

News and events that affect our industry

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SUPPLY:

- **India:** Ambuja Cement foreclosed the EPC contract for its planned capacity expansion that it signed in 1Q23 due to the ongoing investigation of its parent company, Adani Group
- **India:** Ultratech Cement's next phase of capacity growth is estimated at 22.6Mt/yr with planned completion by FY25/26, raising the company's capacity to 160.5Mt/yr
- **Japan:** Tokuyama Cement is considering cutting production capacity at Shunan City by around 30% due to falling cement demand and high materials and fuel prices. Current capacity is estimated at 4.5Mt/yr

CARBON:

- **Belgium:** Air Liquide has signed a contract with Holcim for the installation of a carbon capture unit at the Obourg cement plant, with a target of capturing 95% of CO₂ produced at the plant
- **Canada:** The Cement Association of Canada has published Concrete Zero, its action plan to net zero by 2050. The plan's main focus points are to reduce coal and petcoke fuel in production, reduce clinker factor and promote carbon capture. Its target is 100% non-fossil fuels by 2050 and 40% CO₂ reduction by 2030

M&A:

- **India:** Shree Cement is reportedly in talks to acquire a 40% to 72% stake in Sanghi Cement. The latter has a production capacity of 6.1Mt/yr

Week ending: 14-05-2023

SUPPLY:

- **India:** Dalmia Cement plans a new cement plant in Assam state, estimated cost \$560m. No further details were available
- **India:** Orient Cement has started the expansion works at its Devapur cement plant in Telangana. When completed, capacity of the plant will have increased by 60% to 8Mt/yr
- **India:** Calcom Cement, Taj Cement and Star Cement have signed MoUs with the state government of Assam for three new cement plants
- **India:** Ambuja Cements plans a total of 8Mt/yr clinker capacity expansion at Bhatapara and Maratha cement plants, adding cement production of 14Mt/yr. Commissioning is expected in 2yrs. The company is planning to double production capacity over the next five years from an estimated 67.5Mt/yr capacity currently
- **India:** Nuvoco Vistas mentioned that 1.2Mt/yr capacity expansion at Bhiwani and the debottlenecking project at Nimbol are progressing well
- **Greece:** Titan has completed the installation of the calciner in the Kamari plant in 1Q23
- **Pakistan:** Attock Cement's Line 4 of 1.2Mt/yr in Balochistan is expected to be completed by Dec23
- **Uzbekistan:** Kyzylkumcement is constructing clinker Line 4 with 5500tpd capacity, raising clinker capacity by 1.8Mt/yr and cement by 2.1Mt/yr at the plant

IMPORTS/EXPORTS:

- **South Korea:** Korea's Trade Commission is investigating imports of white cement from Egypt after it received a complaint from local producer Union Corporation regarding cement dumping. The Commission is expected to complete the investigation by Sep23
- **Kenya:** The Finance Bill 2023 introduces a further 10% import tax on clinker, subject to Parliamentary approval. The levy would be in addition to an existing 10% rate on clinker imports. The majority of imports are from Egypt

M&A:

- **Iraq:** Attock Cement will sell 60% of its grinding plant at Khor Al-Zubair in Basra, of 0.54Mt/yr capacity, to a JV comprised of UAE-based Lamassu Babylon General Trading Company and Abdul Lateef Mohsin Al Geetan, an Iraqi investor, for \$23m, subject to shareholder approval
- **Tanzania:** Scancem International, a Heidelberg Materials subsidiary, has acquired a majority stake in Tanga Cement. The second application of the company was approved in Feb23, after a failed first attempt which was blocked by the local Competition Tribunal on the grounds of reduced competition
- **USA:** The FTC has commented on the cancelled acquisition of the Tehachapi plant by CalPortland, saying that it would have reduced the number of suppliers in Southern California to four from five, further increasing concentration in an already concentrated market

CARBON:

- **USA:** Ash Grove Cement plans a CCUS installation at the Foreman Cement plant

Week ending: 21-05-2023

SUPPLY:

- **Iraq:** Najmat Al Samawa Company for Cement Manufacturing plans a new clinker line at its Samawa plant, capacity 1.82Mt, raising the plant's total capacity to 3.13Mt/yr, construction is expected to start in 1QFY24 and be completed in 18 months
- **India:** Andhra Cements plans to relaunch its clinker line at the Durga plant, after it successfully restarted grinding at the plant in Apr23. It subsequently plans to increase cement capacity at the plant by 67% to 3Mt/yr and clinker capacity by 39% to 2.3Mt/yr, cost \$56.8m, expected to be fully completed by 2HFY25 but still deliver 1Mt/yr additional supply in FY24
- **India:** UltraTech Nathdwara Cement has commissioned expanded capacity of 800Kt/yr at its Neem Ka Thana grinding plant, raising the total capacity at 2.2Mt/yr
- **France:** Heidelberg Materials plans a calcined clay installation at its Bussac cement plant targeting 20% CO2 reduction, cost EUR65m
- **France:** Hoffmann Green has commissioned its H2 plant at Bournezeau which uses clay and GGBFS. The company aims for 24Kt sales in 2023 from cement produced in H2
- **Uzbekistan:** Qizilqumcement is planning to upgrade Lines 1 and 2 of its Qizilqum cement plant, while it's building its new Line 4
- **India:** Shiva Cement has had a trial run in 1Q23 of its 4000tpd line at Kutra. The company plans capacity expansion of the plant to 3Mt/yr of clinker and 2Mt/yr of cement

DEMAND:

- **Vietnam:** VNCA sees drop in cement demand in 2023 due to slower residential construction

CARBON:

- **UK:** Aggregate Industries, Breedon and Tarmac plan a joint carbon capture effort at their Caudon, Hope and Tunstead cement plants respectively

IMPORTS/EXPORTS:

- **Vietnam/China:** VNCA says cement exports to China in 1Q23 dropped by 90% YoY in value

OTHER:

- **Kenya:** A court in Kenya has appointed an administrator for Savannah Cement, ruling in favour of banks who are seeking \$72.9m owed funds