

The non-executive directors of West China Cement visited Xi'an and the production bases between 10 September and 14 September 2008. They visited the new Lantian production base and held a Board meeting there. During their time in China, they visited the Ankang project which is targeted to commence production in early 2009. They were impressed with the progress to date. Robbie Robertson (Chairman) said 'When we visited a year ago the quarry was a bare mountain, and the plant site a field. Most of the equipment is now on site and a great deal of erection has been done. Our people and the contractors are working very hard and diligently to complete this exciting and ambitious project by year end.'

They also investigated sites for other potential new plants. After the visit, the directors said that they were impressed with the performance over the past eight months. They were able to meet a number of senior staff and congratulated Mr. Tian, director of Lantian Plant and Mr. Chen, director of Pucheng Plant on having achieved an all time record level of production in August. Director Brett Miller commented 'We had a very busy visit to Shaanxi, which we enjoyed greatly. Our meetings were productive and we continue to be very excited at the company's progress and prospects.'