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# CEMEX LATAM HOLDINGS REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2016 RESULTS

- Controlling interest net income during the third quarter of 2016 increased by 23%, reaching US\$43 million compared to the third quarter of 2015
- EBITDA and free cash flow after total capex during the third quarter grew by 3% and 90%, respectively, on a year-over-year basis

**BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA. OCTOBER 27, 2016** – CEMEX Latam Holdings, S.A. ("CLH") (BVC: CLH), announced today that consolidated net sales reached US\$1,012 million in the first nine months of 2016. Consolidated net sales decreased by 8% during the first nine months of 2016 compared to same period of 2015. This decline is mainly explained as a result of foreign exchange fluctuations and the effect of lower cement volumes from our operations in Panama and Costa Rica. Adjusting for foreign-exchange fluctuations, consolidated net sales in the first nine months of the year decreased by 1%.

During the third quarter of 2016, consolidated net sales decreased by 4% on a year-over-year basis. This decline is mainly explained by lower sales from our operations in Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica.

Operating EBITDA during the third quarter of 2016 increased by 3%, while for the first nine months of the year decreased by 2%, compared to the same periods in 2015. Adjusting for foreign-exchange fluctuations, operating EBITDA in the first nine months of the year increased by 6% versus the same period in 2015.

During the first nine months of 2016, our consolidated cement, ready-mix and aggregates volumes declined by 1%, 10% and 15%, respectively, compared to 2015.

Jaime Muguiro, CEO of CLH, said, "Despite challenging demand dynamics in markets like Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica, we have delivered strong results. Our EBITDA increased 3% despite of a decline of 4% in net sales, supported by EBITDA margin expansion in all of our operations, compared with the same period in 2015."

## **CLH's Financial and Operational Highlights**

- Adjusting for the effect of foreign-exchange fluctuations, net sales and EBITDA in Colombia increased by 5% and 6%, respectively, during the first nine months of the year on a yearover-year basis.
- During the first nine months of the year, cement volumes in Colombia increased by 2%, while ready-mix and aggregates volumes decreased by 9% and 15%, respectively, compared with the same period a year ago.
- In Panama, during the third quarter EBITDA and EBITDA margin increased by 8% and 5.1pp, respectively, compared to same period in 2015.

 Free cash flow after total capital expenditures reached US\$73 million during the first nine months of 2016. Strategic capital expenditures were US\$32 million in the quarter used mainly for our capacity expansion project in Colombia.

Jaime Muguiro added, "We are encouraged by our free-cash-flow generation after total capex, which during the third quarter increased 90% year over year. Our strong cash flow generation was supported by successful working capital initiatives. Our average working capital days in the third quarter were negative for the second consecutive quarter, decreasing by 18 days compared with the third quarter 2015. We have released close to US\$70 million in working capital investment in the past 12 months"

### Consolidated Corporate Results

During the third quarter of 2016, controlling interest net income reached US\$43 million, increasing 23% compared to the same period of 2015.

Net debt was reduced during the third quarter of 2016 to US\$969 million.

#### Geographical Markets Third Quarter 2016 Highlights

Operating EBITDA in **Colombia** decreased by 1% to US\$60 million versus US\$61 million in the third quarter of 2015, with a decline of 2% in net sales reaching US\$173 million.

In **Panama**, operating EBITDA increased by 8% to US\$32 million during the quarter, while EBITDA margin grew 5.1pp on a year-over-year basis. Net sales reached US\$70 million in the third quarter of 2016, a decrease of 4% compared with the same period in 2015.

In **Costa Rica**, operating EBITDA reached US\$14 million during the quarter, decreasing by 6% compared to the same period a year ago. Net sales declined by 9% to US\$38 million, compared with the third quarter of 2015.

In the **Rest of CLH** operating EBITDA increased by 16% to US\$20 million during the quarter, while EBITDA margin grew 5.6pp on a year-over-year basis. Net sales reached US\$64 million in the third quarter of 2016, a decrease of 5% compared with the same period in 2015.

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, Guatemala, and Brazil. CLH's mission is to create sustainable value by providing industry-leading products and solutions to satisfy the construction needs of our customers in the markets where we operate.

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