

AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED
CIN: L26942GJ1981PLC004717
Registered office : Ambujanagar P.O., Taluka - Kodinar, District - Gir Somnath, Gujarat - 362 715
Tel No. : 022-4066 7000 • Website: www.ambujacement.com • E-mail: shares@ambujacement.com
Statement of standalone unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31/03/2021

Particulars	3 months	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended	Previous year ended
	31/03/2021	31/12/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2020
	(Unaudited)	(Refer Note 4)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
				₹ in crore
1 Income				
a) Revenue from operations	3,621.39	3,515.11	2,827.54	11,371.86
b) Other income	55.16	39.44	88.14	372.00
Total Income	3,676.55	3,554.55	2,915.68	11,743.86
2 Expenses				
a) Cost of materials consumed	306.11	266.08	252.23	874.88
b) Purchase of stock-in-trade	47.82	54.32	38.21	197.31
c) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	(10.36)	128.20	(39.00)	114.08
d) Employee benefits expense	169.16	184.98	172.15	668.78
e) Finance costs	20.40	23.29	23.05	83.05
f) Depreciation and amortisation expense	125.44	125.70	137.91	521.17
g) Power and fuel	735.16	700.97	562.17	2,251.91
h) Freight and forwarding expense	880.31	869.00	742.20	2,854.88
i) Other expenses	516.41	543.73	496.35	1,763.42
Total Expenses	2,790.45	2,896.27	2,385.27	9,329.48
3 Profit before tax (1-2)	886.10	658.28	530.41	2,414.38
4 Tax expense				
a) Current tax	206.00	164.00	140.00	652.04
b) Deferred tax - charge / (credit)	15.53	(2.82)	(8.69)	(27.76)
5 Profit for the period (3-4)	664.57	497.10	399.10	1,790.10
6 Other comprehensive income				
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods				
Remeasurement gains / (losses) on defined benefit plans	(2.55)	0.99	(2.01)	(9.32)
Tax adjustment on above	0.64	(0.25)	0.51	2.35
Total other comprehensive income	(1.91)	0.74	(1.50)	(6.97)
7 Total comprehensive income for the period (5+6)	662.66	497.84	397.60	1,783.13
8 Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹ 2 each)	397.13	397.13	397.13	397.13
9 Other equity				19,918.73
10 Earnings per share of ₹ 2 each (not annualised) - in ₹				
a) Basic	3.35	2.50	2.01	9.02
b) Diluted	3.35	2.50	2.01	9.01

Notes to Unaudited Standalone Financial Results :

1. The above results have been approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 29th April 2021.
2. The Competition Commission of India (CCI), vide its Order dated 31st August 2016, had imposed a penalty of ₹ 1,163.91 crore on the Company. On Company's appeal, the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT), subsequently merged with National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), vide its interim Order had granted stay against the CCI's Order with a condition to deposit 10% of the penalty amount. NCLAT, vide its Order dated 25th July 2018, dismissed the Company's appeal and upheld the CCI's order. Against this, the Company appealed to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which by its order dated 5th October 2018, admitted the appeal and directed to continue the interim order passed by the Tribunal.

In a separate matter, pursuant to a reference filed by the Director, Supplies and Disposals, Government of Haryana, the CCI vide its Order dated 19th January 2017, had imposed a penalty of ₹ 29.84 crore on the Company. On Company's appeal, COMPAT has stayed the operation of CCI's order. The matter is pending for hearing before NCLAT.

Based on the advice of external legal counsel, the Company believes it has good grounds on merit for a successful appeal in both the aforesaid matters. Accordingly, no provision is made in the financial results.

3. The Company has considered the possible effects that may result from COVID-19 in the preparation of financial results including the recoverability of carrying amounts of financial and non-financial assets. In developing the assumptions relating to the possible future uncertainties in the economic conditions because of COVID-19, the Company has, at the date of approval of the financial results, used internal and external sources of information and expects that the carrying amount of the assets will be recovered. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company's financial results may differ from that estimated as at the date of approval of the same.
4. The figures for the quarter ended 31st December 2020 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the financial year ended 31st December 2020 and the unaudited published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the financial year.
5. The Company is exclusively engaged in the business of cement and cement related products.
6. The figures for the previous period have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to conform to the current period's presentation.
7. Limited review of the financial results for the quarter ended 31st March 2021, has been carried out by the statutory auditors.

By the Order of the Board



Neeraj Akhoury

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

Mumbai

29th April 2021

DIN : 07419090

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED

1. We have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results of **AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED** ("the Company"), which includes a Joint Operation consolidated on a proportionate basis for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 ("the Statement"), being submitted by the Company pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

2. This Statement, which is the responsibility of the Company's Management and approved by the Company's Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our review.

3. We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of the Company's personnel responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We also performed procedures in accordance with the circular issued by the SEBI under Regulation 33(8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, to the extent applicable.

4. Based on our review conducted and procedures performed as stated in paragraph 3 above and based on the consideration of the review report of other auditor as referred in paragraph 6 below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standard and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

5. We draw attention to Note 2 to the Statement which describes the following matters:

a. In terms of the order dated 31st August, 2016, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) had imposed a penalty of Rs.1,163.91 crores for alleged contravention of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002 (the Competition Act) by the Company. On the Company's appeal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), which replaced the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) effective 26th May, 2017, in its order passed on 25th July, 2018 had upheld the CCI's Order. The Company's appeal against the said judgement of NCLAT before the Hon'ble Supreme Court was admitted vide its order dated 5th October, 2018 with a direction that the interim order passed by the Tribunal would continue.

b. In a separate matter, pursuant to a reference filed by the Government of Haryana, the CCI vide its order dated 19th January, 2017, had imposed a penalty of Rs.29.84 crores for alleged contravention of the provisions of the Competition Act. On Company's filing an appeal together with application for interim stay against payment of penalty, COMPAT has stayed the penalty pending hearing of the application. The matter is listed before the NCLAT for hearing.

Based on the Company's assessment on the outcome of these appeals supported by the advice of external legal counsel, the Company is of the view that no provision is necessary in respect of these matters in the Standalone Financial Results.

Our conclusion on the Statement is not modified in respect of these matters.

6. We did not review the financial information of a joint operation included in the Statement whose interim financial information reflect total revenue of Rs. 0.01 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021, total net (loss) after tax of Rs. (0.10) crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 and total comprehensive (loss) of Rs. (0.10) crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021, as considered in this Statement. The interim financial information of joint operation have been reviewed by the other auditor whose report have been furnished to us, and our conclusion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of joint operation, is based solely on the report of such other auditor and the procedures performed by us as stated in paragraph 3 above.

Our conclusion on the Statement is not modified in respect of this matter.

For **DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS LLP**
Chartered Accountants
(Firm's Registration No. 117366W/W-100018)



Saira Nainar
(Partner)
(Membership No. 040081)
(UDIN: 21040081AAAABT6034)

Place: MUMBAI
Date: 29th April, 2021

AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED

CIN: L26942GJ1981PLC004717

Registered office : Ambujanagar P.O., Taluka - Kodinar, District - Gir Somnath, Gujarat - 362 715

Tel No. : 022-4066 7000 • Website: www.ambujacement.com • E-mail: shares@ambujacement.com

Statement of consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31/03/2021

Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended	Previous year ended
	31/03/2021	31/12/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2020
	(Unaudited)	(Refer Note 7)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
₹ in crore				
1 Income				
a) Revenue from operations	7,714.81	7,452.87	6,249.66	24,516.17
b) Other income	97.15	99.86	141.81	449.59
Total Income	7,811.96	7,552.73	6,391.47	24,965.76
2 Expenses				
a) Cost of materials consumed	908.12	796.61	783.43	2,532.87
b) Purchase of stock-in-trade	77.41	78.29	82.38	334.92
c) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	(72.70)	243.05	(203.73)	256.45
d) Employee benefits expense	378.82	440.04	389.11	1,540.40
e) Finance costs	31.62	40.76	33.65	140.22
f) Depreciation and amortisation expense	268.82	283.25	296.40	1,161.78
g) Power and fuel	1,540.50	1,454.23	1,296.84	4,827.64
h) Freight and forwarding expense	1,964.46	1,883.14	1,683.96	6,271.54
i) Other expenses (Refer Note 5)	1,079.71	1,215.06	1,026.34	3,746.78
Total Expenses	6,176.76	6,434.43	5,388.38	20,812.60
3 Profit before share of profit of joint ventures and associates, exceptional items and tax (1-2)	1,635.20	1,118.30	1,003.09	4,153.16
4 Share of profit of joint ventures and associates	6.38	6.05	3.52	14.44
5 Profit before exceptional items and tax (3+4)	1,641.58	1,124.35	1,006.61	4,167.60
6 Exceptional Items (Refer Note 4)	-	176.01	-	176.01
7 Profit before tax (5-6)	1,641.58	948.34	1,006.61	3,991.59
8 Tax expense (Refer Note 6)				
a) Current tax - charge	378.75	244.86	282.56	1,200.42
b) Deferred tax - charge / (credit)	34.59	(264.76)	(18.54)	(315.67)
	413.34	(19.90)	264.02	884.75
9 Profit for the period (7-8)	1,228.24	968.24	742.59	3,106.84
10 Other comprehensive income				
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods				
i) Remeasurement gains / (losses) on defined benefit plans	12.40	(0.54)	(6.52)	(15.39)
ii) Share of remeasurement gains / (losses) on defined benefit plans of joint ventures and associates	0.01	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.05)
Tax adjustment on above (Refer Note 6)	(3.12)	(10.34)	2.07	(6.18)
Total other comprehensive income	9.29	(10.90)	(4.48)	(21.62)
11 Total comprehensive income for the period (9+10)	1,237.53	957.34	738.11	3,085.22
12 Profit for the period attributable to				
Owners of the Company	947.21	732.24	554.25	2,365.44
Non-controlling interest	281.03	236.00	188.34	741.40
13 Other comprehensive income attributable to				
Owners of the Company	3.72	(5.10)	(3.02)	(14.34)
Non-controlling interest	5.57	(5.80)	(1.46)	(7.28)
14 Total comprehensive income attributable to				
Owners of the Company	950.93	727.14	551.23	2,351.10
Non-controlling interest	286.60	230.20	186.88	734.12
15 Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹ 2 each)	397.13	397.13	397.13	397.13
16 Other equity				22,360.47
17 Earnings per share of ₹ 2 each (not annualised) - in ₹				
a) Basic	4.77	3.69	2.79	11.91
b) Diluted	4.77	3.69	2.79	11.91

See accompanying notes to financial results

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results :

1. The above results have been approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 29th April 2021.
2. The Competition Commission of India (CCI), vide its Order dated 31st August 2016, had imposed a penalty of ₹ 1,163.91 crore on the Company and ₹ 1,147.59 crore on its subsidiary, ACC Limited. On appeal by the Company and ACC Limited, the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT), subsequently merged with National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), vide its interim Order had granted stay against the CCI's Order with a condition to deposit 10% of the penalty amount. NCLAT, vide its Order dated 25th July 2018, dismissed the appeal by the Company and ACC Limited, and upheld the CCI's order. Against this, the Company and ACC Limited appealed to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which by its order dated 5th October 2018, admitted the appeal and directed to continue the interim order passed by the Tribunal.

In a separate matter, pursuant to a reference filed by the Director, Supplies and Disposals, Government of Haryana, the CCI vide its Order dated 19th January 2017, had imposed a penalty of ₹ 29.84 crore on the Company and ₹ 35.32 crore on ACC Limited. On appeal by the Company and ACC Limited, COMPAT has stayed the operation of CCI's order. The matter is pending for hearing before NCLAT.

Based on the advice of external legal counsel, both companies believe that they have good grounds on merit for a successful appeal in both the aforesaid matters. Accordingly, no provision is made in the financial results.

3. The Group has considered the possible effects that may result from COVID-19 in the preparation of financial results including the recoverability of carrying amounts of financial and non-financial assets. In developing the assumptions relating to the possible future uncertainties in the economic conditions because of COVID-19, the Group has, at the date of approval of the financial results, used internal and external sources of information and expects that the carrying amount of the assets will be recovered. The impact of COVID-19 on the Group's financial results may differ from that estimated as at the date of approval of the same.
4. During the previous quarter and year ended 31st December 2020, there was a charge of ₹ 176.01 crore in respect of impairment of assets at Madukkarai unit of ACC Limited (a subsidiary), as the carrying amount exceeded its recoverable amount and was disclosed as an exceptional item.
5. In view of the management re-assessing the expected recovery period for incentives receivables from the Government accrued based on the respective State Industrial Policy, a charge of ₹ 128.92 crore due to time value of money computed based on the expected credit loss method was included in Other Expenses in previous quarter and year ended 31st December 2020, related to ACC Limited (a subsidiary).
6. During the previous quarter and year ended 31st December 2020, ACC Limited (a subsidiary) of the Company has adopted the reduced rate of Income tax and accordingly, the net deferred tax liability as on 1st January 2020 amounting to ₹ 179.57 crore was reversed (includes reversal of deferred tax assets of ₹ 10.04 crore in Other Comprehensive Income) and reversed tax expenses of ₹ 69.11 crore for January 2020 to September 2020 during the previous quarter ended 31st December 2020.
7. The figures for the quarter ended 31st December 2020 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the financial year ended 31st December 2020 and the unaudited published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the financial year.

8. The Group is exclusively engaged in the business of cement and cement related products.
9. The figures for the previous period have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to conform to the current period's presentation.
10. Limited review of the financial results for the quarter ended 31st March 2021, has been carried out by the statutory auditors.

By the Order of the Board



Mumbai
29th April 2021

Neeraj Akhoury
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
DIN: 07419090

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED

1. We have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results of **AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITED** ("the Parent") and its subsidiaries (the Parent and its subsidiaries together referred to as "the Group"), and its share of the net profit after tax and total comprehensive income of its associates and joint ventures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 ("the Statement"), which includes five Joint Operations of the Group consolidated on proportionate basis, being submitted by the Parent pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.
2. This Statement, which is the responsibility of the Parent's Management and approved by the Parent's Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our review.
3. We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity", issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of Parent's personnel responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We also performed procedures in accordance with the circular issued by the SEBI under Regulation 33(8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, to the extent applicable.

4. The Statement includes the results of the following entities:

Name of the Entity	Relationship
Ambuja Cements Limited	Parent Company
M.G.T. Cements Private Limited Chemical Limes Mundwa Private Limited Dang Cement Industries Private Limited, Nepal Dirk India Private Limited OneIndia BSC Private Limited	Subsidiaries

ACC Limited ACC Mineral Resources Limited Lucky Minmat Limited Singhania Minerals Private Limited Bulk Cement Corporation (India) Limited	
Counto Microfine Products Private Limited Aakaash Manufacturing Company Private Limited	Joint Ventures
Wardha Vaalley Coal Field Private Limited MP AMRL (Bicharpur) Coal Company Limited MP AMRL (Semaria) Coal Company Limited MP AMRL (Marki Barka) Coal Company Limited MP AMRL (Morga) Coal Company Limited	Joint Operations
Alcon Cement Company Private Limited Asian Concretes and Cements Private Limited	Associates

5. Based on our review conducted and procedures performed as stated in paragraph 3 above and based on the consideration of the review reports of the other auditors referred to in paragraph 7 below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standard and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.
6. We draw attention to Note 2 to the Statement which describes the following matters:
- a. In terms of the order dated 31st August, 2016, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) had imposed a penalty of Rs.2,311.50 crores for alleged contravention of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002 (the Competition Act) by the Parent and ACC Limited (a subsidiary of the Parent). On appeal by the Parent and ACC Limited, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), which replaced the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) effective 26th May, 2017, in its order passed on 25th July, 2018 had upheld the CCI's Order. The appeals by the Parent and ACC Limited against the said judgement of NCLAT before the Hon'ble Supreme Court were admitted vide its order dated 5th October, 2018 with a direction that the interim order passed by the Tribunal would continue.
 - b. In a separate matter, pursuant to a reference filed by the Government of Haryana, the CCI vide its order dated 19th January, 2017 had imposed penalty of Rs.65.16 crores for alleged contravention of the provisions of the Competition Act by the Parent and ACC Limited. On appeal by the Parent and ACC Limited together with application for interim stay against payment of penalty, COMPAT has stayed the penalty pending hearing of the application. The matter is listed before the NCLAT for hearing.

Based on the assessment of the Parent and ACC Limited on the outcome of these appeals supported by the advice of external legal counsel, both the companies are of the view that no provision is necessary in respect of these matters in the Consolidated Financial Results.

Our conclusion on the Statement is not modified in respect of these matters.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP

7. We did not review the interim financial information of seven subsidiaries (which includes four joint operations of a subsidiary) and a joint operation of the Parent included in the consolidated unaudited financial results, whose interim financial information reflect total revenues of Rs. 6.29 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021, total net profit after tax of Rs. 0.51 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 and total comprehensive income of Rs. 0.55 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021, as considered in the Statement.

The consolidated unaudited financial results also includes the Group's share of net profit after tax of Rs. 6.39 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 and Total comprehensive income of Rs. 6.39 crores for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021, as considered in the Statement, in respect of two joint ventures and two associates, whose interim financial information have not been reviewed by us.

These interim financial information have been reviewed by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us by the Management and our conclusion on the Statement, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of these subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors and the procedures performed by us as stated in paragraph 3 above.

Our conclusion on the Statement is not modified in respect of these matters.

For **DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS LLP**
Chartered Accountants
(Firm's Registration No. 117366W / W-100018)



Saira Nainar
Partner
(Membership No. 040081)
(UDIN: 21040081AAAABU4308)

Place: Mumbai
Date: 29th April, 2021

Media Release: January - March 2021

Ambuja continues strong performance trend with growth plans on track

Quarter 1, 2021

- EBITDA increased by 62% with a margin expansion of 540 basis points
- 83% growth in Operating EBIT with EBIT margin expansion of 690 basis points backed by strong growth in volumes and efficiency gains
- Growth plans are on track. The greenfield integrated plant at Marwar Mundwa to commence operations in Quarter 3, 2021
- Ambuja 'Kawach' has been endorsed globally by the "Solar Impulse Efficient Solution" label, recognizing the Company's innovative product that protects the environment in a profitable way. Ambuja 'Kawach' is the first cement brand from India to be awarded this label.

Standalone unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31st March 2021

		Jan-Mar 21 Quarter	Jan-Mar 20 Quarter
Sales Volume	Million Tonnes	7.17	5.76
Net Sales	₹ Crore	3,579	2,760
Total operating costs	₹ Crore	2,645	2,224
EBITDA	₹ Crore	977	603
EBITDA Margin	%	27.3%	21.9%
Operating EBIT	₹ Crore	851	465
Operating EBIT Margin	%	23.8%	16.9%
Profit after tax	₹ Crore	665	399

Mr. Neeraj Akhouri, CEO India for LafargeHolcim and Managing Director & CEO Ambuja Cements Limited said:

"As India battles the second wave of COVID, our priority remains safety and well-being of our employees and communities. Health, Cost and Cash continue to be our key focus. Our Business Resilience Team is driving vaccination programs for employees and their families, enforcing prevention guidelines and providing round-the-clock healthcare support. We are determined to do everything that is possible to keep people safe and healthy.

Ambuja registered a strong performance in the first Quarter of 2021 with 83% growth in operating EBIT and 690 basis points expansion in EBIT margin. Despite strong and continuing headwinds on input prices including coal, petcoke and diesel, we have made significant progress on efficiency improvement that has had a positive impact on cost evolution.

Ambuja Cement

India demand growth has been strong in the last quarter which has also helped the sales volume growth and commercial performance. We are also proud to witness that Ambuja's special products (created jointly with LafargeHolcim global R&D center and adhering to world-class sustainability standards) were able to record solid growth. Synergies under the master supply agreement with ACC continue to be strongly positive for both companies.

Our ambitious growth plans to increase capacities in India are progressing well. Our upcoming facility in Marwar Mundwa, Rajasthan will enhance clinker capacity by 3 MTPA and help improve cement sales by 5 MTPA. We are progressing on our ambition to reach 50 million tons in the mid-term.

We remain focused on our sustainability goals and have improved our performance across key levers of carbon emissions, water consumption, use of alternative fuels and alternate raw materials and co-processing of waste. Going forward, we aim to maintain the momentum on our strategic priorities under the key levers of Growth, Competitiveness, Innovation & Digitalisation and Sustainability".

COVID-19 update

The second wave of COVID-19 in the country is being tackled very proactively by the company. We are ensuring strict adherence to government guidelines across all our plants and offices. We have put in place a 24X7 COVID-19 crisis control room and are facilitating vaccination for all eligible employees and their families. We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to take all necessary actions to ensure the health and safety of our employees and communities. Our Plants are continuing to operate under strict COVID protocols.

Financial performance for the quarter ended 31st March 2021

Net Sales during the quarter stood at ₹ 3,579 Crore compared to ₹ 2,760 Crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, resulting in a growth of 30%. Special products volume grew at 82% compared to the same period last year.

Total operating cost per ton declined by more than 5% led by operational efficiency programs in the plants along with logistics efficiencies such as direct dispatches, reduction in lead and increased home market sales. These initiatives have compensated for the impact of rising fuel and raw material costs, which continues to be a matter of attention for the coming quarters.

EBITDA during the quarter at ₹ 977 Crore showed a growth of 62% and Operating EBIT at ₹ 851 Crore showed a robust growth of 83%.

Our Greenfield expansion project at Marwar Mundwa is planned to commence operations in Quarter 3, 2021.

Ambuja Cements Limited is one of the leading cement companies in India. It is part of the LafargeHolcim Group, the world leader in the building materials industry, and is committed to improving quality of life across more than 70 markets through its four business segments Cement, Ready-Mix Concrete, Aggregates and Solutions & Products. For more than three decades, Ambuja Cements has provided hassle-free home building solutions with its unique sustainable development projects and environment-friendly practices.

Ambuja Cement

Consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31st March 2021

- EBITDA up by 54.3%
- Margin expansion for the quarter up by 470 basis points
- Growth in Operating EBIT is 75.4%

Consolidated			
		Jan-Mar 21 Quarter	Jan-Mar 20 Quarter
Net Sales	₹ Crore	7,617	6,129
EBITDA	₹ Crore	1,838	1,191
EBITDA Margin	%	24.1%	19.4%
Operating EBIT	₹ Crore	1,570	895
Operating EBIT Margin	%	20.6%	14.6%
Net income attributable to Ambuja Group	₹ Crore	947	554

Performance of ACC Limited, a Material Subsidiary

Net Sales during the quarter increased to ₹ 4,213 Crore compared to ₹ 3,433 Crore last year, resulting in a growth of 23%. Profit after Tax was up 74% versus previous year. EBITDA during the quarter is higher by 47% vs previous year at ₹ 860 Crore and EBITDA margin for the quarter expanded by 330 basis points vs previous year. The company also saw strong delivery on account of premium products.

Outlook

India's GDP is estimated to grow at around 10.5% for the year April 2021 to March 2022. Though the second wave of pandemic warrants caution, the increased vaccination drive combined with the various stimulus proposals provided in the Union Budget 2021 and accommodative monetary and fiscal policies are expected to support economic recovery in the medium term. Rural demand is likely to remain resilient on a good projection for the agriculture sector. We would like to remain cautiously optimistic for the year.