

A limestone quarry can also act as an enormous amphitheatre. In the open pit in Pargas the thunder from the rock blasting has on many summer nights been replaced by rock music. The underground mine in Tytyri offers astonishing and inspiring surroundings for artists and musicians. Who knows, perhaps our quarries and mines will be a part of many more success recipes for future events.



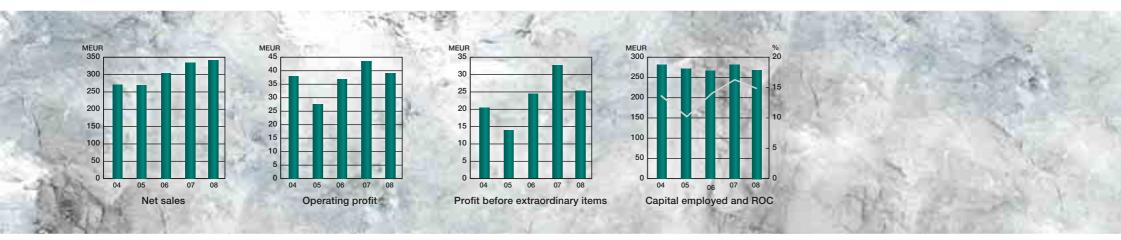
# Nordkalk ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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# Nordkalk is Number One in Northern Europe



Nordkalk is the leading manufacturer of high quality limestone-based products in Northern Europe. Nordkalk operates in 8 countries at over 30 locations. The deposits and production plants are concentrated around the Baltic Sea and a great deal of both limestone and finished products are transported to the customers by sea. The company's roots lie in Pargas, Finland where limestone has been extracted continuously for more than a hundred years. Nordkalk employs about 1300 people.

Nordkalk products are used in the paper, steel and building materials industries and also in environmental care and agriculture. Nordkalk's largest group of customers is industry, which accounts for proximately 80 per cent of Nordkalk's sales. The paper industry uses fillers and coating pigments made of limestone and quicklime. The manufacture of steel calls for lime to remove impurities at different stages of the production process. Also in the sugar industry lime has a purifying function.

Building materials form one of the oldest uses for limestone products, and today the building materials industry is Nordkalk's next largest customer segment after the pulp and paper industry. Lime is also used in the manufacture of glass and paints. Dolomite is an important raw material for making fertilisers and wollastonite is used to manufacture plastics and ceramics.

In road and ground engineering lime is used for stabilising the soil. The asphalt used for surfacing roads also contains limestone powder.

#### Limestone Products Are a Part of Our Everyday Life

Lime is a familiar concept to most people. The word lime, however, refers to very different lime products with diverse qualities and purposes of use. Few people know, however, that limestone plays an important and often irreplaceable role in the manufacture of so many different products. Each one of us uses daily such necessities – everything from sugar to paper.

Lime appears in all facets of our everyday lives; perhaps most obviously in the countryside, where agricultural liming reduces the acidity of the fields. Lime is also used to neutralise the acidity of watercourses and forests. Limestone-based products clean the flue gases from coal-fired power stations and they are also used to regulate the acidity of our drinking water and clean our waste water.

#### **Right Stone in Right Place**

Nordkalk extracts limestone at 20 locations from its own deposits and processes it into crushed and ground limestone, concentrated calcite, and quick and slaked lime. Nordkalk's range of products also includes dolomite and wollastonite. Nordkalk extracts and processes different limestone qualities based on the customers' needs and the products are tailored to the customers' processes.

The crystalline limestone excavated in Finland is as old as 2000 million years. The stone in the Nordkalk quarries in Pargas and Lappeenranta is especially white and therefore excellent for making paper pigment and the white products in building materials industry.

The limestone on Gotland represents the Silurian Age and was born over 400 million years ago. The stone excavated in Nord-



Other 8%

Paper

pigments 18%

kalk's quarry in Storugns, Gotland, is fine-grained and porous. Its chemical purity is high, and it is used for quicklime for the process industries.

In Wolica, Poland, limestone is reactive and "only" 180 million years old. It is more porous than Gotland limestone, and it is good for grinding. The qualities of the reactive stone make it excellent for flue gas cleaning.

In Estonia Nordkalk excavates Silurian dolomite from Kurevere quarry. The chemical composition of this 430 million years old dolomite makes it good for fertiliser, industrial applications as well as for soil improvement.

### **Products** (as a percentage of total sales)

Quick and slaked lime 34%

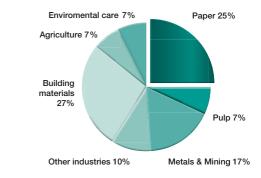
Limestone 17%

Limestone

powder

23%





# A Year of Challenges



In 2008, Nordkalk faced a number of challenges and fluctuations. The demand in the first ten months of the year differed dramatically from that in the final two months, while energy costs were at a completely different level in the summer than in the first and last quarter of the year. Our growth figures remained modest in 2008, and our profitability was undermined by external circumstances.

The full force of recession only hit Nordkalk in the last two months of the year. Until the end of October, we had been making new sales records. The reduction of demand in November and December was, however, rapid in majority of our customer segments. Our delivery volumes went down by several dozen percentage points towards the end of the year. Energy prices were high at the turn of the year 2007-2008, and their increase culminated in the record-breaking figures of the summer, considerably eroding our profitability. Towards the end of the year, the global recession brought energy prices back to the expected level.

The strong increase in operations continued in Poland, compensating for reduced sales in other countries. In Miedzianka, the construction of a new crushing and washing line started in 2008. The new plant is to be commissioned in July 2009.

Two legal processes that are crucial for Nordkalk continued in 2008. The Environmental Court of Nacka District Court in Sweden heard, in October 2008, Nordkalk's application for a license to open a new quarry in Bunge, Gotland. Unfortunately, the Court rejected the application, and we have appealed this decision to the High Court of Justice for the Environment. This legal process is expected to continue until 2010. In Norway, the process of determining national emission rights continues. Our joint venture NorFraKalk AS made a forceful appeal to EU provisions and lodged in summer 2007 an appeal concerning an act that deprived the joint venture of all free emission rights. The Norwegian government passed an amendment that answers the needs of NorFraKalk. This process is expected to be finally concluded in spring 2009. Occupational health and safety management in Nordkalk has undergone a powerful development during 2008, with the aim of harmonizing routines and making use of best practices. The statistics for 2007 were particularly grim, as two fatal accidents occurred at our sites. Year 2008 showed a clear improvement, and here the Health & Safety Network plays an essential role.

We have made further investments in our own staff through training and highlighting the significance of good management. We have organised internal courses and implemented training programmes, such as the Nordkalk Future programme directed at young employees. We have also strived to pass on in the organisation our insights and skills bearing on the special needs of our own sector and management. Through the One Nordkalk project, a uniform management system was created for the company. External audits were carried out by DNV (Det Norske Veritas).

Environmental questions play an increasingly significant role in all our operating countries, and Nordkalk is making every effort to reduce the environmental impacts of its activities.

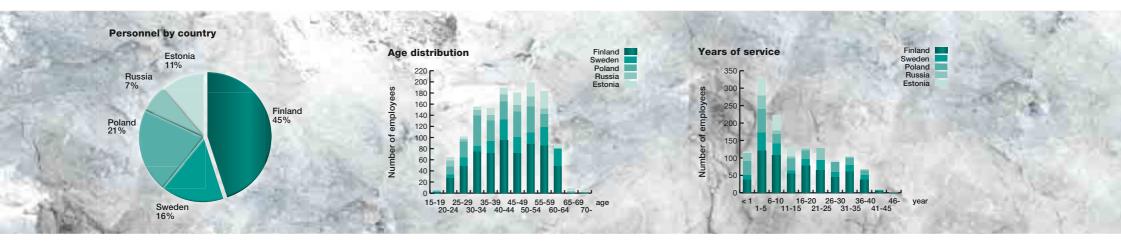
Nordkalk intends to expand geographically to the east together with its key customers. Last year, however, several interesting projects were postponed due to both uncertainties associated with development in the target countries and the global economic situation. Nordkalk will continue to take active measures to consolidate the sector in our own market area.

In 2009, we can expect an extremely difficult year. The demand for limestone-based products is anticipated to be low, and the development trends of global economy and markets are difficult to predict. No growth can be expected, and we will need to adapt our production to a reduced demand at several sites. In 2008, codetermination negotiations were conducted in Louhi and Lappeenranta, Finland. In January 2009, these negotiations also extended to Pargas in Finland and Storugns in Gotland. Improving profitability will be a major challenge in 2009. Even in the current market situation, Nordkalk will safeguard its future by investing in alternative fuels and the emission rights issue. We will also secure the future availability of raw materials by actively investigating both existing and new market areas. In research and development, we will focus on efforts aiming to develop new ways of utilizing our raw materials and competence.

We will strive to adapt to the current economic situation while not forgetting to look into the future. In addition to adaptation measures required by the situation, we will continue to plan our future growth and development in a market whose development is difficult to anticipate.

Bertel Karlstedt

# Personnel



At the end of the year 2008, Nordkalk employed a total of 1,345 people (1,339 in 2007) in Finland, Sweden, Poland, Estonia, Russia, Lithuania and Germany. Of the employees, 20% were women and 80% men. The share of blue-collar workers was 64% and that of white-collar workers 36% of the staff. In Finland, Sweden and Poland, more than one half of the Group's employees have been working for the company for more than 10 years. The long term of employment indicates not only a committed personnel but also the fact that the company has a valuable skills and knowledge base accumulated through experience.

Due to a downturn in limestone deliveries, codetermination negotiations begun in November 2007 resulted in a total of 11 job losses in Storugns, Gotland.

A restructuring of the Nordic paper industry and the soaring energy costs forced Nordkalk to rearrange its quicklime production. Codetermination negotiations at Louhi facility resulted in a reduced operating model, which will be introduced from 1 April 2009. The negotiations concerned all of the 51 employees at Louhi, of whom some 20 people will be employed after a transition period.

In autumn 2008, the economic situation and demand in Nordkalk's market segments in Finland deteriorated. In order to adapt production to the reduced demand for limestone-based products, the company has decided on temporary layoffs in Lappeenranta, Pargas and Lohja.

#### **Development of Skills**

Development discussions play an important role in the management and skills development at Nordkalk. The company annually conducts development discussions with all of its employees, and the implementation of agreed development measures is monitored. Nordkalk proceeds to annual Personnel Reviews facilitating long-term human resources planning.

During the year 2008, a Nordkalk Future training programme covering the whole Group was implemented. The program is intended for experts and supervisors who have recently joined the company and need an international network in their job. A total of 18 participants from Finland, Sweden, Poland, Germany and Estonia studied strategy, marketing, financial issues, management skills and communication for 10 days.

Nordkalk's own training programme for supervisors, which started in Finland in 2006, was completed during the year. This programme containing plenty of on-the-job training consisted of a special vocational diploma in technology, a unit on coaching management and English studies. Studies for a vocational diploma in the mining sector continued during the year, and the planning of a new process operator training package started towards the end of the year.

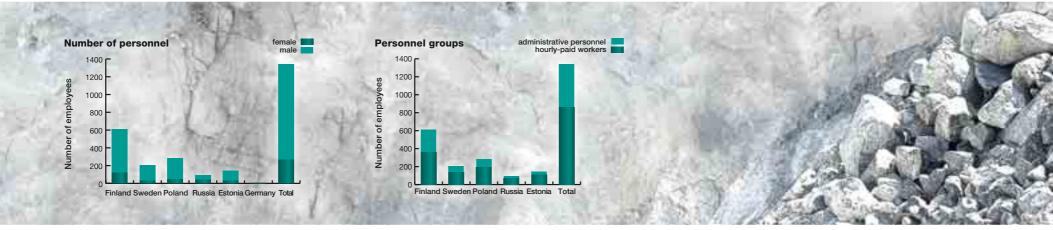
In Sweden, superiors were trained in conducting development discussions. In Poland, the development of management skills was prioritised during the year and ethic principles concerning the personnel were harmonized, whereas in Estonia, production supervisors received training, and initiative activities as well as internal information practices were developed.

#### Wellbeing at Work

Due to the changing age structure of the Finnish labour force, the induction training and work guidance practices for new employees have been particularly highlighted. The work guidance practices were revised during the year, and new work instructors were trained. Information needed to develop induction training practices was collected in form of a graduate thesis. The age management programme was extended during the year to younger age classes by organising training and discussion events directed at employees aged 35 or under. In Estonia, the wellbeing at work of the personnel was enhanced by introducing the company and its operations to their families.

In 2008, the company's HR activities in Sweden, Estonia and Russia were enhanced, and international co-operation was developed through HR Network forums.

# **Occupational Health and Safety**



The objective of OHS activities is to prevent personal injuries, occupational diseases and work-related illnesses with the aim of eliminating all injuries and occupational diseases. In 2008, Nord-kalk took a number of steps to improve occupational safety, and the figures for work-related accidents went down compared to the year before.

Occupational health and safety activities were integrated into a function serving the whole Group and coordinated by the Health & Safety Network. This network consists of the Group's HR manager, as well as the OHS managers from Poland, Sweden, Finland and Estonia. The team started its work in the spring, preparing joint OHS guidelines for the Nordkalk Group that were completed in winter 2009. The aim is to disseminate information to the whole personnel about working methods that have been found hazardous and the best practices to avoid risks. The H&S Network has harmonized the criteria used for monitoring occupational health and safety, and worked to develop reporting and communications. In all operating countries, efforts will be made to reinforce positive attitudes towards occupational safety.

Certification of the occupational health and safety systems in compliance with the standard OHSAS 18001 was completed last year at the Swedish sites and Lappeenranta in Finland. In Poland, Nordkalk was awarded an OHSAS 18001 certificate in 2006, and in Lappeenranta, Nordkalk's subsidiary Suomen Karbonaatti Oy has one since 2005. The long-term aim is to certify operations at all sites. In Finland, the Zero Tolerance for Accidents process continued. The employees have been offered lectures on safety and the possibility of taking an occupational safety test. Particular attention was focused on safety around heavy machinery, for which purpose procedures were drawn up and the skills and attitudes of operators were surveyed. The background team for OHS continued its work and organised an annual theme day on co-operation, which gathered participants from all Nordkalk sites in Finland. Besides the OHS personnel, the background group includes representatives from the occupational health care service and personnel management. The occupational health care service monitors personnel wellbeing and refers employees to rehabilitation as necessary. In addition to preventive occupational health care, Nordkalk offers its employees comprehensive general practitioner level health care.

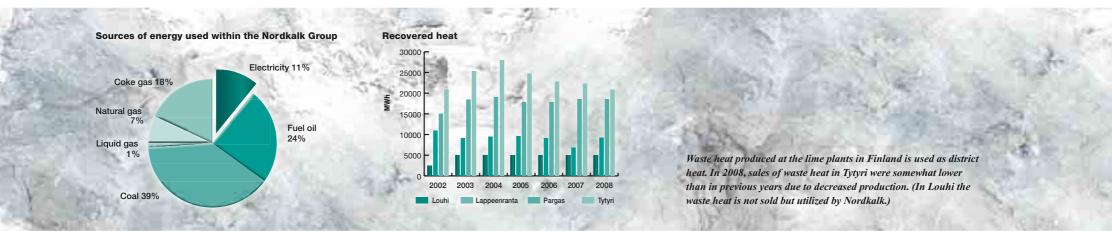
In Sweden, the personnel received training in safe hoisting and the operation of hoisting equipment. The work of some 70% of the personnel involves hoisting, and one-day training courses were organised for them at various sites. During the year, a manual on pneumatic unloading was completed, which can also be used in other countries as applicable. The reporting of safety observations was facilitated by producing a pocket-sized book that has a risk checklist and a report form. This book makes it possible to record any observation immediately, complementing reports made in the shared database of accidents at work and near misses.

Reporting of near misses was encouraged by means of a competition in Poland, which is reflected in the results: less than 300 employees reported a total of 238 incidents. Training and practice in fire-fighting were organised for the whole personnel last year. In Poland, projects associated with H&S communication are under way, and attention is also focused on the training of contractors.

In 2008, no fatal accidents occurred in the Nordkalk Group. The number of accidents at work was 21 at the workplaces in Finland (27 in 2007). In Sweden, 12 accidents at work were recorded (14), in Poland 3 (4), in Estonia 0 (3) and in Russia 1 (1). These figures include all accidents at work, regardless of whether they resulted in an absence from work or not.

The number of absences from work due to sickness in Nordkalk was clearly lower than the average for Finnish industries. For the 320 employees paid by the hour at the Finnish sites, the rate of absences was 4.3% in 2008 (3.2% in 2007). The rate of absences due to sickness was 4.1% (3.0%) and that of absences due to accidents at work was 0.2% (0.2%). The most recent figures for Finnish industries date back to 2007: the total rate of absences was 6.7, the rate of absences due to illness 6.3% and the rate of absences at Nordkalk was 4.6% (4.4% in 2007), of which 0.2% were due to accidents. In Poland, the rate of absences was 4.0, while 0.4% of the absences were due to an accident at work. In Estonia the equivalent numbers are 2.2% and 0.0%. The figures for Poland and Sweden include both white-collar and blue-collar workers.

# Aiming at Sustainable Development



Based on our environmental strategy, the aim of our efforts for the environment is to highlight important target areas for improvement. The environmental management system is maintained in cooperation with the line organisations. Nordkalk's products and working methods are being developed in order to minimise the environmental impacts of quarrying and processing. Our Environmental Strategy 2008-2012 emphasizes efficient energy and raw material use, dust reduction and effective monitoring of emissions from our operations. These are included in the environmental objectives of the divisions for the next few years. The operating principles of the Nordkalk Group comprise environmental, quality and OHS principles, and these require continuous improvement. In 2008, we signed our Mine Closure Policy to ensure that the after-care of all discontinued quarries proceeds in a uniform, acceptable manner.

Nordkalk's new management system that covers the whole Group was created last year. The old subsystems have been integrated into a single management system including quality and environmental management systems, principles of an OHS system and other procedures and routines applicable to the whole Group. As planned, Nordkalk received socalled multi-site certificates in the beginning of the year 2009: the quality certificate (ISO 9001:2000) is valid at all Nordkalk sites, the environmental management certificate (ISO 14001:2004) at the Polish and Swedish sites as well as Finnish production plants, and the occupational health and safety certificate (OHSAS 18001:2007) at the Swedish and Polish sites and in Lappeenranta, Finland.

In recent years, environmental efforts have focused on developing our energy efficiency, and good results have been achieved at many sites. Swedish production plants successfully reduced power consumption by replacing old equipment. In Köping, Sweden, equipment is being built that enables the use of alternative fuels in lime kilns. In Tytyri, Lohja, Finland, we have improved our control and monitoring system, resulting in more efficient operation and lower power consumption. At Pargas lime plant, the optimisation of coal grinding has reduced fuel consumption, while the new high-pressure compressor brings down power consumption. In Tytyri, we have been able to continue to increase the recovery of waste heat for use in a district heat network.

All Nordkalk sites work to ensure the continued improvement of energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is highlighted when planning new investments, and existing processes are optimised to reduce power consumption. New personnel was recruited to work with these issues. In 2008, Nordkalk joined an energy efficiency agreement of the Finnish industries, which encourages the introduction of new energy-efficient technology and utilisation of renewable energy sources.

Reducing dust is another central objective of our environmental efforts. In Tytyri, electrical and textile filters have been renewed, and measurements indicate that dust produced by the lime kilns has been cut down by one half, and dust emissions from the grinding plant even more. Incidental dusting at all sites is controlled by wetting roads and yards and by asphalting them. In Miedzianka, Poland, a new crushing line is under construction, which will reduce both dust and noise emissions.

Nordkalk is making active efforts to cut down its emissions both in the air and water. The company is involved in a number of research and development projects aiming at improving the state of the environment. The utilisation and final deposition of carbon dioxide, for example, is being studied in partnership with research institutes. Such studies yield information that helps to increase energy and material efficiency, thus reducing environmental impacts. The studies are also looking at carbon dioxide recovery methods suitable for lime burning. Nordkalk also aims at replacing fossil fuels by carbon dioxide neutral ones. Primarily, this means fuels based on clean biomass, and



secondarily sorted waste, which is fumigated into a form suitable for burning.

Nordkalk's products are also used for environmental care. The company is involved in a number of water and water system projects, such as a project aiming at more efficient waste water treatment in sparsely populated areas. Projects relevant to improving the quality of water systems are ongoing e.g. in Nokia and Kerimäki. Different types of lime-based products are also used for example for the production of drinking water, neutralisation of process waters and cleaning of flue gases at coal-fired power plants.

For a more detailed description of Nordkalk's work for the environment, please refer to our Environmental Report, which you can access at the company's website www.nordkalk.com. This report describes the impacts our operations have on the environment, as well as measures implemented and planned to reduce environmental impacts in all of our operating countries.

#### Legislation

The EU Directive concerning the management of waste from extractive industries, which entered into force on 1 May 2006, was implemented in a number of member states in summer and autumn 2008. The articles concerning sorting of waste are still ambiguous, but we hope that our surplus stone will be excluded from the comprehensive assessments proposed in the Directive. In 2009, Nordkalk will draw up local plans for the processing and storage of waste rock for all of its quarries.

The new chemical regulations of the European Union, REACH, entered into force on 1 June 2007. REACH aims at improving the protection of human health and the environment and maintaining the competitiveness of the EU's chemical industries. Nordkalk has met its obligations under the first phase of REACH and completed a pre-registration of product substances that are within the scope of this regulation. The company was also involved in establishing a European consortium that discusses issues relevant to these substances and shares information on them. The actual REACH registration of substances will take place at the latest in November 2010.

#### An Environmental Permit Sought for a New Quarry in Gotland, Sweden

In order to ensure access to raw materials, Nordkalk has applied for a permission to quarry limestone in Bunge, Northern Gotland, in 2012-2035. The location of Bunge is favourable even in terms of the existing infrastructure; it is located at a distance of some nine kilometres from Storugns, where the rock will be sorted, processed and shipped. One of the most significant advantages offered by Bunge is its situation further away from residential areas than the current quarry.

Under current legislation, opening a new quarry is a complex process, in which natural and economic values must be balanced. Nordkalk has extensive experience in the lime industry in various countries, and based on this experience, the company has together with consultants and authorities conducted extensive environmental impact assessment of quarrying. These studies will be helpful, as Nordkalk must in its operations take into account the unique nature of the area and maintain a balance between natural values and quarrying activities.

The Environmental Court heard the application in December 2008 and decided against Nordkalk. Nordkalk appealed the decision to a higher environmental court. In its decision, the Environmental Court highlighted national conservation perspectives and considered that alternative locations and solutions to quarrying existed which were possible and reasonable for Nordkalk. However, many of our customers depend on the quality of Gotland limestone in particular. The current quarry in Gotland will be exhausted by 2012, and our goal is to get the new quarry in operation before this time.

# **Board of Directors**



#### **Board of Directors**

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\* The divisions Sweden and Metals & Mining were merged on 1 June 2008.

# Annual Report of the Board of Directors

#### The Year Started Well for Nordkalk but Demand Declined in Fourth Quarter

The demand for limestone-based products was good in most of the company's customer segments during the three first quarters of 2008. The general economic recession started to show in the autumn, and the demand decreased noticeably in the last quarter.

#### **Development within Customer Segments**

Total sales to the paper industry decreased somewhat in comparison to 2007. A capacity reduction in the paper industry led to a lower demand for paper pigment GCC as well as for quicklime for the manufacture of paper pigment PCC. Sales to the pulp industry continued at the same level as the year before. The high energy costs burdened the profitability of the lime kilns heavily for the most part of the year, and kiln operations have been consequently reorganized in Finland to optimize capacity utilization.

In Norway, statutory amendments to free emission rights had a negative effect on the profitability of the new lime kiln commissioned in Verdal, Norway in December 2007. The contents of these amendments were not approved by EFTA's Surveillance Authority. A new amendment proposed by the Norwegian government and containing free emission rights for the kiln is now in circulation for comment.

Steelworks continued to operate at a high production rate in the beginning of the year. The demand went down dramatically towards the end of the year; however, total sales to the steel industry were somewhat higher than the year before. Profitability was burdened by high energy and freight costs. Deliveries to the Polish steel industry decreased towards the end of the year, but ended at a clearly higher level for the whole year in comparison to 2007. Activities around new quarry projects in the Nordic countries slowed down; however, some projects were started in 2008. Nordkalk concluded a long term contract with the new mining company in Talvivaara, Finland to deliver limestone products.

Economic boom in the construction trade continued during the first half of 2008. A certain slowing down could already be noticed in the third quarter, and during the final months of the year, sales went down dramatically. The demand for whitestone products for the manufacturing of plaster products went down as well as the demand for limestone for cement production. Large infrastructure projects continued on the west coast of Sweden, resulting in an increased demand for products for soil stabilisation. The sales of soil stabilisation products were also good in Finland. In Poland, deliveries of products for road construction stayed at a high level throughout the year.

The sales of environmental care products were somewhat lower than in 2007. The availability of hydropower was good in the beginning of the year; as a result, demand of products for flue-gas cleaning at coal-fired power plants was low. In the fourth quarter, the demand for flue-gas cleaning products increased, especially in Finland. In Poland, the sales of products for the environmental care segment remained stable, whereas in Sweden the deliveries of limestone products for cleaning of flue-gases at incinerator plants increased. Total sales of water treatment products remained at the same level as the year before.

The sales of soil improvement lime were favoured by the high cereal prices, which made liming more attractive to farmers. High fertilizer prices also led to an increased demand of lime products. Sales to the fodder industry remained at the same level as the year before, the total sales to the agriculture segment increasing in comparison to 2007.

#### **Financial Result for the Year 2008**

Consolidated net sales totalled EUR 344.9 (334.4) million, and total sales increased slightly in most customer segments.

Consolidated operating profit decreased to EUR 39.4 (43.6) million, representing 11.4% (13.0) of consolidated net sales. During the year, emission rights were sold for EUR 3.5 (1.1) million. Profitability was burdened by high production costs as well as by production disruptions at the plant in Russia.

Depreciations according to plan totalled EUR 29.3 (27.9) million.

Net financial expenses increased by EUR 2.9 million from 2007 and totalled EUR 13.9 million. Profit before taxes and minority interest was EUR 25.5 (32.7) million, representing 7.4% (9.8%) of the net sales.

Cash flow from operating activities was positive.

Return on capital employed was 14.8% (16.6%).

Total assets were EUR 354.9 (31 Dec 2007: 366.5) million. The equity/total assets ratio increased to 23.5% (20.8%).

For full details reference is made to the Consolidated Income Statement and Balance Sheet and the parent company's financial statements together with notes, additional details and financial analyses.

#### Investments

Investments in 2008 amounted to a total of EUR 32.3 (32.9) million and were financed from the company's own cash flow.

Capacity increase continued in Poland. A new mill was taken into use in Wolica, and construction work of a crushing plant started in Miedzianka.

#### Shareholders

Nordkalk is owned by a Finnish investor group comprising Ahlström Capital Oy (30.5%), Rettig Group Ltd (21.0%), a group of mainly institutional investors (45.1%) and the company management (3.4%)

#### **Own Shares**

Nordkalk owns 600 of its own shares, each with a nominal value of 1 euro. It represents 0.06% of the entire share capital and votes. The shares were acquired in December 2005 at a price of 1 euro per share. The Board has the authority to by 28 April 2009 acquire max 10.000 shares owned by the company management, however, the total nominal value of the shares is not to exceed 5% of the equity capital after the acquisition nor are the voting rights connected to the shares to exceed 5% of the voting rights.

#### Personnel

The total number of employees at the end of the year was 1,345 (1,339). The average number of employees was 1,395 (1,364).

A training programme called Nordkalk Future continued in 2008. This program is aimed at young key employees in all countries where Nordkalk operates. A training programme for foremen took place in Finland, and a training programme in management was carried out in Poland.

Work on the "Zero Tolerance for Accidents" process continued. Routines for reporting accidents and near miss incidents are under constant development, similarly to follow-up procedures. An internal Health & Safety Network was founded in 2008.

#### **Codetermination Negotiations**

Codetermination negotiations with the representatives of the personnel of Louhi unit in Kerimäki, Finland were completed. The production of the mine and lime plant will wind down from 1 April 2009 on, after which Louhi unit will continue to employ some 20 of the current 51 employees.

Codetermination negotiations were also initiated with the personnel in the lime factory in Lappeen-ranta, Finland.

In the beginning of 2009 codetermination negotiations were expanded to apply to the personnel in Pargas and Tytyri, Finland as well as Storugns on Gotland, Sweden.

#### **Research and Development**

Total R&D expenditure was EUR 5.0 (3.4) million, which represents 1.4% (1.0%) of net sales.

The company's R&D activities aim at raising the utilisation rate of quarried raw materials and creating new product concepts and market applications for limestone-based products. Efforts continue to develop methods for saving energy and reducing emissions from the processes.

In the field of geology, the focus is on ensuring a long-term raw material base and using Nordkalk's existing limestone reserves in the most efficient way, based on accurate information on the geological characteristics of each deposit.

#### **Environment and Quality**

Efforts to create a joint management system for the Group were completed in 2008. All the subsystems for quality, environment and occupational health and safety were combined into a unified system which covers the whole company. Audits were completed during the year, and the new certificate was granted in January 2009.

All operations in Nordkalk are now certified in compliance with ISO 9001 quality standard. The operations in Poland and Sweden as well as the production plants in Finland have been certified in compliance with ISO 14001 environmental standard.

Occupational safety and health management has been certified in compliance with OHSAS 18001 in Poland and Sweden, as well as in Nordkalk's Lappeenranta unit and the Finnish subsidiary Suomen Karbonaatti.

Nordkalk's general principles for environmental work and occupational safety are applied in Estonia and Russia.

Nordkalk continues its efforts to minimize the environmental impact of its operations, such as noise, vibrations and dust. In 2008, the total amount invested in environmental projects was EUR 1.2 (3.0) million.

#### **Risk Management**

The most significant factors that could have a negative impact on the company's activities and economic development are demand, access to raw materials, energy prices, environmental requirements, financial risks, damage to production facilities and the availability of a skilled work force.

The general recession has affected several of Nordkalk's customer segments, e.g. paper, steel and construction material industries, which may affect Nordkalk's net sales and result for several years to come.

The ongoing structural changes in the paper industry in Finland may affect the sales of paper pigment GCC and the raw material for paper pigment PCC.

Continuing allotment of free emission rights are of extremely great importance to the profitability of lime kilns. If Nordkalk AB is not granted an environmental license to open a new lime quarry in Gotland, Sweden, new solutions will be required with regard to stone deliveries to the Nordic steel industry. Alternative sources of raw materials are being planned in consultation with the customers.

# Board of Directors, President and Auditors

Members of the Board of Directors

Björn Mattsson	Chairman
Morten Ahlström	Member
Jan Inborr	Member up till 28 April 2008
Leif Lundkvist	Member
Bjarne Mitts	Member
Panu Routila	Member from 28 April 2008
Christoffer Taxell	Member

President of the company is Bertel Karlstedt.

The auditors were KPMG Oy Ab, Authorised Public Accountants, with Sixten Nyman, APA, as the main responsible auditor.

# Board's Proposal for the Distribution of Profits

The distributable funds of Nordkalk parent company amount to EUR 55.2 (44.7) million. The Board proposes that EUR 5 (0)/share, a total of EUR 5 million, be used for dividends, and that EUR 50.2 million be left in the undivided profit funds.

**Developments after the Close of Books** 

Nordkalk sold its 60% shareholding in Inkoo Shipping Oy Ab on 26 January 2009.

#### Outlook

The general economic recession in the coming years is expected to result in a reduced demand for limestone-based products, mainly in the paper, steel and construction materials industries. Production will be adapted to the demand and measures will be taken to economize. However, the versatile usage of limestone will ensure that not all Nordkalk's customer segments will suffer as severely from the economic downturn but deliveries to steel, paper, pulp and construction materials industries are expected to continue on a low level in 2009.

To secure its operating preconditions in Gotland, Sweden and its deliveries to the Nordic steel industry, Nordkalk has applied for a license to open a new lime quarry on the island. The application was heard by the Environmental Court in the beginning of October. The court decided to turn down the application. Nordkalk has appealed to the High Court of Justice for the Environment. According to calculations the present quarry in Gotland will be able to continue till the end of 2012. The goal is to open the new quarry before this.

Nordkalk's net sales are expected to decrease in 2009 and profitability is expected to go down.

Helsinki, 11 February 2009

Björn Mattsson Morten Ahlström Leif Lundkvist Bjarne Mitts Panu Routila Christoffer Taxell

Bertel Karlstedt, President and CEO

# Consolidated Income Statement 1 Jan. - 31 Dec. 2008

	Note	2008 1000 EUR	%	2007 1000 EUR	%
		1000 LUK	70	1000 LUK	70
Net sales	1	344 936	100.0	334 418	100.0
Cost of goods sold		282 291		265 638	
Gross profit		62 645	18.2	68 780	20.6
Selling, marketing and					
development expenses		13 104		12 101	
Administration expenses		20 472		18 601	
Other operating income	4	10 936		6 288	
Other operating expenses	4	614		749	
		23 253	6.7	25 163	7.5
Operating profit	2,3	39 392	11.4	43 617	13.0
	-	10			
Share of results of associated companies Financial income and expenses	5 7	12 -13 897		75 -10 994	
Financial income and expenses	/	-13 897		-10 994	
Profit before extraordinary items		25 506	7.4	32 698	9.8
Profit before taxes and minority inte	erest	25 506	7.4	32 698	9.8
	0	- <b>-</b> -		0.075	
Direct taxes Minority interests	8	-6 705 -2 996		-8 051 -3 979	
Net profit for the period		15 805	4.6	20 668	6.2

# Consolidated Balance Sheet 31 Dec. 2008

	Note	31 Dec. 1000 EUR	2008 %	31 Dec. 1000 EUR	2007 %		Note	31 Dec. 1000 EUR	. 2008 %	31 Dec. 1000 EUR	2007 %
Assets						Shareholders' equity and li	abilities				
Fixed assets and long-term investments	9					Shareholders' equity Share capital Net profit/loss for previous years	12	1 000 53 513		1 000 40 320	
Intangible assets						Net profit for the period		55 515 15 805		40 320 20 668	
- Goodwill - Other intangible assets Tangible assets		1 468 6 479		1 847 6 622		Total shareholders' equity		70 316	19.8	61 988	16.9
- Mineral deposits and land - Buildings and constructions		85 742 32 383		95 490 33 774		Minority interest		14 768	4.2	14 330	3.9
<ul> <li>Machinery and equipment</li> <li>Other tangible assets</li> </ul>		98 173 5 893		97 746 4 032		Provisions	14	2 138	0.6	1 956	0.5
- Advance payments and construction in progress Investments	10	19 784		22 987		Liabilities					
- Shares in associated companies - Other shares and participations	10	238 731		337 722		Long-term liabilities Short-term liabilities	8,13,15 13,16	186 209 81 511		213 254 75 011	
Total fixed assets and						Total liabilities		267 720	75.4	288 265	78.6
long-term investments		250 892	70.7	263 556	71.9	Total shareholders' equity an	d liabilities	354 943	100.0	366 538	100.0
Current assets											
Inventories Short-term receivables Cash and bank balances	11 8,11	45 507 48 107 10 438		36 472 47 802 18 709							
Total current assets		104 052	29.3	102 983	28.1						
Total assets		354 943	100.0	366 538	100.0						

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	1 Jan - 31 Dec. 2008 1 Ja		1.	lan - 31 Dec. 2008 1	
	1000 EUR	1000 EUR		1000 EUR	1000
Net profit/loss for the period	15 805	20 668	Cash flow from investing activities		
Depreciation	29 296	27 904	Acquisition of group companies	-52	
Profit and loss on sale of fixed assets	-718	-245	Investments of external shares	-10	
Change in provisions	486	860	Investments of intangible and tangible assets	-31 154	-32
Share of profit/loss of associated companies	-12	-75	Sale of associated companies	720	
Minority interest	2 996	3 979	Sale of fixed assets	469	
Financial items	13 897	10 994	Dividends received	113	
Taxes	6 705	8 051	Other changes in fixed assets	1 490	
Adjustments total	52 651	51 468	Cash flow from investing activities	-28 423	-30
cash flow before change in net working capital	68 456	72 135	Cash flow after investing activities	13 063	14
Change in working capital:			Cash flow from financing activities		
Change in receivables (increase(-)/decrease(+)	6 209	-4 516	New loans raised	20 933	
Change in inventories (increase(-)/decrease(+))	-11 056	-2 805	Amortization of loans	-39 150	-1
Change in liabilities (increase(+)/decrease(-))	3 626	4 402	Dividends paid	-2 550	-
Change in net working capital	-1 221	-2 919	Change in receivables	21	
Cash flow after change in net working capita	al 67 235	69 216	Change in interest-bearing liabilities	4 037	
			Cash flow from financing activities	-16 709	-
Cash flow after change in net					
vorking capital and provisions	67 235	69 216	Exchange rate difference	-4 626	
Interest paid	-14 436	-9 953	Cash flow after financing activities	-8 271	:
Interest para	297	501			
Other financial items	-7 124	-256	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the p	eriod 18 709	1
Exchange gains/losses (finance)	6 253	-1 756	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	10 438	1
Taxes paid	-10 738	-12 394	······································		
Cash flow from operating activities	41 487	45 357	_		

# Parent Company's Income Statement 1 Jan. - 31 Dec. 2008

	Note	20	08	2007	
		1000 EUR	%	1000 EUR	%
Net sales	1	147 765	100.0	146 228	100.0
Cost of goods sold		117 175		109 188	
Gross profit		30 590	20.7	37 040	25.3
Selling, marketing and development exp	benses	4 136		4 313	
Administration expenses		13 841		12 415	
Other operating income	4	6 431		3 677	
Other operating expenses	4	137		229	
		11 683	7.9	13 280	9.1
Operating profit	2,3	18 907	12.8	23 760	16.2
Financial income and expenses	7	-2 841		-7 153	
Profit before extraordinary items		16 066	10.9	16 607	11.4
Extraordinary items		-400	-0.3	-12	0.0
Profit before appropriations and ta	ixes	15 666	10.6	16 595	11.3
Depreciation in excess of plan		-1 834		-2 484	
Direct taxes	8	-3 278		-2 920	
Net profit for the period		10 554	7.1	11 191	7.7

# Parent Company's Balance Sheet 31 Dec. 2008

Note	31 Dec. 2008 1000 EUR %	31 Dec. 2007 1000 EUR %	Not	e 31 De 1000 EUR	ec. 2008	31 Dec. 1000 EUR	2007 %
Assets			Shareholders' equity and liabilities				
Fixed assets and long-term investments			Shareholders' equity 12				
9			Share capital	1 000		1 000	
w			Net profit/loss for previous years	44 655		33 464	
Intangible assets	5 591	5 386	Net loss/profit for the period	10 554	ļ	11 192	
Tangible assets	27.021	20.272					
- Mineral deposits and land - Buildings and constructions	37 921 10 131	39 272 10 323	Total shareholders' equity	56 210	21.0	45 655	17.1
- Machinery and equipment	31 292	31 976					
- Other tangible assets	2 842	2 461	Accumulated excess depreciation	9 168	3.4	7 334	2.7
- Advance payments &	2 042	2 401					
construction in progress	2 102	1 931	<b>Provisions</b> 14	101	0.0	101	0.0
Investments 10	- 10-	1,01		101	. 010	101	0.0
- Shares in subsidiaries	87 719	88 780	Liabilities				
- Long-term receivables from subsidiaries	29 792	35 282	Liabilities				
- Shares in joint ventures	6 933	5 820	Long-term liabilities 13, 13	146 662		169 037	
- Shares in associated companies	82	82	Short-term liabilities 13, 10			44 628	
- Other shares and participations	702	702		50150		44 020	
			Total liabilities	202 818	75.6	213 665	80.1
Total fixed assets and			Total habilities	202 810	/5.0	215 005	80.1
long-term investments	215 107 80.2	222 015 83.2					
iong term myestments	210 107 0012	222 015 05.2	Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	268 296	100.0	266 755	100.0
Current assets							
Current assets							
Inventories 11	23 373	17 911					
Short term receivables 11	28 218	20 903					
Cash and bank balances	1 598	5 926					
Total current assets	53 189 19.8	44 740 16.8					
	2010/ 1/10						
Total assets	268 296 100.0	266 755 100.0					

# Parent Company's Cash Flow Statement

	1 Jan - 31 Dec. 2008 1000 EUR	1 Jan - 31 Dec. 2007 1000 EUR
Net profit/loss for the period	10 554	11 191
Depreciation	9 815	10 116
Profit and loss on sale of fixed assets	-805	-192
Financial items	2 841	7 153
Taxes	5 112	5 404
Adjustments total	16 963	22 481
Cash flow before change in net working capital	27 517	33 672
Change in net working capital:		
Change in receivables (increase(-)/decrease(+))	1 842	-1 859
Change in inventories (increase(-)/decrease(+))	-5 462	-1 687
Change in liabilities (increase(+)/decrease(-))	4 823	1 718
Change in net working capital	1 203	-1 828
Cash flow after change in net working capital	28 720	31 844
Cash flow after changes in net		
working capital and provisions	28 720	31 844
Interest paid	-13 205	-9 006
Interest received	2 063	1 829
Other financial items	-7 894 6 333	-289 -1 734
Exchange gains/losses (finance) Taxes paid	6 333 -4 804	-1 /34 -7 241
Taxes paid	-4 004	-/ 241
Cash flow from operating activities	11 213	15 403

	l Jan- 31 Dec. 2008	1 Jan - 31 Dec. 2007
	1000 EUR	1000 EUR
Cash flow from investing activities		
0		
Acquisition of group companies		-5
Acquisition of associated companies		-2 083
Investments of external shares		-102
Investments of intangible and tangible assets	-8 518	-6 287
Sale of associated companies	720	
Sale of fixed assets	132	1 356
Dividends received	2 793	3 565
Other changes in fixed assets	74	-369
Cash flow from investing activities	-4 799	-3 925
Cash flow after investing activities	6 414	11 478
cush now unter investing activities	0 11 1	11 1/0
Cash flow from financing activities		
New loans raised	19 000	3 000
Amortization of loans	-35 000	-13 000
Change in receivables	5 234	1 116
Change in liabilities	24	1 505
Cash flow from financing activities	-10 742	-7 379
Cash flow ofter financing activities	-4 328	4 100
Cash flow after financing activities	-4 328	4 100
Cash and cash equivalents at the		
beginning of the period	5 926	1 826
Cash and cash equivalents at the	3 920	1 820
end of the period	1 598	5 926
end of the period	1 370	5 720

### Accounting principles

The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nordkalk Corporation are prepared in accordance with current regulations in Finland. The year reviewed covers the months January-December and the Financial Statements are presented in euros. When preparing financial statements in conformity with applicable regulations and generally accepted accounting principles, the company's management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the valuation and allocation of the reported figures. Actual results may deviate from such estimates.

#### **Consolidation principles**

The Consolidated Financial Statements cover the parent company, Nordkalk Corporation, and all companies in which the parent company, directly or indirectly, holds more than fifty per cent of the voting rights at the end of the financial year. Companies acquired during the financial year have been included in the Consolidated Income Statement from the date of acquisition and divested companies to the date of disposal. All transactions together with and internal profits and losses between companies within the Group are eliminated as part of the consolidation process. Acquisitions of companies are recorded according to the purchase method of accounting. The difference between the acquisition cost of the shares of a subsidiary and equity at the time of acquisition is allocated to fixed assets by the amount that their current value exceeds their book value. In this calculation, untaxed reserves net of tax are included in the equity. The excess value allocated to fixed assets is written off according to the depreciation plan of the fixed asset item in question. The remaining difference is carried as goodwill on consolidation, which is written off over its expected useful life, 10-15 years. That portion of surplus value assigned to a deposit is written off linearly over a period of 30 years depending on the strategic character of the acquisitions. When calculating goodwill, untaxed reserves together with surplus depreciation after allowing for any latent tax liability are also included under equity. Deferred tax liability on allocated acquired surplus value has been taken into account in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Jointly owned companies are those where it has been agreed that the Group exercises common rights of decision. The Group's interests in jointly owned companies are collated proportionately row by row. The Consolidated Financial Statements included the Group's share of the jointly owned company's assets, debts, income and costs.

Associated companies are consolidated in accordance with the equity method. The Group's share of the earnings of associated companies, less depreciation on the goodwill recorded on acquisition, is presented in the Consolidated Income Statement. Dividends received from associated companies are eliminated. In the Consolidated Balance Sheet, investment in associated companies and the Group's equity are adjusted in accordance with the Group's share in associated companies' increased net worth following acquisition and goodwill less accumulated depreciation on goodwill.

Minority interests in earnings and shareholders' equity are presented separately in the Income Statement and Balance Sheet. No minority interests are calculated in the case of jointly owned companies.

#### **Transactions in foreign currencies**

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the exchange rates prevailing at the time of transaction.

At the end of the accounting period receivables and liabilities are translated at the rates prevailing on the Balance Sheet date. Exchange rate differences relating to sales and purchases are treated as adjustments to the underlying items. Exchange rate gains and losses associated with financing are entered as net amounts under financial income and expenses.

#### Foreign subsidiaries and jointly owned companies

In the consolidated accounts all items in the Income Statements of foreign subsidiaries and jointly owned companies are translated into euros at the average exchange rates for the accounting period and all Balance Sheet items at the rates on the Balance Sheet date. Translation differences arising are treated as an adjustment affecting consolidated equity.

#### **Current assets**

Inventories are valued at the acquisition value or the lower of the replacement value or net realisable value. The cost of inventories includes a proportionate share of overheads arising from the purchase and production of the goods.

#### **Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at the historical cost less accumulated depreciation. The estimated useful life of assets used to calculate depreciation and amortisation is as follows:

- Goodwill 10-15 years
- Goodwill on deposits 30 years
- Other capitalised expenditure 3-10 years
- Buildings and constructions 10-40 years
- Minor machinery and equipment 3-15 years Major machinery, process equipment, kilns 15-25 years
- Other tangible assets 5-10 years

Depreciation for decrease of substance has been made on some deposits.

Long-term financial assets include investments that are recorded at their historical cost less depreciation of permanent decreases in value. Profits and losses on the disposal of fixed assets are included in other operating income and expenses.

#### Leasing

Operating and financial leasing payments are treated as rentals. Commodities are not treated as fixed assets. Annual leasing charges on the basis of existing leasing agreements are shown in the notes. For financial leasing the differences between Finnish and international accounting practice are shown in the notes together with their impact on certain key figures.

#### **Emission rights**

Emission rights are reported using the net value method. In other words, current values are not included in the Balance Sheet. Emission rights acquired to cover shortfalls and shortfalls not covered by acquisition are reported as a cost according to their value on the last day of the financial year. Gains from the sale of surplus emission rights are included under other operating income.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Sales are recorded in accordance with the invoiced value of products or performance of services, net of indirect taxes and discounts. Sales of products and services are recorded at the time each individual transaction takes place.

#### **Research and development**

Research and development costs are recorded in the financial period during which they are incurred. Research and development costs and their proportion of net sales are presented in the five-year review.

#### **Pension liabilities**

The Group companies' pension obligations are based on local regulations and practices. In the parent company and in Finnish subsidiaries pension liabilities are covered by insurance. Costs of pensions are recorded as they are earned. Changes in uncovered pension liabilities are entered in the Income Statement. Pension liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet.

#### Income taxes

Income taxes in the Income Statement include taxes of the Group companies for the financial period, calculated in accordance with local regulations, as well as adjustments to prior year taxes and deferred taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes. The current tax rate is used to calculate deferred tax income. Differences resulting from tax rate changes are included in the Income Statement. The Balance Sheet includes all deferred tax liabilities and the prob

		Rates at end o	f period 31 December	Ave	rage rates
Country	Currency	2008	2007	2008	2007
Finland	Euro	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
Sweden	SEK	10.87000	9.44150	9.61688	9.25214
Norway	NOK	9.75000	7.95800	8.22484	8.01828
Estonia	EEK	15.64660	15.64660	15.64660	15.64660
Poland	PLN	4.15350	3.59350	3.51511	3.78313
Russia	RUR	41.28300	35.98600	36.42310	35.01985
Ukraine	UAH	10.85530		10.85530	

#### **Exchange rates**

#### Note 1 Net sales by geographical area and product groups

	Gr	oup	Parent company		
1000 EUR	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Geographical area					
Finland	195 002	196 466	143 825	141 124	
Sweden	69 261	63 890	647	1 540	
Poland	47 189	40 197	127	144	
Germany	13 177	15 117	696	612	
Estonia	7 604	7 694	14	3	
Other EU	6 315	6 083	1 389	1 742	
Other Europe	5 945	4 437	623	529	
Others	444	534	444	534	
Total	344 936	334 418	147 765	146 228	
roduct groups					
Limestone	57 168	64 194			
Limestone powder	78 218	67 753			
Quick and slaked lime	116 683	105 052			
Paper pigments	61 616	65 861			
Other	31 251	31 558			
Total	344 936	334 418			

#### **Note 3 Depreciation**

	Gr	oup	Parent	company	
1000 EUR	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Depreciation by function					
Production	27 263	26 275	8 810	9 180	
Sales, marketing and development	345	246	197	134	
Administration	1 135	777	550	545	
Other operating expenses, goodwill	553	605	258	257	
Total	29 296	27 904	9 815	10 116	
Depreciation according					
to category of assets					
Goodwill	294	348			
Intangible assets	1 640	1 546	1 347	1 274	
Mineral deposits and land	4 985	4 651	1 351	1 351	
Buildings and constructions	3 019	2 899	1 398	1 364	
Machinery and equipment	18 189	17 866	5 263	5 734	
Other tangible assets	1 170	593	456	393	
Total	29 296	27 904	9 815	10 116	

#### Note 2 Personnel expenses

	Gro	oup	Parent o	company
1000 EUR	2008	2007	2008	2007
Waraa and calanias				
Wages and salaries				
Salaries and payments to Board Members and Managing Directors	1 476	1 273	414	381
To others	41 020	38 135	23 371	21 058
Bonus to Managing Directors	301	314	23 371	21 038
Donus to Managing Directors	501	514	04	,,,
Total	42 797	39 722	23 869	21 538
Other personnel expenses				
Pensions and pension premiums	5 556	5 821	4 091	3 527
Other payroll costs	6 689	6 367	1 665	1 282
F				
Total	12 244	12 188	5 756	4 809
Personnel expenses	55 042	51 911	29 625	26 347
Personnel				
As an average during the year	1 395	1 364	579	563
At year end	1 345	1 339	535	550
	10.0			220

#### Note 4 Other operating income and expenses

2008 997 755 2 013 613 3 523 3 035	2007 956 339 1 651 673 1 062	2008 591 805 1 827 339 2 243	2007 559 240 1714 434 608
755 2 013 613 3 523	339 1 651 673 1 062	805 1 827 339	240 1 714 434
755 2 013 613 3 523	339 1 651 673 1 062	805 1 827 339	240 1 714 434
755 2 013 613 3 523	339 1 651 673 1 062	805 1 827 339	240 1 714 434
2 013 613 3 523	1 651 673 1 062	1 827 339	1 714 434
613 3 523	673 1 062	339	434
3 523	1 062		
		2 243	
5 11 55	1 (07	(2)	
5 055	1 60 /	626	122
10 936	6 288	6 431	3 677
294	348		
	94		48
226		137	142
		107	39
15	)2		57
614	749	137	229
	10 936 294 226 93	<b>294</b> 348 94 <b>226</b> 215 <b>93</b> 92	10 936         6 288         6 431           294         348         94           226         215         137           93         92         137

The President of Nordkalk Corporation is entitled to retire at the age of 62.

#### Note 5 Share of result and equity in associated companies

1000 EUR		hare-holo %	ding Share 2008	e of result 2007	Share o 2008	<b>f equity</b> 2007
Lohjan Energiahuolto Oy Loher Pargas Hyreshus Ab Saimaan seutujen Opisto-osakeyhtiö Eliminations	Finland Finland Finland	23.1 34.1 20.0	0 4 8	66 0 1 8	52 186	110 57 169
Total			12	75	238	337

#### Note 7 Financial income and expenses

	Group			company
1000 EUR	2008	2007	2008	2007
Dividends from Nordkalk companies			2 700	3 244
Other dividends	113	318	93	321
Interest income from Nordkalk companies	207	462	1 951	1 568
Other interest income	296	463	111	223
Other interest expenses	14 695	12 151	13 511	11 239
	11000	12 10 1	10 011	11 200
Exchange rate differences	153	-106	6 333	-1 734
Other financial income, external	1 074	1 056		913
Other financial expenses, external	838	574	518	449
Total	12 907	-10 994	-2 841	7 1 5 2
10(a)	-13 897	-10 994	-2 841	-7 153

#### Note 6 Investment in joint ventures

1000 EU	R	2008	2007
	Country	Share-h	olding %
NorFraKalk AS	Norway		50.0
The amounts representing the Group's share of th ventures.	he assets and l	iabilities an	d sales and results of the joint
Assets and liabilities			
Non-current assets		11 184	10 182
Current assets		723	1 459
Non-current liabilities		5 157	3 770
Current liabilities		1 904	2 517
Net assets		4 845	5 353
Income and expenses			
Sales		1 953	0
Expenses		2 483	257
Net profit		-530	-257
The average number of employees in the joint ve	entures	4	2

#### Note 8 Direct taxes

	Gr	oup	Parent o	company
1000 EUR	2008	2007	2008	2007
Taxes in income statement				
Direct taxes for the year Direct taxes from previous years	8 162	8 329 1	3 278	2 920 1
Change in deferred tax asset/liability	-1 457	-278		-
Total	6 705	8 051	3 278	2 921
Deferred tax assets				
From valuation and matching differences	868	620		
Deferred tax assets	868	620		
Deferred tax liabilities				
From untaxed reserves From consolidation entries	10 009 13 995	10 362 15 737		
From valuation and matching differences	461	325		
Deferred tax liabilities	24 465	26 424		

Note 9 Fixed assets

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	Goodwill	Intangible assets	Mineral deposits and land	Buildings and constructions	Machinery and equipment	Other tangible assets	Construction in progress
Acquisition cost 1 Jan. 2008	5 180	15 387	124 598	73 790	297 441	11 279	22 987
Exchange rate differences	-590	-126	-8 204	-3 147	-13 667	-203	-3 112
+ Investments		1 324	107	1 032	11 764	1 186	16 847
+ Other increases	116	260	132	2 1 5 8	10 867	1 497	
- Decreases					-1 084		-16 528
Acquisition cost 31 Dec. 2008	4 705	16 846	116 632	73 833	305 320	13 759	20 194
- Accumulated depreciation 1 Jan. 2008	-3 333	-8 765	-29 109	-40 016	-199 695	-7 248	
Exchange rate differences	371	14	2 847	1 476	8 597	122	
- Depreciation during the year	-276	-1 618	-4 629	-2 910	-17 074	-741	-410
- Accumulated depreciation for decreases		3		-1	1 025		
Accumulated depreciation 31 Dec. 2008	-3 238	-10 368	-30 891	-41 451	-207 147	-7 866	-410
Residual value 31 Dec. 2008	1 468	6 479	85 742	32 383	98 173	5 893	19 784
Parent company							
		Intangible assets	Mineral deposits and land	Buildings and constructions	Machinery and equipment	Other tangible assets	Construction in progress
Acquisition cost 1 Jan. 2008		12 967	44 692	28 833	114 915	6 334	1 931
+ Investments		1 313		770	4 000	739	1 696
+ Other increases		239		437	626	98	
- Decreases					-380		-1 525
Acquisition cost 31 Dec. 2008		14 519	44 692	30 040	119 161	7 171	2 102
- Accumulated depreciation 1 Jan. 2008		-7 581	-5 420	-18 510	-82 939	-3 873	
- Depreciation during the year		-1 347	-1 351	-1 398	-5 263	-456	
+ Accumulated depreciation / disposal, sales an	d transfers				333		
+/- Other changes				-1			
Accumulated depreciation 31 Dec. 2008		-8 928	-6 771	-19 909	-87 869	-4 329	
Residual value 31 Dec. 2008		5 591	37 921	10 131	31 292	2 842	2 102

Note 9 Fixed assets

			1000 EUR			2008	
Shares and participations	Gre	oup		Parent company			
	Shares and participations associated companies	Shares and participations, others	Shares and participations, subsidiaries	Shares and participations, joint ventures and associated companies	Shares and participations, others	Long-term receivable from subsidiaries	
Acquisition cost 1 Jan. 2008	82	724	88 780	5 902	703	35 282	
Exchange rate differences		-1					
+ Investments		10		1 113			
- Decreases			-1 061			-5 490	
Acquisition cost 31 Dec. 2008	82	732	87 719	7 015	703	29 792	
- Accumulated depreciation 1 Jan. 2008	254	-1			-1		
+/- Other changes	-98						
Accumulated depreciation 31 Dec. 2008	8 156	-1			-1		
Residual value 31 Dec. 2008	238	731	87 719	7 015	702	29 792	

#### Note 10 Shares and participations 31 Dec. 2008

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	Course	h - 1 d'			Destead	- FUD
		holding	~			ue, EUR
	Number	%	Currency	Nominal	Parent	Group
	of shares			value	company	
Subsidiaries						
OAO Alekseevsky Limestone Mill, Alekseevsky, Russia	77 296	98.1	RUR	2 318 880		2 309 536
Inkoo Shipping Oy Ab, Ingå, Finland	3 000	60.0	EUR	504 564	506 582	506 582
Kalkproduktion Storugns AB, Lärbro, Sweden	30 000	66.7	SEK	300 000		303 956
NK-East Oy, Pargas, Finland	800	100.0	EUR	8 000	8 000	8 000
OOO Nordkalk, Moscow, Russia		100.0	RUR			330 796
Nordkalk AB, Lärbro, Sweden	250 000	100.0	SEK	25 000 000	34 238 288	34 238 288
Nordkalk AS, Vasalemma, Estonia	15 000	100.0	EEK	15 000 000	4 849 832	4 849 832
Nordkalk GmbH, Lübeck, Germany	1	100.0	EUR	50 000	50 000	50 000
Nordkalk i Köping AB, Stockholm, Sweden	100 000	100.0	SEK	10 000 000		1 379 945
Nordkalk i Luleå AB, Stockholm, Sweden	2 500	100.0	SEK	250 000		23 183
Nordkalk Sp. z o.o., Krakow, Poland	74 000	100.0	PLN	54 465 410	44 482 296	44 482 296
Nordkalk Ukraine TOV, Pidgaytsi, Ukraine		51.0	EUR	25 500		25 500
Norfrachem Oy Ab, Helsinki, Finland	100	100.0	EUR	2 500	4 763	4 763
Suomen Karbonaatti Oy, Lappeenranta, Finland	12 495	51.0	EUR	2 101 508	3 578 740	3 578 740
Total subsidiaries					87 718 501	92 091 417
Joint Ventures						
Joint ventures						
NorFraKalk AS, Verdal, Norway	55 000	50.0	NOK	55 000 000	6 932 550	6 932 550
Total Joint Ventures					6 932 550	6 932 550
Associated companies						
Pargas Hyreshus Ab, Pargas, Finland	1 022	34.1	EUR	1 719	82 010	52 369
Saimaan seutujen Opisto-osakeyhtiö, Lappeenranta, Finland	2 000	20.0	EUR	336	1	185 426
Total associated companies					82 011	237 795

#### Not 10 Placeringar 31 Dec. 2008

	Group h	olding			Book valu	ıe, EUR
	Number	%	Currency	Nominal	Parent	Group
	of shares			value	company	
Other companies						
Archipelagia Golf Ab Oy, Pargas, Finland	10		EUR	1 682	20 523	20 523
Future Printing Center Oy, Raisio, Finland	7 500	7.5	EUR	75 000	1	1
Kiinteistö Oy Katinkullan Hiekkaniemi, Sotkamo, Finland	7		EUR	70 000	71 120	71 120
Kiinteistö Oy Katinkultaniemi, Sotkamo, Finland	3		EUR	30 000	30 480	30 480
Köpings Företagarforum AB, Köping, Sweden	1	0.1	SEK	5 000		460
Lappeenrannan Kerho Oy, Lappeenranta, Finland	15		EUR		138	138
Lappeenrannan Urheilutalo Oy, Lappeenranta, Finland	34		EUR		0	0
Lohjan Puhelin Oy, Lohja, Finland	5		EUR	84		135
Movab AB, Malmö, Sweden	975	19.5	SEK	97 500		8 970
Pargas Idrotts- och ungdomsgård Ab, Pargas, Finland	1 500	0.9	EUR	12 614	12 816	12 816
Päijät-Hämeen Puhelinyhdistys, Lahti, Finland	17		EUR		1 293	1 293
AS Rocca al Mare Suurhall, Tallinn, Estonia	4	0.1	EEK	40		9 587
Savonlinnan Puhelinosuuskunta SPY, Savonlinna, Finland	9		EUR	3 027	3 252	3 252
Suomen ElFi Oy, Helsinki, Finland	1	5.6	EUR	2 000	2 000	2 000
Suur-Savon Sähkö Oy, Mikkeli, Finland	250	0.3	EUR	500	86	86
Vakka-Suomen Puhelin Oy, Uusikaupunki, Finland	9		EUR	151	1 170	1 170
Verdalskalk AS, Verdal, Norway	30	10.0	NOK	3 000 000	456 983	456 983
Viljavuuspalvelu Oy, Mikkeli, Finland	6 490	13.0	EUR	109 154	101 779	101 779
Willimiehen Golf Oy, Lappeenranta, Finland	1		EUR	300		10 000
Total other companies					701 641	730 793

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#### Note 11 Currents assets

	Gr	oup	Parent company		
1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	<b>•</b>	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	
<b>.</b>					
Inventories	27.514	21.042	14.025	10 701	
Materials and supplies Finished goods and work in progress	27 514 17 922	21 942 14 422	14 935 8 438	10 781 7 130	
Advance payments	71	14 422	0 430	/ 130	
Total	45 507	36 472	23 373	17 911	
Short-term receivables					
Accounts receivable					
Nordkalk group		10	1 382	2 177	
Associated companies	21.040	49	12 255	49	
Others	31 940	39 027	13 275	14 816	
Total	31 940	39 076	14 657	17 042	
Loan receivable					
Joint ventures			256		
Total			256		
Prepaid expenses and accured income					
Nordkalk group			720	157	
Associated companies	2		2		
Others	13 661	4 817	11 952	3 483	
Total	13 663	4 817	12 674	3 640	
Other receivables					
Nordkalk group			603	184	
Others	1 635	3 290	28	37	
Total	1 635	3 290	631	221	
Deferred tax assets					
Others	868	620			
Total	868	620			
Summary					
Nordkalk group			2 705	2 518	
Joint ventures			256		
Associated companies	2	49	2	49	
Others	48 105	47 753	25 255	18 336	
Total	48 107	47 802	28 218	20 903	
Specification of prepaid expenses					
and accured income, external					
Financial items	7 672	313	7 631	256	
Tax receivables	3 762	1 929	3 115	1 589	
Others	2 229	2 574	1 208	1 638	
Total	13 663	4 817	11 954	3 483	

#### Note 12 Change in shareholders' equity

		Gre	oup	Parent c	ompany
1000 F	UR	2008	2007	2008	2007
Share capital 1 Jan.		1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Share capital 31 Dec.		1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Net profit/loss		0.000	20.000	44 655	21.027
for previous years 1 Jan.		50 988	38 099	44 655	31 927
Translation differences		-7 476	648		
Other changes			24		
- the period			36		1 505
- previous years *)			1 537		1 537
Net profit/loss		53 513	40 320	44 655	33 464
for previous years 31 Dec.	-	55 515	40 320	44 055	55 404
Net profit for the period	1	15 805	20 668	10 554	11 191
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Total shareholders' equity	5	70 316	61 988	56 209	45 656
Distributable equity					
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Net profit for previous years				44 656	33 464
Net profit for the period				10 554	11 191
Total distributable equity				55 209	44 656

\*) Tax refund related to dividends received.

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#### SHAREHOLDERS OF NORDKALK CORPORATION

31 Dec. 2008	Ownership %	Quantity
Ahlström Capital Oy	30.5	305 000
Rettig Group Ltd	21.0	210 000
Åbo Akademi University Foundation	8.7	87 397
The Alandia Group	7.7	77 398
Furuvik Invest Ab	7.5	75 723
Svenska litteratursällskapet i Finland r.f.	7.0	69 899
Veritas Pension Insurance Company Ltd	5.7	57 384
Aktia Life Insurance	1.9	19 129
Stiftelsen Eschnerska Frilasarettet	1.9	19 129
Sundström Christer	1.2	12 000
Stiftelsen Brita Maria Renlunds minne	1.0	9 564
William Thurings stiftelse	1.0	9 564
K.H. Renlunds stiftelse	1.0	9 564
Petter och Margit Forsströms stiftelse		
till Karl och Olivia Forsströms minne	0.5	4 782
Nordkalk's management	3.3	32 867
Nordkalk Corporation	0.1	600
Total	100.0%	1 000 000 shares.

#### Note 13 Financing

Nordkalk had a strong cash flow during the first half of 2008. The continuing recession had a negative impact on the cash flow of Nordkalk during the second half of 2008, especially in the last quarter. In spite of this only a part of the agreed credit limits were in use. The balance sheet is financed through equity, a debenture loan of EUR 42 million including 2 million euros of capitalized interest, one amortizing bank loan of EUR 108 million, two committed credit limits to an aggregate amount of EUR 70 million and a committed investment limit of EUR 80 million. At the end of the year 2007 there was an unused reserve in the credit limits of EUR 40 million. The investment limit is completely unutilized. The financing package runs to years 2010-2013 with current financing agreements.

#### **Note 14 Provisions**

	Gro	սթ	Parent company			
1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007		
Provision for pension liabilities	106	26				
Provision for restructuring	1 747	1779				
Provision made for future						
environmental responsibilities	285	150	101	101		
Total	2 138	1 956	101	101		

#### Note 15 Long-term liabilities

	Gro	oup	Parent c	ompany
1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007
Loans from financial institutions	122 107	140 961	113 000	129 000
Pension fund loans	1 816	2 092		
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 8)	24 465	26 424		
Other interest-bearing liabilities	33 601	40 000	33 601	40 000
Other non interest-bearing liabilities	4 220	3 777	61	37
Total	186 209	213 254	146 662	169 037
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	157 525	183 053	146 601	169 000
0				
Repayments of long-term liabilities				
	Year 2-5	Over 5	Year 2-5	Over 5
Loans from financial institutions	117 792	4 314	113 000	
Pension fund loans		1 816		
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 8)	81	24 384		
Other interest-bearing liabilities	33 601		33 601	
Other non interest-bearing liabilities	6	4 214		61
Total	151 481	34 728	146 601	61
Repayments of long-term liabilities Loans from financial institutions Pension fund loans Deferred tax liabilities (Note 8) Other interest-bearing liabilities Other non interest-bearing liabilities	Year 2-5 117 792 81 33 601 6	Over 5 4 314 1 816 24 384 4 214	146 601 Year 2-5 113 000 33 601	Over 5 61

#### Note 16 Short-term liabilities

	Group Parent com		ompany		Gro	oup	Parent co	mpany	
1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007
Short-term non					Short-term				
interest-bearing liabilities					interest-bearing liabilities				
Accounts payable					Repayment of long-term liabilities				
Nordkalk group			1 491	876	Others	27 650	19 711	24 400	16 000
Others	29 677	29 311	15 448	13 556		000	1 775		
Total	29 677	29 311	16 939	14 432	Overdrafts	889	1 775		
Advances received					Other short-term				
Others	25	43			interest-bearing liabilities	• (0			
Total	25	43			Others Total short-term	268	230		
					interest-bearing liabilities	28 807	21 717	24 400	16 000
Accured expenses and deferred income					0				
Others	13 216	13 526	11 529	10 910	Total short-term liabilities	81 511	75 011	56 156	44 628
Total	13 216	13 526	11 529	10 910	Specification of accrued expenses				
					and deferred income, external				
Other non interest-bearing liabilities Nordkalk group			400	10	Sales related items	105	111	105	106
Others	9 787	10 414	2 887	12 3 273	Personnel costs	5 533	5 302	4 471	4 257
		-			Taxes	9	42		
Total	9 787	10 414	3 287	3 285	Financial items	6 307	6 0 3 9	6 2 3 0	5 924
C.					Others	1 262	2 0 3 2	723	623
Summary Nordholls group			1 891	888	Total	13 216	13 526	11 529	10 910
Nordkalk group Others	52 704	53 294	1 891 29 864	888 27 739					
Ouicis	52 /04	JJ 294	29 004	21 139					
Total short-term non									
interest-bearing liabilities	52 704	53 294	31 756	28 628					

#### Note 17 Pledged assets, contingent liabilities and leasing contracts

	Gro	oup	Parent co	ompany		Gro		Parent co	ompany
1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007
Pledged assets Real estate mortgages					Contingent liabilities				
as security for own debts Loans from financial institutions Mortgages Other mortgages	133 231 376 988	148 770 375 041	129 000 364 500	145 000 364 659	Guarantees: For subsidiaries For joint ventures For others Pension fund liability	3 590 4 657 36	4 398 5 565 42	8 120 7 179 269	8 320 8 796 269
Mortgages	460	530			Total	8 283	10 004	15 569	17 385
Total mortgages	377 448	375 571	364 500	364 659	Leasing contracts				
Other pledged assets Other pledges	90 295	90 344	88 725	88 725	In accordance with current leasing contracts leasing fees during the next years will amount to:				
<b>Total other pledged assets</b> Pledged assets for other own liabilities than debts Real estate mortgages	90 295 395	90 344 716	88 725	88 725	Next 12 months Later <b>Total</b>	8 748 30 785 39 533	8 841 34 165 43 007	5 667 20 349 26 016	6 069 24 096 30 165
Total	468 138	466 631	453 225	453 384					

#### Note 18 Adjustment for financial leasing in Nordkalk Group

The effects of recording financial leasing contracts in the balance sheet as assets and liabilities and the leasing charges as depreciation, repayments and interest expenses.

MEUR	Operati	ng profit	Financi	al items	Profit before extraordinary items		
Income statement	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
As shown in the Income Statement	39.4	43.6	-13.9	-11.0	25.5	32.6	
Adjustment for interest expenses included in leasing charges	1.9	1.8	-1.9	-1.8	0.0	0.0	
Adjusted profit	41.3	45.4	-15.8	-12.8	25.5	32.6	

	Fixed assets		Liabi	ilities	Balance sheet total		
Balance sheet	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Balance Sheet values as shown	250.9	263.7	267.7	288.3	354.9	366.5	
Residual value of leased assets	35.0	36.2	25.5	27.9	35.0	36.2	
Adjusted Balance Sheet	285.9	299.7	293.2	316.1	390.0	402.7	
Solvency (%)							
According to the Financial Statement	24.0	20.8					
After adjustments in the Income Statement and in the Balance Sheet	21.8	19.0					

#### Note 19 Values of derivative instruments

1000 EUR	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007
Nominal value		
Foreign exchange forward contracts Forward contracts of electricity Interest rate swap	73 907 21 596 73 000	83 017 11 704 125 000
Market value		
Foreign exchange forward contracts Forward contracts of electricity Interest rate swap	81 744 16 944 72 601	83 349 14 539 126 370
Difference between nominal value and market value		
Foreign exchange forward contracts Forward contracts of electricity Interest rate swap	7 837 -4 652 -399	332 2 835 1 370

#### The principle observed in calculating market value:

Foreign exchange forward contracts, forward contract of electricity and interest rate swap are valued at market values on the balance sheet date.

Derivative instruments are used to reduce currency, purchase and interest risk of the Group.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements, Calculation of Financial Ratios

#### **Note 20 Financial instruments**

It is Nordkalk Corporation's policy to hedge a large part of its equity in foreign currencies. Hedges are used for material exposures. Such exist in Swedish crowns and Polish zlotys. Both currencies may be hedged up to 75% of the exposure. Forward trading of the different currencies is used for hedging. Hedging is based on Board of Directors' resolutions. Hedge ratios vary according to what future prospects for the currency rates in question are judged to be. Nordkalk hedges even smaller exposures in such cases when it is deemed that there is an imminent threat of loss of value. Estonian krone is judged to be under such a threat. Nordkalk has hedged its whole equity in EEK. The main principle in currency hedging is to avoid risk and act on a long-term basis. Translation differences are entered against equity.

Forward trading is also used to hedge part of the operating net currency exposure. Nordkalk hedges half of its 6 months net currency exposure.

Forward trading is also used to hedge the price of budgeted electricity consumption. Hedging is built on minimum and maximum hedge ratios. The maximum hedge ratio is lower for longer periods. For the nearest 52-week period the maximum hedge ratio is 80%.

Interest-rate swaps are used to manage the interest-rate risk. It is Nordkalk's policy to hedge at least 50% of its financing costs for at least 3 years by exchanging variable rates for fixed rates.

Market rates for forward trading, forward market prices for electricity and interest-rate swaps are calculated at the time of interim and annual accounts. The result is shown in the notes to interim and annual accounts.

#### **Note 21 Emission rights**

In the beginning of 2008 emission rights were allocated to Nordkalk for the period 2008 - 2012. In 2008 emission rights were sold for a total value of EUR 3.5 million. The revenue is posted to other operating income.

In Norway the local authorities approved the allocation of emission rights to NorFraKalk for the period 2008-2012.

#### Note 22 Audit fees

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#### **Calculation of Financial Ratios**

Return on capital employed (ROC), %

Profit before extraordinary items + financial expenses

Balance sheet total - non interest-bearing liabilities, average over the year

#### Return on equity (ROE), %

Profit before extraordinary items - taxes in the income statement x 100 Shareholders' equity + minority interest, average over the year

Interest coverage Operating profit + financial income Interest expenses

Valued added Operating profit + personnel costs + depreciation Personnel on average

Gearing, %

Interest bearing liabilities - cash and bank balances - other interest-bearing receivables x 100

x 100

Shareholders' equity + minority interest

#### Solvency ratio, %

Shareholders' equity + minority interest Balance sheet total - advances received x 100

#### Earnings per share (EPS)

Profit before extraordinary items - income taxes - minority interests

Adjusted number of shares over the financial year

# Five-year Review

		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
From income statement						
Net sales	MEUR	344.9	334.4	303.8	269.6	270.6
change	%	3.1	10.1	12.7	-0.4	4.1
foreign sales	%	43.5	41.3	38.8	37.9	34.4
Operating profit	MEUR	39.4	43.6	36.8	27.5	37.9
% of net sales	%	11.4	13.0	12.1	10.2	14.0
Profit before extraordinary items	MEUR	25.5	32.7	24.5	13.9	20.4
% of net sales	%	7.4	9.8	8.1	5.2	7.6
Profit before taxes and minority interest	MEUR	25.5	32.7	24.5	13.9	20.4
% of net sales	%	7.4	9.8	8.1	5.2	7.6
Net profit/loss for the period	MEUR	15.8	20.7	13.7	6.7	12.5
From balance sheet						
Fixed assets	MEUR	250.9	263.6	259.0	248.3	258.8
Inventories	MEUR	45.5	36.5	34.0	34.5	36.8
Other current assets	MEUR	58.5	66.5	52.8	48.1	48.6
Minority interest	MEUR	14.8	14.3	13.5	12.8	13.2
Equity	MEUR	70.3	62.0	39.1	73.6*)	72.6 *)
Interest-bearing liabilities	MEUR	186.3	204.8	213.9	185.0	195.2
Non interest-bearing liabilities	MEUR	83.5	85.5	79.3	59.5	63.2
Balance sheet total	MEUR	354.9	366.5	345.8	330.9	344.2
Financial ratios						
Gross capital expenditure	MEUR	32.3	32.9	22.0	14.1	22.3
% of net sales	%	9.4	9.8	7.2	5.2	8.2
Depreciation	MEUR	29.3	27.9	25.8	26.9	24.5
Research and Development costs	MEUR	5.0	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.5
% of net sales	%	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Capital employed CB	MEUR	271.4	281.1	266.5	271.4	281.0
Return on capital employed	%	14.8	16.6	13.8	10.2	13.7
Return on equity	%	23.3	38.2	24.3	10.9*)	22.0 *)
Gearing	%	206.7	243.8	386.9	203.2**)	216.3 **
Interest coverage	times	2,8	3.7	3.0	2.0	2.3
Solvency ratio	%	24.0	20.8	15.2	11.3	9.0
Earnings per share (EPS)	EUR	15.8	20.7	13.7	6.7	
Per employee						
Net sales	EUR 1000	247	245	225	205	205
Value added	LOR 1000	89	90	82	76	81
Wages and salaries		39	38	35	35	34
Profit before extraordinary items		18	24	18	11	16
Personnel on average		1 395	1 364	1 353	1 316	1 317
Personnel at year-end		1 345	1 339	1 304	1 347	1 288

\*) Incl. capital loan\*\*) Capital loan included in equity

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#### To the Annual General Meeting of Nordkalk Corporation

We have audited the accounting records, the financial statements, the report of the Board of Directors, and the administration of Nordkalk Corporation for the year ended on 31 December, 2008. The financial statements comprise the consolidated balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes to the consolidated financial statements, as well as the parent company's balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements.

# The responsibility of the Board of Directors and the President and CEO

The Board of Directors and the President and CEO are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the preparation of the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors in Finland. The Board of Directors is responsible for the appropriate arrangement of the control of the company's accounts and finances, and the President and CEO shall see to it that the accounts of the company are in compliance with the law and that its financial affairs have been arranged in a reliable manner.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to perform an audit in accordance with good auditing practice in Finland, and to express an opinion on the parent company's financial statements, on the consolidated financial statements and on the report of the Board of Directors based on our audit. Good auditing practice requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors are free from material misstatement and whether the members of the Board of Directors of the parent company and the President and CEO have complied with the Limited Liability Companies Act.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors.

The audit was performed in accordance with good auditing practice in Finland. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion on the Company's Financial Statements and the Report of the Board of Directors

In our opinion, the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors give a true and fair view of both the consolidated and the parent company's financial performance and financial position in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the preparation of the financial statements and the report of the Board of Directors in Finland. The information in the report of the Board of Directors is consistent with the information in the financial statements.

# Opinion on discharge from liability and distribution of profit

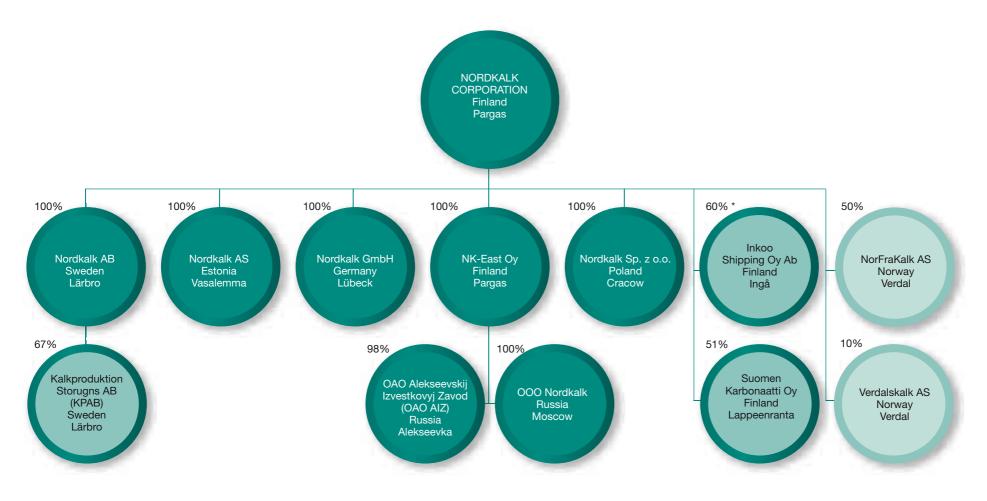
We recommend that the parent company's financial statements and the consolidated financial statements should be adopted. The proposal by the Board of Directors regarding the use of the profit shown at the balance sheet is in compliance with the Limited Liability Companies Act. We recommend that the Members of the Board of Directors of the parent company and the President and CEO should be discharged from liability for the financial period audited by us.

Helsinki, 11 February 2009

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### **Group Structure**



\* Nordkalk sold its share of Inkoo Shipping on 26 January 2009

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