

**Ambuja
Cement**

Media Release

1. Standalone financial results for the quarter ended 30th September, 2015

Ambuja Cements Limited today announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30th September, 2015

		July – September 2015	July - September 2014	Growth (%)
Sales volume–cement	Million tonnes	4.82	4.67	3.2%
Net sales	Rs. in crores	2,095	2,188	-4.3%
Operating EBITDA	Rs. in crores	310	393	-21.1%
Net profit before tax	Rs. in crores	208	334	-37.7%
Net profit after tax	Rs. in crores	154	239	-35.6%

The cement market was subdued during the quarter. Although sales volume increased by 3.2%, lower realisation by 6.9% led to overall net sales being less by 4.3%. Lower operating costs with improved operational efficiencies have partly mitigated the impact of reduced sales realisation. A provision of Rs. 40 crores has been recognised towards contribution to District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration Trust as per The Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. This includes Rs. 27 crores up to previous quarters. This has impacted the EBITDA margin for the quarter by 130 basis points.

Net profit after tax is down by 35.6% at Rs. 154 crores during the quarter versus Rs. 239 crores in the corresponding quarter of previous year, on account of lower operating EBITDA and due to additional depreciation charge of Rs. 28 crores on implementation of Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013.

2. Projects

During the quarter, the Company has commissioned a Waste Heat Recovery System of 6.5 MW at its Rabriyawas unit in Rajasthan.



3. Acquisition update

The Scheme of Amalgamation of Holcim India Private Limited with the Company, by which Ambuja Cements Limited will acquire 50.01% shareholding in ACC Limited, was approved by the Hon'ble High Courts of New Delhi and Gujarat. This transaction was recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and is awaiting approval of the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA).

4. Outlook

Post monsoon construction activities are likely to pick up. The long term outlook for cement demand remains positive considering Government's focus on housing, concrete roads, smart cities and infrastructure development. Ambuja Cement would continue to focus on improving operational efficiencies.



Ajay Kapur

Managing Director & CEO

Mumbai, 28th October, 2015