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## From the Editor

Today, with an installed capacity of around 300 million tonnes, India is the second largest cement producing country in the world, after China. In the past one decade, Indian cement industry has witnessed a robust growth and it has added new capacity of about 190 million tonnes. The cement companies have modernised their plants and have opted for world class technologies. In addition, seven cement MNCs have entered the country through acquisition route. The government's investment in the infrastructure has increased manifold, real estate business touched new heights, and many new industrial groups have entered the cement sector. Further, a fresh capacity of about 100 million tonnes is in the pipeline to be added by the existing companies and over 40 new cement companies in the next few years.



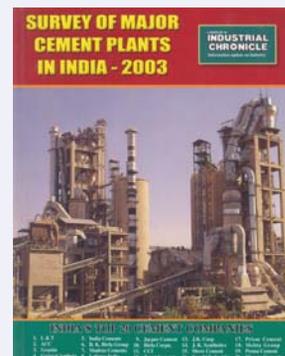
But there is no single source from where one can get all the required information on cement industry except the Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA), which is the main representative body of the cement industry in India. CMA regularly compiles and updates the data relating to cement companies but that is confined to its members only. The access to the data is also restricted.

For instance, after ACC and Ambuja Cements' takeover by Holcim, these two companies have withdrawn their membership from CMA in 2009 and since then, their data is not being included in CMA data. Incidentally, ACC and Ambuja have 28 cement plants with a capacity of about 50 million tonnes, which is 16.67 per cent of the country's total capacity of around 300 MTPA. Like wise, there are few other major companies and a host of mini cement plants, which are not CMA members. In such a situation, one does not get the correct picture of the cement industry in India.

To fill this existing information gap, *Industrial Chronicle* made its first attempt in 2003 by coming out with a cement edition - "**Survey of Major Cement Plants in India-2003**," covering almost all cement companies in the country, giving all related information about them. It was well received by the industry and others.

Encouraged by the continuous enquiries in the last seven years, we are now presenting our 2<sup>nd</sup> cement edition - "**Survey of Cement Industry & Directory 2010**." We have made sincere efforts to include all possible information despite of diplomatic refusal by some companies in providing information.

All associated with the cement industry, directly or indirectly, will find our 2<sup>nd</sup> cement edition quite informative, useful and worth preserving for ready reference. Hope, all the concerned will appreciate our efforts and extend their whole hearted co-operation in our future endeavours.



  
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