

JK Lakshmi Cement Reports Impressive Q4 and FY 2023-24 Results, Net Profit Surges 28% to Rs. 424.32 Crores

JK Lakshmi Cement Limited (JKLC) has unveiled its financial results for the fourth quarter (January-March) and the entire fiscal year 2023-24, highlighting a period of strong operational performance and a firm commitment to sustainability.

Key Financial Highlights: The company reported a 4% increase in standalone net sales for FY24 and a 1% rise in standalone sales volume. Capacity utilization saw a notable improvement, reaching 89% in Q4FY24 compared to 79% in Q3FY24.

Management Insights: Smt. Vinita Singhania, Chairperson & Managing Director of JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd., expressed satisfaction with the company's robust performance in the fourth quarter. She attributed the profitability boost to higher sales volumes, an improved product mix, and lower fuel costs. Singhania also emphasized the company's ongoing dedication to sustainability and innovation, driven by a favorable outlook for housing real estate sales and government infrastructure projects.

Sustainability Initiatives: JK Lakshmi Cement is making significant strides in sustainability. The company is working on enhancing its Thermal Substitution Rate (TSR) from 4% to 16% at its Sirohi Cement Plant. Additionally, the Waste Heat Recovery (WHR) capacity at Sirohi is being increased by 3.5 MW, with completion expected in Q1 FY25. The Durg Cement Plant in Chhattisgarh has also seen a substantial rise in its renewable power share, from 36% to 80%, thanks to a new 40 MW solar power sourcing agreement.

Capital Expenditure Plans: The company's subsidiary, Udaipur Cement Works Ltd. (UCWL), successfully doubled its clinker capacity to 3 MTPA with a new clinker line in October 2023 and commissioned a 2.5 MTPA cement grinding capacity in March 2024. Further expansions are underway, including increasing the cement grinding capacity at the Surat Grinding Unit from 1.35 MTPA to 2.7 MTPA, with an estimated cost of Rs. 225 crores. At the Durg Plant, an additional 2.3 MTPA clinker line and multiple grinding units are being added, along with a new railway siding, with a total investment of Rs. 2500 crores.

Strategic Acquisitions: In the last quarter, JKLC acquired an 85% stake in Agrani Cement Private Limited for Rs. 325.11 crores. This acquisition includes significant limestone reserves of approximately 335 million tonnes, bolstering the company's resource base.

Market Outlook: The Indian cement industry is on a robust growth trajectory, supported by the government's focus on infrastructure development and the revival of the real estate sector. The recent Union Budget 2024-25 reflects this commitment, with substantial

allocations for highways, railways, and affordable housing projects, ensuring sustained demand for cement.

About JK Lakshmi Cement Limited: Founded in 1982, JK Lakshmi Cement has established itself as a prominent player in the Indian cement industry, with a significant presence in Northern, Western, and Eastern India. As part of the prestigious JK Organisation, which boasts over 135 years of heritage, the company aims to expand its cement capacity to 30 million tonnes by 2030. The company also offers a diverse range of products under its Smart Business Solutions (SBS) portfolio, including JK Lakshmi Powermix, JK Lakshmi Plast, and JK SmartBlox, catering to a wide array of construction needs.