

News and events that affect our industry

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Week ending: 7-8-2022

SUPPLY:

- **USA:** GCC plans to increase capacity of its Odessa plant from 0.9Mt/yr to around 1.9Mt/yr. Operations are expected to start in 2025. Cost estimate \$750m
- **USA:** Calucem will establish a calcium aluminate cement plant in New Orleans, cost \$35m, commissioning planned for 2H23
- **Kenya:** East Africa Portland Cement is replacing the kiln cell at Athi River cement plant, increasing capacity to 1400tpd
- **Ukraine:** Buzzi Unicem suspended production in Ukraine in Feb22. At the end of March, it resumed operations at the Volyn plant while the Nikolayev plant remained idle
- **China:** BBMG Jidong's 4500tpd clinker line is expected to start in May 2023

PRICING:

- **India:** The Competition Commission of India has found that around 20 cement companies have violated antitrust laws through price collusion and supply restrictions
- **Japan:** Sumitomo Osaka Cement will increase cement prices in Oct 2022. Previously it increased prices in Apr 2022 by 20% and may consider further price increases in Apr 2023

- **South Korea:** Sampyo Cement will raise cement prices by 11.7% in Sep to KRW105,000/t while Hanil Cement will raise by 15% to KRW106,000/t. Various companies had increased prices in Feb 2022 by 15-19%
- **Pakistan:** Pakistan's cement prices in Jul22 were around PKR1050/50Kg bag, +20% compared to May22

M&A:

- **Turkey:** Cimsa Cimento has completed divestments of two integrated plants (1Mt/yr Kayseri and 1.2Mt/yr Nigde) and its grinding plant in Ankara to Farnas Group

DEMAND:

- **Indonesia:** An academic study has estimated 33% increase of cement consumption in Indonesia to 84Mt/yr from the start of construction of the new capital city of Nusantara and for the following 20 years. Construction is set to start in Aug22. A separate academic study from China has estimated that cement demand for residential construction in the new city will be 60Mt/yr

IMPORTS/EXPORTS:

- **Algeria:** GICA has obtained CE certifications for three cement products, allowing to increase exports to Europe. Its 2021 total cement exports were 2.25Mt

CARBON:

- **Greece:** Titan has started a pilot CO2 capture project at the Kamari plant
- **India:** India's launch of a carbon trading market may be announced this month. A detailed plan of the functioning of the carbon market is expected in 4Q22

Week ending: 14-8-2022

SUPPLY:

- **India:** Hills Cement is planning a second production line at its Meghalaya plant
- **India:** Commercial production at Birla Corp's 3.9Mt/yr Mukutban cement plant started in Apr 2022
- **Vietnam:** Xuan Tanh Cement will commission its 4.5Mt/yr line 3 at the Ha Nam cement plant in Oct 2022
- **Vietnam:** The 2.3Mt/yr Long Thanh cement project is expected to be completed in 2022

M&A:

- **USA:** CalPortland will acquire Martin Marietta's Tehachapi cement plant for \$250m
- **India:** Sagar Cements is set to acquire Andhra Cements and hopes to achieve required clearances by Oct22. The deal is reported to be valued at around \$176m. The company has a production capacity of 8.25Mt/yr and targets to increase it to 10Mt/yr by 2025