) on its carbon dioxide emissions for the year ended 31 December 2005

Holcim has engaged KPMG LLP to review its carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions data for the year ended 31 December 2005 as included in the Environmental Performance Data section of the company's 2005 Corporate Sustainable Development Report ('CSDR'). The emissions data covered by our examination relates to absolute gross, absolute net, specific gross and specific net CO₂ emissions from the integrated cement plants, grinding stations and terminals in which Holcim has an equity interest as defined in the System Boundaries section of the CSDR.

This report is made solely to Holcim in accordance with the terms of our engagement and for no other purpose. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we have been engaged to state in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have reached.

Respective responsibilities of Holcim Executive Committee and KPMG LLP

The Executive Committee of Holcim are responsible for the preparation of CO₂ emissions data on the basis set out within the WBCSD Cement CO₂ Protocol: CO₂ emissions Monitoring and Reporting Protocol for the Cement Industry dated October 19, 2001 (WBCSD Cement CO₂ Protocol).

Our responsibility is to express our conclusion to Holcim on the findings of our examinations of its CO₂ emissions data for the year ended 31 December 2005 based on the work referred to below. We also report if in our opinion any of the relevant disclosures, so far as they relate to CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005, are misrepresented or inconsistent with our findings; if we have not received all the information and explanations we required to conduct our work; if we became aware of additional information, the omission of which may in our view result in CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005 being materially misleading or misstated. We have not reviewed either comparisons with prior year CO₂ emissions or on any future targets or projections regarding CO₂ emissions performance made by Holcim.

Basis of our work

Holcim uses the WBCSD Cement CO₂ Protocol as the basis for CO₂ emissions reporting. We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standards on Assurance Engagements 3000: *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Work performed

Our approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with reporting CO₂ emissions data and the controls in place to mitigate these. Our examination includes assessment, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in relation to CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005. We planned and performed our work to obtain all the information and explanations that we considered necessary to provide sufficient evidence for us to give limited assurance that CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005, prepared on the basis of the WBCSD Cement CO₂ Protocol, are fairly stated.

Our work consisted of:

- obtaining an understanding of the systems used to generate, aggregate and report CO₂ emission data at a Plant, Group Company and Group level;
- assessing the significant assumptions and judgements made by the Directors in preparation of CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005;
- selecting sites for either site visit or desk-top review based on a range of risks and issues that may influence reporting in a geographically and operationally diverse organisation like Holcim;
- visiting selected sites to test the CO₂ data management systems and the associated reliability (completeness, accuracy and consistency) of the reported CO₂ emissions data submitted to Group. Our site visits included testing of the application of CO₂ determination processes for those emission sources representing a risk of material misstatement;
- conducting desk-top reviews of CO₂ emissions data for other selected sites, based on an understanding of these sites' current year operational and business activities and contribution to group CO₂ emissions;
- performing a high level desk-top review of CO₂ emissions data reported by all Holcim sites within the scope of this engagement;
- correlating findings from the site visits and desk-top reviews with our cumulative knowledge of the industry and Holcim operations in order to identify the issues (if any) that could impact the presentation of CO₂ emission performance of Holcim; and
- testing the integrity and accuracy of the central level CO₂ emissions data aggregation process.

Conclusion

Based on the work described above, and on WBCSD Cement CO₂ Protocol: CO₂ Emissions Monitoring and Reporting Protocol for the Cement industry, in our opinion, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that CO₂ emissions data of Holcim for the year ended 31 December 2005, as reported in the Environmental Performance Data section of the CSDR, are not fairly stated.

KPMG LLP

KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
London

15th June 2006

Caveats in relation to Web based Reports

The maintenance and integrity of Holcim Limited's web site is the responsibility of management; KPMG LLP's work does not involve consideration of these matters. Accordingly, KPMG LLP accepts no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the CO₂ emissions data or independent assurance report since they were initially presented on the web site. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of electronic information may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. Our statement relates to the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005 and we have performed no work in relation to any data or information after 1 June 2006.

