CIMPOR - CIMENTOS DE PORTUGAL, SGPS, S.A.

Public Limited Company

Registered Office: Rua Alexandre Herculano, 35, 1250-009 Lisbon, Portugal Share Capital: €672,000,000

Lisbon Registry of Companies no 731

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PRESS RELEASE

QUALIFIED HOLDING

(Translated from the Portuguese original)

Pursuant to the terms of Article 17.1 of the Securities Code notice is hereby given to the effect that we have been advised by C+P.A. – Cimentos e Produtos Associados, S.A., as follows:

"We take this opportunity to inform you, under the terms and for the purposes of Article 16 of the Securities Code, that on December 29, 2003, we acquired 20,080,000 shares representing the share capital of Cimpor – Cimentos de Portugal, SGPS, S.A. (CIMPOR), of which 80,000 shares were acquired on the stock exchange and 20,000,000 through an over-.the-counter transaction.

We would further advise you that as a result of these acquisitions, C+P.A. – Cimentos e Produtos Associados, S.A. (C+P.A.), holds 30,578,753 CIMPOR shares and its directors hold 11,000 shares in the said company, and therefore, by virtue of Articles 16 and 20 of the Securities Code, it is imputable to C+P.A. a qualified holding in CIMPOR corresponding to 30,589,753 shares in the said company, representing 4.552% of its share capital and a like percentage of its voting rights (save any modification caused by treasury shares)".

We further declare that taking into account the treasury shares held by CIMPOR – Cimentos de Portugal, SGPS, S.A., (5,340,565), the C+P.A. – Cimentos e Produtos Associados, S.A. holding in this company corresponds to 4.589% of the voting rights.

The Board of Directors

Lisbon, January 2, 2004