

## Shareholder information

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### Dividend payments

An interim dividend of 7.43c, with scrip alternative, was paid in respect of Ordinary Shares on 8th November 2002.

A final dividend of 17.97c, if approved, will be paid in respect of Ordinary Shares on 12th May 2003. A scrip alternative will be offered to shareholders.

Dividend Withholding Tax (“DWT”) must be deducted from dividends paid by an Irish resident company, unless a shareholder is entitled to an exemption and has submitted a properly completed exemption form to the Company’s Registrars. DWT applies to dividends paid by way of cash or by way of shares under a scrip dividend scheme and is deducted at the standard rate of Income Tax (currently 20%). Non-resident shareholders and certain Irish companies, trusts, pension schemes, investment undertakings and charities may be entitled to claim exemption from DWT and have been sent the relevant form. Further copies of the form may be obtained from Capita Corporate Registrars Plc. Shareholders should note that DWT will be deducted from dividends in cases where a properly completed form has not been received by the record date for a dividend. Individuals who are resident in Ireland for tax purposes are not entitled to an exemption.

Shareholders who wish to have their dividend paid direct to a bank account, by electronic funds transfer, should contact Capita Corporate Registrars Plc to obtain a mandate form. Tax vouchers will be sent to the shareholder’s registered address under this arrangement.

Dividends are paid in euro. In order to avoid costs to shareholders, dividends are paid in Sterling and US Dollars to shareholders resident in the UK and the US respectively, unless they require otherwise.

Dividends in respect of 5% Cumulative Preference Shares are paid half-yearly on 15th April and 15th October.

Dividends in respect of 7% ‘A’ Cumulative Preference Shares are paid half-yearly on 5th April and 5th October.

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### CREST

Transfer of the Company’s shares takes place through the CREST settlement system. Shareholders have the choice of holding their shares in electronic form or in the form of share certificates.

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**Share price data**

	2002 €	2001 €
Share price at 31st December	11.75	19.83
Market capitalisation	6.2bn	10.3bn
Share price movement during the year:		
- high	20.70	21.95
- low	11.10	14.45

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**Shareholdings** as at 31st December 2002**Ownership of Ordinary Shares**

Category	Number of shares held '000	% of total
Individuals	42,209	8.06
Nominees	462,644	88.25
Insurance companies	2,220	0.42
Other corporate bodies	12,547	2.39
Pension funds	4,614	0.88
	<u>524,234</u>	<u>100</u>

Holdings	Number of accounts	% of total
1 - 1,000	15,057	56.97
1,001 - 10,000	9,580	36.25
10,001 - 100,000	1,501	5.68
100,001 - 1,000,000	241	0.91
Over 1,000,000	51	0.19
	<u>26,430</u>	<u>100</u>

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**Stock Exchange listings**

CRH registered shares have a primary listing on both the Irish and London Stock Exchanges and its ADRs are listed on NASDAQ in the US.

**Financial calendar**

Announcement of final results for 2002	4th March 2003
Ex-dividend date	12th March 2003
Record date for dividend	14th March 2003
Latest date for receipt of scrip forms	25th April 2003
Annual General Meeting	7th May 2003
Dividend payment date and first day of dealing in scrip dividend shares	12th May 2003
Announcement of interim results for 2003	2nd September 2003

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**Website**

The Group's website, [www.crh.com](http://www.crh.com), provides the full text of the Annual and Interim Reports, the Form 20-F, which is filed annually with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and copies of presentations to analysts and investors. News releases are made available, in the News & Media section of the website, immediately after release to the Stock Exchanges.

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**Registrars**

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Shareholders with access to the internet may check their accounts either by accessing CRH's website and selecting "Registrars Details" under "Shareholder Services" or by accessing the Registrars' website, [www.capitacorporateregistrars.ie](http://www.capitacorporateregistrars.ie). This facility allows shareholders to check their shareholdings and to download standard forms required to initiate changes in details held by the Registrars.