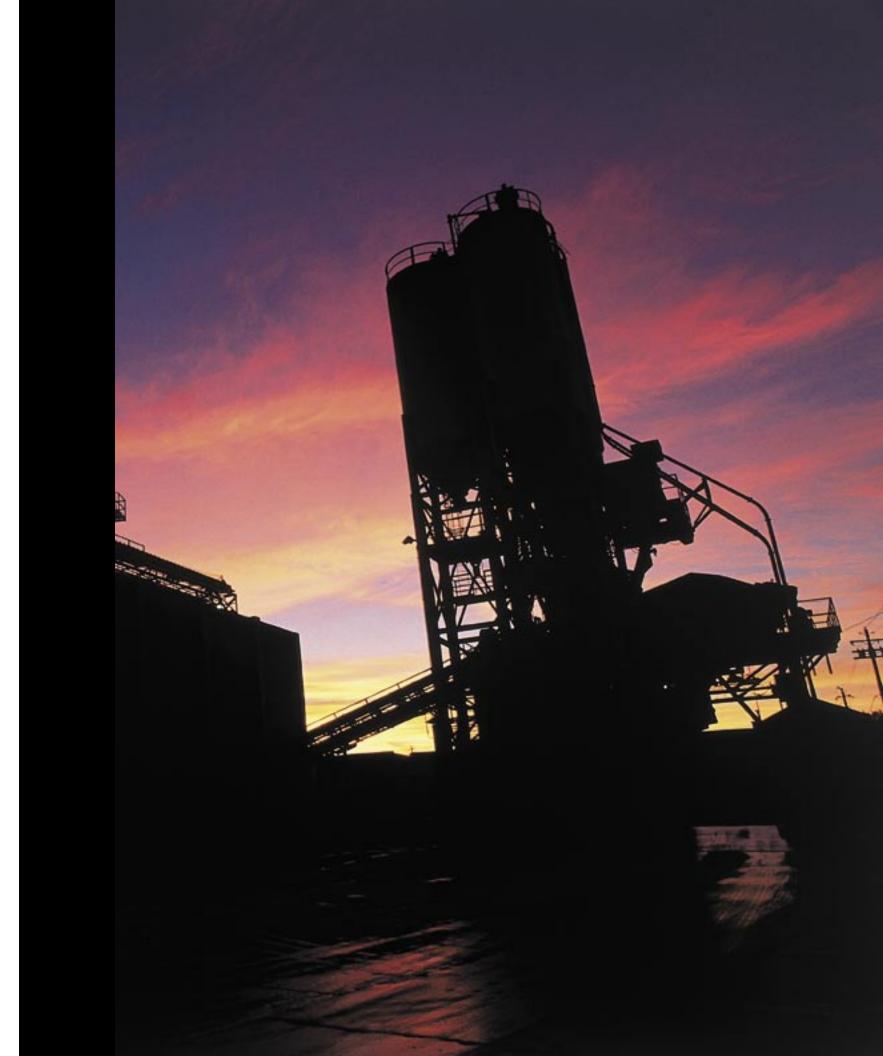
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Headquartered in Houston, Texas, U.S. Concrete, Inc. is a major producer of ready-mixed concrete and concrete products in select markets in the United States. As of March 15, 2005, we have 88 fixed and seven portable ready-mixed concrete plants, eight precast concrete plants, three concrete block plants and one aggregates quarry. During 2004, our facilities produced approximately 5.1 million cubic yards of ready-mixed concrete, 5.3 million eight-inch equivalent block units and 1.1 million tons of aggregates. Our common stock trades on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "RMIX."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
(amounts in thousands)	2004	Year Ended December 31, 2003	2002
Revenues	\$500,589	\$473,124	\$503,314
Total Assets	\$449,159	\$400,974	\$382,222
Long-Term Debt, Including Current Maturities	\$200,777	\$155,039	\$161,808
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$168,849	\$176,711	\$161,845

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he United States concrete industry, with revenue exceeding \$50 billion annually, is comprised of ready-mixed concrete, precast concrete, concrete masonry and other concrete products. The ready-mixed concrete industry, which accounts for more than half of all annual concrete sales, is a fragmented, consolidating industry with approximately 2,500 small independent operators, a number of regional independent operators and several larger, vertically integrated manufacturers of cement and aggregates. In fact, since the late 1990's, the entire concrete industry has experienced consolidation, and we expect this trend to continue into the foreseeable future. We believe that this presents growth opportunities for a company such as U.S. Concrete, which has a national strategy, a focused acquisition program and access to capital.

A LETTER TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

A refinancing in 2004 gave

U.S. Concrete the financial

flexibility to pursue and execute

internal and external growth

initiatives. Among other highlights,

the company had cash on hand

of approximately \$40 million and

available credit of approximately

\$75 million at year end.

for the next five years and beyond.

Our strategy for growth is now significantly more refined. We have positioned U.S. Concrete to be an active participant in the industry's ongoing consolidation. We continue to emphasize the sale of valueadded products to customers who are more focused on reducing inplace concrete costs than simply

technical expertise to optimize mix designs; and external growth initiatives. leveraging our purchasing power.

Concrete became a public President and Chief Operating Officer. (Mr. Harlan company nearly six years had continued to serve as the Company's Chief ago. Since then, the ready- Financial Officer during this time, a position he mixed concrete and concrete products industry has held since the formation of U.S. Concrete.) We also evolved, and the company has matured. As a result, we appointed a new Vice President - Marketing and revisited our initial business strategy during 2004 to Sales to succeed Richard A. Williams, as he transitions ensure that it would continue to serve our shareholders into retirement, as well as a new Vice President -Human Resources to maximize human capital.

> As one of the largest non-vertically integrated producers of ready-mixed concrete in the U.S., we are fortunate to have consistently attracted some of the industry's highest quality management.

> In tandem with refining the business strategy, in March 2004 we refinanced our long-term

price per cubic yard. We strive to promote operational debt, establishing a \$105 million revolving credit excellence and achieve cost efficiencies through facility due March 2009 and selling \$200 million standardizing procedures, plants and equipment; in senior subordinated notes due April 2014. investing in computer and communications technology; This new capital structure provides us the finanimplementing quality-control initiatives; providing cial flexibility to pursue and execute internal and

Another key positive for 2004 included a 4% We strengthened our management team during improvement in the pricing of our ready-mixed concrete 2004 to facilitate the execution of U.S. Concrete's over 2003, with fourth quarter 2004 average pricing strategy. We appointed a new Chief Financial Officer up almost 8% over the fourth quarter of 2003. It was to complete the transition of responsibility for the dayto-day operations of U.S. Concrete that began in 2003 raw material and other direct costs, including increasing when we named Michael W. Harlan Executive Vice cement prices. After a diligent effort by the entire team

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at U.S. Concrete, we were compliant with Section 404 to self-insured workers' compensation and auto of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

While we met our 2004 revenue objective of \$500 our team members. million, and our results were on target the first three quarters of the year, our fourth quarter profitability curtailed some of our sales of ready-mixed concrete, was disappointing. We experienced inclement weather and cement prices increased, impacting profitability. conditions, particularly in Northern California, during Cement generally accounts for slightly more than 50% October, which is traditionally our strongest shipping of the raw material costs of concrete production. The month, and December. Results were also affected in short supply of imported cement is a worldwide issue, the fourth quarter by a non-cash asset impairment driven by strong demand from China, the limited availcharge, an increase in insurance expense related

liability insurance and higher health care costs for

During the second half of 2004, cement shortages ability of transport ships and escalating freight rates. In the United States, these issues were exacerbated during 2004 by a stronger than expected residential construction market and lower inventories of domestic cement.

We continued to make progress on strengthening the foundation of our business during 2004. Our strategy is strong, smartly focused and led by one of the most experienced operating management teams in the business. We thank all of our team members for their efforts and contributions in 2004, and we enter 2005 with the expectation that we will experience profitable growth across our regions.

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Concrete's objective is to become the leading value-added supplier of readymixed concrete and concrete products in each of our markets and to further diversify the geographic scope of our operations. We are positioned to grow externally and internally, armed with a new capital structure that provides financial flexibility.

AN EYE FOR OPPORTUNITY

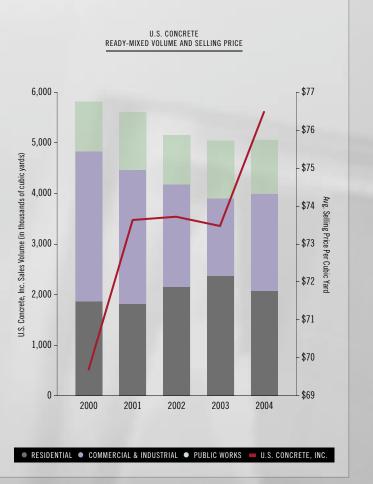


ready-mixed concrete industry's small independent our existing operations. We also seek "platform" pleted tuck-in acquisitions in Phoenix, Arizona, and market can be consolidated.

Given the transitional issues facing many of the Knoxville, Tennessee, which are being integrated into operators, we believe today's market presents numerous companies with leading positions in new geographic growth opportunities. U.S. Concrete doesn't seek growth markets that demonstrate adequate sustainable demand for growth's sake. We seek the right companies, in the and prospects for growth. In each case, we target right markets, at the right valuations. To achieve benefits well-established, well-managed businesses with strong of local market rationalization, we seek "tuck-in" local customer relationships. Platform businesses acquisitions in our existing markets. We recently com-

Pricing Trends

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. population is anticipated to grow approximately 8.6% in the coming decade, a statistic that we believe supports long-term demand for ready-mixed concrete and concrete products. U.S. Concrete serves all three sectors of the construction market residential, commercial and industrial, and public works. Driven by low interest rates, the demand has risen for readymixed concrete in residential construction, which represented about 41% of U.S. Concrete's total sales in 2004, compared to about 38% from commercial and industrial sales and about 21% from public works sales. The mix of demand for ready-mixed concrete can affect a producer's profitability. Ready-mixed concrete sold for commercial and industrial construction is generally more technical and therefore more profitable than that sold for residential construction. Commercial and industrial jobs, which afford more volume productivity, also provide readymixed concrete producers more opportunities to sell value-added concrete mix designs for high-performance requirements that often include admixtures, such as chemicals, minerals and fibers, or color-conditioning additives. According to data from F. W. Dodge, the commercial and industrial segment is expected to increase by 7.5% in 2005 and 9.2% in 2006. Historical data generally reflects that ready-mixed concrete prices trend with cement price increases and decreases. As illustrated in the chart, U.S. Concrete's ready-mixed concrete selling prices increased significantly in 2004 over prior years, as the industry experienced increases in cement costs.



We believe U.S. Concrete is an

industry leader in innovation,

as evidenced by awards the com-

pany has received, including the

National Ready-Mixed Concrete

Association's Innovation in

Training Award and the National

Precast Concrete Association's

Creative Use of Precast Award.



size and geographic scope enable us to achieve cost and implement training programs that emphasize savings through consolidated purchasing and reduced successful customer-focused marketing and sales administrative costs, while also helping to mitigate techniques and the sale of high-margin concretepossible unfavorable regional economic trends. In mix designs. addition, U.S. Concrete benefits from a diverse customer base. Our geographic and customer diversity service and profitability, not just sales volume. Our softis complemented by the broad combination of end ware-based sales activity process enables our territory markets we serve, including the residential, public managers to coordinate sales efforts, track sales backlogs

works, and commercial and industrial construction markets.

Integration is also key. Since U.S. Concrete's founding, we have successfully integrated 31 acquired companies. We have established a process to integrate acquired companies rapidly so that U.S. Concrete can begin to realize expected positive benefits and synergies promptly.

We believe U.S. Concrete's corporate-level marketing and sales expertise sets us apart. Primarily targeting general contractors, developers, architects, structural engineers and homebuilders, our strategy emphasizes the sale of value-added products. challenges and a new way of thinking about the a new standard for the industry.

Diversification is important. We believe our concrete construction process. Internally, we develop

Our salespersons are trained to focus on customer

and measure customer profitability.

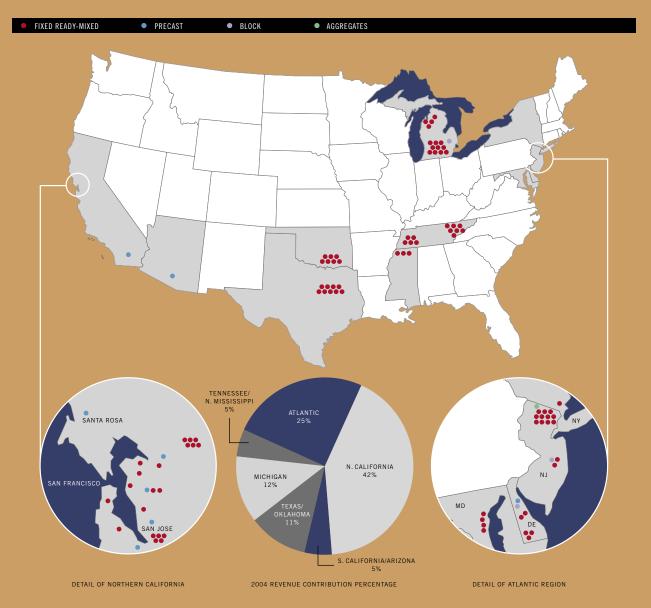
U.S. Concrete has also formed strategic alliances with several leading suppliers to the concrete industry, including a pigment supplier for color-conditioned concrete, a fiber supplier for fiber-reinforced concrete, a specialty admixture company for high-performance concrete and

an engineering software company that develops software to design concrete frame buildings. We believe the design software provides opportunities to expand uses of structural concrete in office and institutional buildings to better compete with structural steel. With each of these initiatives, we are seeking to enhance We strive to be a solutions provider, rather than our product offerings, capabilities and services; penetrate simply a provider of materials. We offer performance- new market segments; increase market demand for based engineered products, emerging concrete our products; and provide economical solutions to our technologies, sustainable answers to environmental customers. We believe these strategic alliances have set

NATIONAL VISION

the District of Columbia. As of March 15, 2005, metropolitan locations would be difficult to U.S. Concrete operated 88 fixed and seven por-replicate. We believe our customer and end-market table ready-mixed concrete plants, eight precast diversification enables U.S. Concrete to access concrete plants, three concrete block plants and multiple sources of demand and lends additional one aggregates quarry. Given the current regulatory stability to our operating results.

e have established a substantial asset environment and local "not in my backyard" base, more than 10,000 customers attitudes, we believe several of our operating and operations in 11 states and sites and associated operating permits in certain



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