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**WORLD STONE MARKET: TRADE WORTH 23 BILLION DOLLARS IN 2014
GROWTH FOR PRODUCTION (+3.8%) AND EXPORTS (+6.7%)**

XXVI World Stone Report by Carlo Montani premiered at Marmomacc. The leading exporters are, in order, China, Italy, Turkey and India, followed by Brazil, Spain and Portugal.

Verona, 1 October 2015 - The world marble-natural stone sector in 2014 continued its **growth trend** (+3.85% over the previous year), thereby posting the fifth consecutive increase since the recession in 2009, thanks to **total output** of materials in excess of **100 million** cubic meters, equivalent to 80 million tonnes gross (net of quarry waste) and 1.5 billion square meters of equivalent products at the conventional thickness for a slab of marble of 2 cm.

This is the situation for the international sector snapped by the **XXVI World Stone Report** edited by Carlo Montani for publisher Aldus which was premiered during the 50th edition of **Marmomacc**, the reference event for business and culture in the natural stone world open until Saturday 3 October at Veronafiere (www.marmomacc.com).

The **main final uses** of marble and granite are still flooring and interior decor. The quantity of processed products on the market has increased by more than three times over the last twenty years: today, **per capita consumption** of marble on a world-wide scale comes to 237 square meters per thousand inhabitants; only Switzerland, Belgium, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan can boast a ratio of one square meter per person.

"Despite the significant explosion of the stone industry in countries such as Jordan, Oman, Mongolia and Vietnam," Montani explains, "in the future production will be increasingly concentrated in a handful of countries that already today - headed by China, followed by India, Turkey, Brazil, Italy and Spain - together account for more than 70% of total volumes."

In terms of international trade, **global export** volumes came to 56.9 million tonnes (+6.7%), of which 29.5 million tonnes for raw materials (+5%) and 27.4 million tonnes for processed materials (+8.7%). In the last two decades, the flow of world exports has almost quadrupled.

The **global stone trading turnover** in 2014 came **23 billion dollars**, of which 75% generated by processed products. In terms of export turnover, the top four countries are, in order: China, Italy, Turkey and India, followed by Brazil, Spain and Portugal.

As regards **imports**, China still ranks first as regards purchases of raw material, followed by Taiwan, while finished products are especially imported by the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Belgium, South Korea and Saudi Arabia.

The World Stone Report has for 26 years been an authentic reference landmark for all professionals in the sector: This year set an historic record with **110 countries monitored**, as well as more than **24 thousand** economic and statistical entries, based on **Eurostat, ComTrade and Abi Rochas sources**.

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