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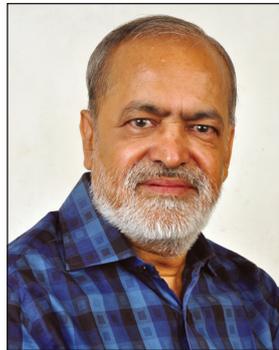
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After tireless efforts of eight months, we have pleasure in presenting our latest, updated and informative “**Survey of Cement Industry & Directory 2015**”. It is our 4<sup>th</sup> edition, while the 1<sup>st</sup> edition was released in 2003; the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2010 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2012. All the previous three editions were well received and were very much appreciated for their contents on cement industry, individual cement companies, directory of corporate offices, cement plants, and suppliers of plant and machinery.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> edition provides all related information about 84 cement companies such as their background, promoters, cement plants and their capacities, captive power plants and waste heat recovery systems, capex plans, operational and financial performances, profiles of CEOs and other senior managers, new technological developments, directory with updated addresses of cement corporate offices, cement plants, suppliers of cement equipments and machinery.

In 2003, when we released our first edition, then the Indian cement industry had only 60 major cement companies with 134 cement plants and an aggregate capacity of about 150 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). In the last 12 years, the number of cement companies has increased to 84, cement plants to 225 and the cement capacity to about 445 MTPA. This has happened despite over 20 companies merging with other existing companies. In addition, during this period, about 40 cement companies have installed coal based captive power plants and 11 companies have added waste heat power generation systems, which have capacities of 3979 MW and 193.5 MW, respectively.

Though the cement industry in India has been continuously growing but unfortunately, there is no single reliable source to provide the related, authentic and updated information except the Cement Manufacturers’ Association (CMA). Moreover, CMA information is confined to only its members numbering 42 cement companies. We have been consistently trying to fill the information gap through our special editions on cement industry since 2010 onwards.

We take this opportunity to thank all cement companies, equipment and machinery suppliers, our paper suppliers, printing press and staff for extending their whole hearted co-operation in making the 4<sup>th</sup> edition much improved and quite successful.

  
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