



Ripplewood Affiliate Acquires 9.4% Stake in SODIC

Cairo, Egypt

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Sixth of October Development & Investment Company ("SODIC") announced that Ripplewood Advisors L.L.C. ("Ripplewood") - a well-known American investment group - has acquired a **9.4%** stake in SODIC. The stake was acquired as a bulk deal from "October Property Development Limited" an EFG Hermes ("EFG") subsidiary.

"SODIC is pleased to welcome Ripplewood as a key shareholder and partner. Ripplewood's record in helping companies realise their potential is recognised globally. Their previous experience in Egypt with CIB was a high profile success story. They are a long-term investor with a track-record of creating value and enhancing operating and strategic capabilities," said Ahmed D. Badrawi, CEO and Managing Director of SODIC. *"EFG have always played a pivotal role with SODIC and they continue to be a significant shareholder. Their divestment is part of their declared strategy of selling non-core assets and focusing on their primary business. The sale lifts a long-standing overhang on SODIC's stock."*

Timothy C. Collins, Ripplewood's founder and CEO stated, *"Our investment in SODIC represents our second investment in the Egyptian real estate sector and accentuates our confidence in this market, which should see further growth as the macroeconomic outlook for Egypt improves. SODIC manages key developments around Cairo with an attractive land bank that we expect will continue to expand to meet Egypt's increasing demand for housing."*

Mr. Collins added, *"SODIC delivered robust sales growth and collections in fiscal year 2013 supported by new launches in Eastown and Westown, and stands on a strong trajectory for 2014. We look forward to working with the Company to build on this performance and assist SODIC in delivering yet another outstanding year."*

"Having resolved our legal issues, cleaned up our balance sheet and reported record sales during 2013, SODIC is poised for an exciting new chapter and is delighted to have Ripplewood on board at this critical new juncture," Badrawi added.

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Market Data

Index Inclusion:

EGX 30
EGX 100
MSCI IMI

Symbol:

EGX: OCDI.CA
Reuters: OCDI CA
Bloomberg: OCDI EY

Share Price at 6th May 2014 (EGP): 26.75
52 Weeks High/Low (EGP): 30.60/13.81
Current Shares Outstanding (mln): 90.68
Market Cap (EGP mln): 2,426
Market Cap (USD mln): 347

*Market Cap figures as at 6 May 2014
*FX Rate: 1.00 USD = 7.00 EGP

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About SODIC:

Sixth of October Development and Investment Company, S.A.E. ("SODIC") is a diversified and fully-integrated developer in Egypt, specialized in building complete communities with a proven track record. SODIC owns a raw land bank in Egypt totaling some 2.5 million sqm in diversified and prime locations around greater Cairo. The Company currently has 9 launched projects with over 5,000 units valued over EGP 10 billion. SODIC has registered over EGP 9.5 billion of net sales since 2008 to-date and reported record-breaking new sales of over EGP 2.7 billion in 2013.

About Ripplewood:

Ripplewood Advisors LLC, based in New York, is an affiliate of Ripplewood Holdings LLC, which was founded in 1995. Ripplewood Holdings has successfully invested in and built companies globally, including Europe, the Middle East and Asia. It has consistently delivered outsized returns from investments totaling over \$20 billion in enterprise value. Ripplewood Holdings has been present in the Egyptian market since 2006 when Ripplewood and its co-investors acquired an approximate 20% stake in Commercial International Bank ("CIB"), through which it played an instrumental role in strengthening core capabilities. As a result, CIB's market cap increased from EGP 9 billion at the time of Ripplewood's investment in 2006 to EGP 34 billion today.