



Profile of the Italcementi Group

With an annual production capacity of approximately 70 million metric tons of cement, the Italcementi Group is the world's fifth largest cement producer.

The parent company, Italcementi S.p.A., is one of Italy's 10 largest industrial companies and is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange.

Italcementi Group companies combine the expertise, know-how and cultures of 21 countries in 4 continents through an industrial network of 51 cement plants, 10 grinding centers, 7 terminals and 449 concrete batching units. In 2012 the Group reported consolidated revenues of about € 4.5 billion.

Established in 1864, in the second half of the 1980s Italcementi implemented an international growth strategy culminating with the acquisition of Ciments Français in 1992. After a period of re-organization and integration of its acquisitions, from the second half of the 1990s the Group began a process of geographical diversification through acquisitions in emerging countries such as Bulgaria, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Thailand and India, and took action to strengthen its operations in North America. As part of its plans for expansion in the Mediterranean area, in 2005 the Group boosted its investments in Egypt, becoming the local market leader. In 2006 Italcementi acquired full control of its activities in India and in 2007 it further enhanced its presence in Asia and the Middle East with operations in China, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. At the beginning of 2011 Italcementi took the decision to leave the Turkish market with the sale of its local subsidiaries.

As a member of the **World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)** Italcementi is a signatory of the Cement Sustainability Initiative's *Agenda for Action*, the first formal undertaking among a number of the world's leading cement producers. Confirming its commitment in this area, it held the co-chairmanship of the Cement Sustainability Initiative for the period 2006-2007. Italcementi is also a member of the **UN Global Compact**, a strategic initiative promoted by the United Nations to ensure that business organizations adopt universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, the environment and ethics. Italcementi is one of the founding members of the Green Building Council Italia, the organization created for the purpose of introducing building innovation processes to the Italian market to provide a high-quality life for all its citizens.

Through the activities of its **Research & Innovation** centers in Italy and France, the most advanced in Europe, the Group intends to anticipate market trends and requirements, giving priority to environmental issues and the optimization of resources.

The Italcementi Group takes up and raises the Innovation challenge by offering the building community an integrated platform of services, products and solutions for **Architecture** intended as a tool for the sustainable transform of the community. Its commitment takes the form of support for the main forums for debate with the Italian and international design community, including participation in the Venice Biennale and cooperation with the Milan Triennale, sponsorship of the Italian meeting, in Turin, of the World Congress of Architects, partnership with the MAXXI contemporary art museum on the Pier Luigi Nervi exhibition project, installations for Milan Design Week, cooperation with the most innovative design studios of the French subsidiary Ciments Calcia, the Museo del Cemento Rezola of the Spanish subsidiary Financiera y Minera.

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