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## **CLH'S CONSOLIDATED GRAY CEMENT VOLUMES IMPROVED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER**

- Consolidated gray cement volumes reached 1.5 million tons during the second quarter, an improvement of 1% or of 2% on a daily-sales basis, compared to those of the same period of last year, driven by improved volumes mainly in Colombia
- In Colombia, net sales improved by 7% during the quarter in local-currency terms, driven by increased cement volumes as well as higher cement and aggregates prices, compared to those of the same period of 2018
- Free cash flow reached US\$40 million during the first half of the year, an improvement of US\$24 million on a year-over-year basis
- Net debt was reduced by US\$45 million during the first six months of the year, from US\$827 million as of December, to US\$782 million as of June

**BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. JULY 25, 2019** – CEMEX Latam Holdings, S.A. ("CLH") (BVC: CLH), announced today that its consolidated net sales reached US\$249 million during the second quarter of 2019, a decline of 11% in U.S.-dollar terms or of 4% in local-currency terms, compared to those of the same period of 2018. Operating EBITDA reached US\$46 million during the second quarter, a decline of 28% in U.S.-dollar terms or of 23% in local-currency terms, on a year-over-year basis.

During the second quarter of 2019, consolidated domestic gray cement volumes increased by 1%, while consolidated ready-mix and aggregates volumes declined by 5% and 6%, respectively, compared to those of the second quarter of 2018. Consolidated prices in local-currency terms for domestic gray cement and ready-mix declined by 1%, while for aggregates increased by 2%, during the quarter on a year over year basis.

Jaime Muguero, CEO of CLH, said, "We are encouraged by the positive trends in Colombian industry-cement demand and by our cement volume and price performance in this country during the first half of the year. Nevertheless, this positive trend in sales was not strong enough to offset the increases in coal, electricity and distribution costs in Colombia, and the much weaker markets across Central America. To respond to this challenge, as part of our A Stronger CEMEX plan, we have saved so far US\$6.5 million, out of the 2019 target of US\$11 million of recurring savings".

Jaime Muguero added, "Despite this challenging environment, we are pleased with our free cash flow generation and debt reduction during the first semester. Our free cash flow reached US\$40 million dollars in this period, an improvement of US\$24 million on a year-over-year basis. We reduced our net debt by US\$45 million dollars, from US\$827 million as of December to US\$782 million as of June."

### Consolidated Corporate Results

During the second quarter, controlling interest net income was negative US\$4 million, compared to US\$4 million during the same quarter of 2018.

### Geographical Markets Second Quarter 2019 Highlights

Operating EBITDA in **Colombia** reached US\$17 million, 22% lower in U.S.-dollar terms or 14% lower in local-currency terms, compared to that of the second quarter of 2018. Net sales on a year-over-year

basis declined by 6% in U.S.-dollar terms or increased by 7% in local-currency terms, to US\$122 million, during the quarter.

In **Panama**, operating EBITDA declined by 29% to US\$11 million during the quarter. Net sales reached US\$48 million during the second quarter of 2019, a 5% decline compared to those of the same period of 2018.

In **Costa Rica**, operating EBITDA reached US\$9 million during the quarter, 44% lower in U.S.-dollar terms, or 42% lower in local-currency terms, on a year-over-year basis. Net sales reached US\$27 million, a decline of 37% in U.S.-dollar terms or of 34% in local-currency terms, compared to those of the second quarter of 2018.

In the **Rest of CLH** operating EBITDA declined by 23% in U.S.-dollar terms or by 20% in local-currency terms, to US\$15 million during the quarter. Quarterly net sales reached US\$57 million, 7% lower in U.S.-dollar terms or 4% lower in local-currency terms, compared to those of the same period of 2018.

In accordance with its vision, CLH will continue constantly evolving to become more flexible in our operations, more creative in our commercial offerings, more sustainable in our use of resources, more innovative in conducting our business, and more efficient in our capital allocation. CLH is a regional leader in the building solutions industry that provides high-quality products and reliable services to customers and communities in Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

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