

**The Directors of Bamburi Cement Limited are pleased to announce the audited group results for the year ended 31 December 2003.**

	2003	2002	2001
	Shs Million	Shs Million	Shs Million
Turnover	<u>10,411</u>	<u>10,073</u>	<u>8,894</u>
Operating profit	1,830	2,152	1,557
Financing costs	<u>(88)</u>	<u>(69)</u>	<u>(217)</u>
Profit before tax and minority interest	1,742	2,083	1,340
Tax	<u>(589)</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(553)</u>
Profit after tax but before minority interest	1,153	1,330	787
Minority interest	<u>(86)</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>(56)</u>
	<u>1,067</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>731</u>
<b>Dividends:</b>			
Interim dividend paid in the year	363	363	136
Additional interim dividend	-	726	-
Proposed final dividend for the year	<u>653</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>272</u>
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>408</u>
	<u>shs</u>	<u>shs</u>	<u>shs</u>
<b>Earnings per share (shs)</b>	<u>2.94</u>	<u>3.38</u>	<u>2.01</u>

Sales revenue for the group grew by 3.3% over 2002 driven by growth in demand in Kenya and Uganda but offset by lower price realisation in both countries. Our market share in the region dropped as a result of difficult market conditions and increased competition. Operating profit dipped by 15% due to the impact of the price competition mentioned above and difficult operating conditions especially in Uganda, occasioned by unacceptably high number of electricity disruptions. This was exacerbated by the high fuel prices in 2003. Financing costs increased slightly reflecting the higher cost of borrowing in Uganda and low deposit rates in Kenya.

**DIVIDEND**

An interim dividend of 20% was paid in October 2003. The Directors are recommending for approval at the Annual General Meeting the payment of a final dividend of 36% per ordinary share of shs 5 subject to withholding tax where applicable. This would bring the total dividend payment for the year to 56%.

**CLOSURE OF SHARE REGISTER**

Subject to approval by the shareholders at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General meeting, the final dividend will be paid on or about 14<sup>th</sup> June 2004 to ordinary shareholders at the close of business on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004. The register of members will close at 4.30 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 and will remain closed up to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The address of the Transfer offices is Chunga Associates, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rahimtulla Tower, Upper Hill Road, PO Box 41963, 00100 Nairobi.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The notice of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General meeting to be held at Nyali Beach Hotel, Mombasa on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 3.00 pm together with the Report and Accounts will be dispatched to shareholders on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

**By order of the Board,  
Ms. BA Oluoch, Company Secretary  
February 18, 2004**