

PRESS RELEASE

J.K.Cement Ltd. -

Net Profit spurts by 114% for the quarter ended Sep. 30'2007.

J.K. Cement Ltd. is one of the leading cement players in the country with over 30 years experience. The Company has two Grey Cement plants at Nimbahera and Mangrol with an aggregate installed capacity of 4 million tons and is one of the top five producers of grey cement in the northern region. It is also the second largest producer of White Cement in the country having manufacturing facility at Gotan with an annual installed capacity of 0.4 million tons.

The Company's Board of directors met on 26th Oct.,07 to review the working of the Company for July – Sep.'07 quarter.

The Company's performance during the quarter July – Sep.'07 as against same quarter of previous year, have shown substantial improvement and the **Net Turnover has increased by 33%** (Rs.356.4 crores vs. Rs.268.2 crores) while **PBIDT has increased by 49%** (Rs.102.4 crores vs. Rs.68.6 crores), **Profit before tax increased by 63%** (Rs.83.8 crores vs. Rs.51.3 crores) and **Net Profit by 114%** (Rs.72.7 crores vs. Rs.34.0 crores). The **Earning per share increased to Rs.10.40 as against Rs.4.86 of July – Sep.' 06.**

The Company has commissioned following Captive Power facilities during the quarter –

1. 20 MW Thermal Power Plant
2. replacement of an existing turbine with a new 10 M.W Turbine and
3. first phase of Waste Heat Recovery power plant of 3.2 M.W.

Work on balance 10 M.W. Waste Heat Recovery power plant is in advanced stage of completion and would be completed in phases within next 3 - 4 months' time. The Company expects substantial savings in power cost from next quarter onwards.

The refurbishing of the **acquired assets of M/s. Nihon Nirman Ltd.** is also on stream and the plant is expected to put into operation within next 3 -4 months' time.

The work on the new **Green Field Cement plant at Karnataka** is also as per schedule and plant is likely to commission in the quarter January-March, 2009. Financial Closure for syndication of term loan of Rs.525 crores has also been completed with IDBI as leader and eight other consortium members.

Performance Review: Highlights – (July – Sep.' 07 vs. July – Sep.'06)

There has been marked improvement in the performance of the Company during the quarter. Highlights of performance during the quarter ended 30th Sep.'2007 as against same quarter of previous year are as under –

	<u>July – Sep.'07</u>	<u>July – Sep.'06</u>	<u>% inc./dec.)</u>
<u>Production-</u>			
Grey Cement (Ton)	934866	819487	14%
White Cement (Ton)	55703	61031	-9%
Gross Turnover (Rs./Crore)	435.3	346.9	25%
Net Turnover (Rs./Crore)	356.4	268.2	33%
PBIDT (Rs./Crore)	102.4	68.6	49%
Profit before tax (Rs./Crore)	83.8	51.3	63%
Profit after tax (Rs./Crore)	72.7	34.0	114%
Earning per share (Rs.)	10.40	4.86	114%

Performance Review: Highlights – (Apr. – Sep.' 07 vs. Apr. – Sep.'06)

Performance of the Company during the half year has also shown substantial improvement. Highlights of performance during the half year ended 30th Sep.'2007 as against same period of previous year are as under –

	<u>Apr. – Sep.'07</u>	<u>Apr. – Sep.'06</u>	<u>% inc./dec.)</u>
<u>Production-</u>			
Grey Cement (Ton)	1801749	1741879	3%
White Cement (Ton)	104640	120899	-13%
Gross Turnover (Rs./Crore)	842.7	678.0	24%

Net Turnover (Rs./Crore)	682.8	547.7	25%
PBIDT (Rs./Crore)	200.5	135.0	48%
Profit before tax (Rs./Crore)	163.7	101.3	62%
Profit after tax (Rs./Crore)	125.2	67.0	87%
Earning per share (Rs.)	17.90	9.58	87%

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