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### STEPPE CEMENT LTD

Interim Financial Statements (Unaudited)
For the six months ended 30 June 2005

### General Information

- a) Steppe Cement Ltd was incorporated on 17 September 2004 and as such there are no comparative figures for the 6 month period ended 30 June 2004;
- b) Prior to acquisition of Central Asia Cement Holding BV (the 100% holding company of the Cement Business owner, Central Asia Cement JSC), the Steppe Cement Ltd Group did not have any operating business. Readers should refer to the Steppe Cement Ltd AIM Admission Document dated 9 September 2005 for details of the Group reconstruction;
- c) So as to provide readers with an indication of the operating results of the core business now owned by the Group, the interim financial statements for Central Asia Cement JSC, for the six months to 30 June 2005 are provided as an addendum to the Group's accounts (see Appendix I); furthermore
- d) The pro forma balance sheet from 31 December 2004 as included in the Steppe Cement Ltd AIM Admission Document has been updated based on the 30 June 2005 accounts for each of the Group companies (see Appendix II). This pro forma is provided to illustrate the effects of the corporate reorganization events which established the current Group structure on the financial statements of Steppe Cement Ltd as of 30 June 2005 on the assumption the corporate reorganization events which took place during July and August 2005 were completed at 30 June 2005.

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- 1. Consolidated interim financial statements of Steppe Cement Ltd for the six months ended 30 June 2005;
- 2. Interim financial statements of Central Asia Cement JSC for the six months ended 30 June 2005 Appendix I; and
- 3. Pro forma Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Group as at 30 June 2005 Appendix II.

### STEPPE CEMENT LTD

(Incorporated in Labuan FT, Malaysia under the Offshore Companies Act, 1990)

AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

INCOME STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	Note	The Group US\$'000	The Company US\$'000
Revenue		-	-
Other operating expenses		(3)	(2)
Loss before tax Income tax expense		(3) - 	(2) - 
Net loss for the period		(3)	(2)

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of this interim financial statements.

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STEPPE CEMENT LTD

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BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

	Note	The Group US\$'000	The Company US\$'000
Investment in subsidiary company	4	-	1
Current Assets Amount owing by subsidiary company Prepayment Cash and cash equivalents	4	- 2 22	25 1 -
		24	26 

Current Liabilities Amount owing to holding company Accrued expenses	5	28 3	28 2
		31	30
Net Current Liabilities		(7)	(4)
Net Liabilities		(7)	(4)
Represented by:			
Issued capital Accumulated loss	6	1 (8)	1 (5)
Capital Deficiency		(7)	(4)

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CASH FLOW STATEMENTS (Unaudited) FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	The Group US\$'000	The Company US\$!000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss before tax	(3)	(2)
Operating Loss Before Working Capital Changes	(3)	(2)
Increase in: Amount owing by subsidiary company	_	(23)

Increase in: Amount owing to holding company Other payables and accrued expenses	23 2	23 2
Net Cash Generated / (Used) In Operating Activities	22	(0)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY	-	-
Net Cash From Financing Activity	-	-
CASH FLOW USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITY	-	-
Net Cash Used In Investing Activity	-	-
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	22	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	-	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	22	-

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STEPPE CEMENT LTD

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated on 17 September 2004 and its principal activity is investment holding. The registered office of the Company is located at Brumby House, Jalan Bahasa, 87011 Labuan FT, Malaysia.

As of 30 June 2005 the Group comprised Steppe Cement Ltd ("the Company") and its 100% subsidiary Steppe Cement (M) Sdn Bhd ("the Group"). The Group did not have an operating business at 30 June 2005 but through a series of transactions which took place subsequent to 30 June 2005, the Group acquired a 100% interest in the owner of a significant cement manufacturing business based in Kazakhstan,

Central Asia Cement JSC, through the acquisition of a 100% interest in Central Asia Cement JSC's 100% holding company Central Asia Cement Holding BV.

Further information on the Group reorganisation which took place subsequent to 30 June 2005 is provided in the Steppe Cement Ltd AIM Admission Document dated 9 September 2005.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Group and the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Accounting Standards.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Group and the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated interim financial statements incorporate the interim financial statements of the Company and of its subsidiary made up to 30 June 2005.

Subsidiary companies are consolidated using the acquisition method of accounting. On acquisition, the assets and liabilities of the relevant subsidiary companies are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition.

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Basis of Consolidation (Continued)

The results of subsidiary companies acquired or disposed during the financial period are included in the consolidated financial statements from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal.

All significant inter-company transactions, balances and resulting unrealised gains are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are eliminated on consolidation unless costs cannot be recovered.

## Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into United States Dollar at the exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates or, where settlement has not been made at the date of the financial statements, at the approximate exchange rates prevailing at that date. All foreign exchange gains or losses are taken up in the income statement.

The principal closing rates used in translation of foreign currency amounts in this interim financial statements:

US\$

Ringgit Malaysia Kazakstan Tenge Investment In Subsidiary Company 3.80

136.25

Investment in subsidiary company, which is eliminated on consolidation, is stated at cost in the Company's financial statements. Where there is an indication of impairment, the carrying amount of the investment is assessed and

written down to its recoverable amount.

Cash Flow Statement

The Group and the Company adopt the direct method in the preparation of the cash flow statement.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to cash with insignificant risk of changes in value.

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### 4. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

The Company
US\$
1

Unquoted shares, at cost

As at 30 June 2005, the subsidiary company is as follows:

Effective Principal Activities
Percentage of
Ownership

Steppe Cement (M) Sdn Bhd - incorporated in Malaysia

100 Dormant

The amount owing by subsidiary company arose mainly from payments made on its behalf, which are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed term of repayment.

## 5. HOLDING COMPANY

As at 30 June 2005, the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Asian Investment Management Services Ltd, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

Upon completion of the Group's re-organisation (see note 1), the shareholding of Asian Investment Management Services Ltd was reduced to 34.4% of the Company's issued share capital.

## 6. SHARE CAPITAL

The Group and the Company US\$

Authorised:

1,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each

10,000

Issued and fully paid:

100,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each

1,000

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As at 30 June 2005, the authorised share capital of the Company was US\$10,000 consisting of 1,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each, and the issued and paid-up share capital was US\$1,000 consisting of 100,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each.

Upon completion of the Group's re-organisation the authorised share capital of the Company increased to US\$5,000,000 consisting of 500,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each, and the issued and paid-up share capital will increase to US\$1,000,000 consisting of 100,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each.

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APPENDIX I

CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JOINT STOCK COMPANY

Interim Financial Statements (Unaudited)
For the period of six months ended 30 June 2005

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CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JOINT STOCK COMPANY

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CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JSC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2005 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Notes	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
Property, plant and equipment, net	1	15 <b>,</b> 620	2 <b>,</b> 596

Intangible assets, net		4	1
		15,624	2 <b>,</b> 597
CURRENT ASSETS: Inventories, net Trade accounts receivable, net Advances paid, net Other receivables	2	5,576 89 867 247	3,436 587 1,043 443
Short-term investments Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,222	4,951
		13,101	10,460
TOTAL ASSETS		28 <b>,</b> 725 ======	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital Accumulated profit / (deficit) Capital reserve	5 6	587 3,644 11,737	586 (5,766) -
		15 <b>,</b> 968	(5,180)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loans	7	6,000  6,000	 -
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade accounts payable Other payables and accrued liabilities Taxes payable Loans Advance received	8 10 7	397 574 981 4,000 805	133 4,775 301 12,360 667
		6 <b>,</b> 757	18,237
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		28,725 ======	13,057

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# CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JSC

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005 (Unaudited)

	Notes	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
		037 000	037 000
REVENUE	9	19,690	13,633

COST OF SALES	11	(8 <b>,</b> 200)	(5 <b>,</b> 960)
GROSS PROFIT		11,490	7,673
Selling expenses General and administrative	12 13	(1,029) (1,938)	(1,030) (1,882)
expenses OPERATING PROFIT		8,523 	4,761 
Finance cost, net Other income / (loss), net	14	(692) (183)	(311) 686
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		7,648	5,136
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		(2,294)	(1,342)
NET PROFIT for the period		5,354 ======	3,794 ======

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CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JSC STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005 (Unaudited)

	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	•	•
Profit before income tax	7,648	5 <b>,</b> 136
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	295	_
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	
Unrealised exchange (gain)/loss		(705)
Finance costs, net	599	302
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital	9,003	4,851
Increase in trade and other debtors	(316)	276
Increase in inventories		(691)
Increase in trade accounts payable and other accrued		642
liabilities		
	8,470	5 <b>,</b> 078
Income tax paid		(1,342)
Interest paid	(614)	(311)
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,040	3,425
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	16	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(738)	(521)
Purchase of intangible assets	(4)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(726)	(512)

FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Bank loan repayment	(1,908)	_
Repayment of loans	(259)	_
	(2,167)	_
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,147	2,913
CAH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of the period	3 <b>,</b> 075	2,038
CAH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of the period	6,222	4,951
	======	======

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CENTRAL ASIA CEMENT JSC NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

# 1. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

Land & Improvement assets Construction Total in	Buildings	Machinery and Other equipment
progress US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000	us\$'000	US\$'000
Cost		
As at 1 179 1,124 156 4,266 January 2005	1,487	1,320
Additions 2,999 176 605 4,013	69	164
	11,737	-
Disposals (28) (271) (301)	-	(2)
As at 30 June 3,178 1,272 490 19,715	13,293	1,482
2005		

Accumulated depreciation

As at 1 261	_	826	_	179	386
January 200 Additions 82	<b>-</b>	3 <b>,</b> 269	_	3,136	51
Disposals	_	-	-	-	-
As at 30 Ju 343	ne -	4 <b>,</b> 095		3,315	437
2005					
NET BOOK 929	490	15,620	3,177	9,978	1,047
VALUE			=======	======	======
At 30 June 929 2005	490	15,620	3 <b>,</b> 178	9 <b>,</b> 978	1,045
At 30 June 584 2004	77	2 <b>,</b> 596	179	937	819
2004					

# 2. INVENTORIES, NET

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Inventories, net as at 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

Turn 0.4	30-Jun-05	30-
Jun-04	US\$'000	
US\$'000		
Work in progress	1,551	
1,286		
Finished goods 224	628	
Fuel 213	411	
Raw materials	233	
1,124 Spare parts	233	
158		
Goods for resale 103	89	
Packing material 42	65	
Other materials 628	2,365	
Provision for (342)	7	
obsolete stock		-
Total	5,576	
3,436	=====	=

## 3. OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables as at 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

20 - 04		30-Jun-05
30-Jun-04		US\$ <b>'</b> 000
US\$'000		
Loans to employe	ees	99
	subsidiary company	-
Prepayments 54		73
Others		75
227		
	Total	247
443		
=======		======

# 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

30-Jun-05

30-Jun-04		30 0 un 03
30 0411 04		US\$'000
US\$'000		
Cash in banks, in K	ZZT	5,970
Cash in banks, in U	ISD	7
Petty cash		37
Restricted cash		208
30		
	Total	6,222
4,951		======
======		
5. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	}	30-Jun-05
30-Jun-04		30-Jun-05
us\$'000		US\$'000
Balance as at 31 De	ecember 2004	(1,709)
(9,560)  Net profit for the	period	5,353

3,794	
Balance as at 30 June 2005 (5,766)	3,644
=====	
6. CAPITAL RESERVE 30-Jun-04	30-Jun-05
US\$'000	US\$ <b>'</b> 000
Net book value of revalued assets	206
At valuation	11,943
Valuation surplus	11,737
=====	=====

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7.	LOANS			
		Interest rate	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$ <b>'</b> 000
	JSC	12.5%	10,000	_
	Kazkommertsbank			
	Cement Engineering	2 x 1	-	350
	Consultancy	year LIBOR		
	Kazakhstan	2 x 1	_	12,010
	Investment Fund	year LIBOR		
	Total		10,000	12,360
			======	======

# 8. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
Payables to employees	197	152
Other payables to related parties	107	3,899
Other payables and accruals	270	724 
Total	574 =====	4,775 ======

# 9. REVENUE

Revenue for the periods ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-04
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Sales - manufactured goods	19,374	13,435
Other sales	316	198
Total	19,690	13,633 ======

# 10. TAXES PAYABLE

Taxes payable as at 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
Corporate income tax, net	454	-
Value added tax	506	279
Personal income tax	(3)	(25)
Other taxes	24	47
Total	981	301
	======	======

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## 11. COST OF SALES

Cost of sales for the period ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-04
	US\$'000	US\$ <b>'</b> 000
Cost of production		
Materials	4,422	3 <b>,</b> 518
Payroll and related taxes	1,396	1,034
Electricity	762	722
Depreciation	43	15
Other	988	769
	7,611	6,058
Work in progress at beginning of the year	1,400	818
Work in progress at end of the year	1,551	1,286

Change in work in progress		(151)	(468)
Finished goods at beginning of year	the	1,134	470
Finished goods at end of the y	rear	629	224
Change in finished goods		505 	246 
Cost of sales, manufactured go	ods	7,965	5,836
Cost of sales, purchased goods	1	235	124
	Total	8,200 =====	5,960 ======

## 12. SELLING EXPENSES

Selling expenses for the period ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

		30-Jun-05	30-Jun-04
		US\$'000	US\$'000
Railway transportation		858	907
Payroll and related taxes		71	48
Shipping and transportation		55	43
Rent		8	11
Advertising		8	3
Others		29	18
	Total	1,029	1,030
		======	======

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## 13. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

General and administrative expenses for the period ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 consisted of the following:

idea of the following.	30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
Legal services	82	797
Payroll and related taxes	430	369
Management fee	288	180
Tax and custom duties	113	45
Utilities	23	24
Bank service payments	90	24
Bad debt provision	-	_
Business trip expenses	50	16
Communication costs	27	16
Stationeries	2	1
Depreciation and amortisation	26	12
Office costs	29	6
Laboratory expenses	2	2

	Other expenses		776 	390
		Total	1,938 =====	1,882
====	:===			
14.	OTHER INCOME, NET			
			30-Jun-05 US\$ <b>'</b> 000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
Foreign exchange gain/ Gain/(loss) on disposal		(488)	705 (5)	
	and equipment Other gain / (loss)		307	(14)
		Total	(183)	686
		IOCAI	======	000
====	===			
15.	RELATED PARTIES		30-Jun-05 US\$'000	30-Jun-04 US\$'000
	Management service fee Legal service fee Loans payable Accrued management fee Accrued interest on loa	ns	300 - - - -	150 734 12,360 617 3,282
		Total	300	17,143
		IULal	300	1/,143
====	:===			

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APPENDIX II

### STEPPE CEMENT LTD

(Incorporated in Labuan FT, Malaysia under the Offshore Companies Act, 1990)

### PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

The Pro forma Consolidated Balance Sheets as at 30 June 2005 as set out below is prepared for illustrative purposes only to show the effects of the corporate re-organisational events which established the current Group structure on the financial statements of Steppe Cement Ltd on the assumption that the corporate re-organisational events were completed on 30 June 2005.

Because of its nature, the Pro forma Consolidated Balance Sheet addresses a hypothetical situation and, therefore, does not represent the Group's actual financial position.

Central Asia Cement

JSC

Pro forma its subsidiary

After corporate

reorganisation Adjust				
ment		20 7 2005	20 7 2005	114 ) 45 €
30 June 2005		30 June 2005	30 June 2005	
US\$'000 Assets	US\$ <b>'</b> 000	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Non-current assets Property, plant and 15,620		-	15,620	-
equipment, net Intangible assets, n	et	-	4	-
Total non-current as 15,624	sets	-	15,624	-
Current Assets Inventories, net 5,576		-	5 <b>,</b> 576	-
Trade receivables, n	et	-	189	-
Advances paid, net 867		-	867	-
Other receivables, n 276	et	2	247	27
Cash and cash equiva 3,377	lents	22	6,222	(2 <b>,</b> 867)
Total current assets 10,285		24	13,101	(2,840)
Total assets 25,909		24	28,725	(2,840)

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	Steppe Cement Ltd and its subsidiary 30June 2005 US\$'000	Central Asia Cement JSC 30 June 2005 US\$'000	Adjustment US\$'000	Pro forma After corporate reorganisation  30 June 2005  US\$'000
Liabilities and Equity				
Shareholder's equity Share capital Share premium Revaluation Reserve	1 -	587 - 11,737	412 6,300 (11,737)	1,000 6,300
Reserve on consolidation Accumulated profits / (loss)	-	-	5,786	5,786
	(8)	3,644	(3,644)	(8)
Total shareholders' equity	(7)	15,968	(2,883)	13,078
Non-current liabilities Loans	-	6,000	-	6,000
Current Liabilities Trade payables Other payables	-	397	-	397
and accruals	31	574	43	648
Taxes payable Loans	<del>-</del> -	981 4 <b>,</b> 000	<del>-</del>	981 4 <b>,</b> 000
Advance				
received	-	805	_	805
Total current liabilities	31	6 <b>,</b> 757	43	6,831
	24	28,725	(2,840)	25,909

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NOTES TO THE PRO FORMA CONSOILDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

# 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Pro forma Consolidated Balance Sheet of Steppe Cement Ltd as at 30 June 2005

has been prepared for illustrative purposes only based on:

- (i) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Steppe Cement Ltd as at 30 June 2005;
- (ii) the unaudited balance sheet of Central Asia Cement JSC as at 30 June 2005.

#### 2. BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The financial statements of the subsidiary companies have been consolidated using the acquisition method of accounting. On acquisition, the assets and liabilities of the relevant subsidiary companies are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. All significant intercompany balances are eliminated on consolidation.

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets of subsidiary companies and is recognised as an asset.

#### 3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

The Pro forma Consolidated Balance Sheet incorporate on a pro forma basis adjustments for the following transactions as though they were effected as of 30 June 2005:

- (i) The declaration and payment of dividends of US\$3,040,000 in cash by Central Asia Cement JSC to Central Asia Cement Holding BV;
- (ii) The payment of US\$3,040,000 in cash by Central Asia Cement Holding BV to its shareholders in partial satisfaction of shareholders loans established on the acquisition of Central Asia Cement JSC by Central Asia Cement Holding BV;
- (iii) The acquisition by Steppe Cement (M) Sdn Bhd, the wholly owned subsidiary of Steppe Cement Ltd, of 100% equity interest in Central Asia Cement Holding BV;
- (iv) The issue and allotment by Steppe Cement Ltd of 70,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each at an issue price of US\$0.10 per share and the issue and allotment of 29,900,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each at an issue price of US\$0.01 per share as part of the corporate reorganisation.

The resulting share premium of US\$6,300,000 has been credited to the share premium account.

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