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PHILIPPE CÉSAR APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF CCB, COMPAGNIE DES CIMENTS BELGES

Bruxelles, January 26th 2017 – On the 13th of January Philippe César has been appointed Chairman of CCB by the Board of Directors of the Belgian company.

Philippe César is 58 years old, from Belgium, and graduated in Engineering by the Polytechnic of Mons.

In his career César acquired a relevant knowledge of the cement business, while building an extensive network of top level relations in Belgium and France.

He started working in the electric and steel sectors before moving in 1992 to CBR Cement – now Heidelberg Cement - where he covered several managerial roles with increasing responsibilities. Until 2004 César led the CBR Cement's four factories, when he was appointed Head of Investments and Purchasing for Benelux. In the meantime, he was Board Member and then Chairman of the Board of the Antoing Quarry for 3 years, while chairing various other boards in the public and private sector: Port River Authority, Cimescaut, Parc Environnemental Mons Hainaut, Recybel - an electrical fly ash producer and cement company - and Recyfuel - the waste fuel producer for CBR Cement in Belgium.

After his experience in the Heidelberg Cement Group, from 2006 to 2008 César covered simultaneously the role of Managing Director of Lemay Quarries and CEO and President of Granor, a French company operating in the aggregates business. In the last 7 years he served as top advisor in various companies before being nominated CCB Chairman of the Board.

Following his appointment, Philippe César stated “ I am glad to meet again a sector that I know very well, in a Region where I've established excellent relations and where I have collected important personal and professional memories. I am enthusiastic to work with women and men that I have known for a long time, and whose skills, loyalty, honesty and respect to those human values - that are the main conditions for the success of the entire company – I have always appreciated”.