# Ambuja Cements Limited



Give a man orders and he will do the task reasonably well. But let him set his own targets, give him the freedom and the authority, and his task becomes a personal mission:

1 CAN.

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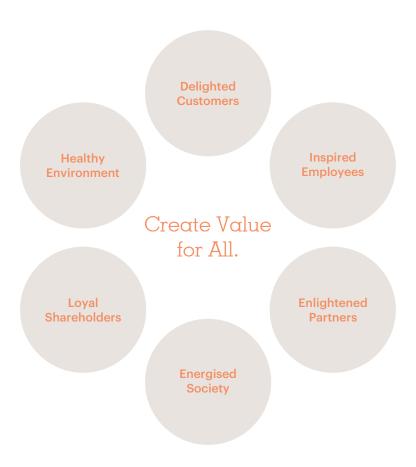
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# Our Vision

# To be the most sustainable and competitive company in our industry.

# Our Mission



# Corporate Information

### **Board of Directors**

Mr. N.S. Sekhsaria

Chairman & Principal Founder

Mr. Jan Jenisch Vice Chairman

Mr. Nasser Munjee

Mr. Rajendra P. Chitale

Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti

Dr. Omkar Goswami

Mr. Haigreve Khaitan

Ms. Usha Sangwan

(ceased w.e.f. 21st December, 2018)

Mr. Christof Hassig

Mr. Martin Kriegner

Mr. Roland Kolher

Mr. B. L. Taparia

Ms. Then Hwee Tan

(Director w.e.f. 18th February, 2019)

Mr. Ajay Kapur

Managing Director & CEO (upto 28th February, 2019)

Mr. Bimlendra Jha

Managing Director & CEO (w.e.f. 1st March, 2019)

Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Suresh Joshi

Company Secretary

Mr. Rajiv Gandhi

### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Ajay Kapur

Managing Director & CEO

Mr. Suresh Joshi

Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Vilas Deshmukh

Chief Manufacturing Officer

Mr. Deepak Mehra

Chief Marketing Officer

Mr. Rajeev Mehta

Chief Logistics Officer

Ms. Meenakshi Narain

Chief HR Officer

### **Auditors**

M/s. Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP

**Statutory Auditors** 

M/s. P. M. Nanabhoy & Co.

**Cost Auditors** 

M/s. Rathi & Associates

Secretarial Auditors

### Corporate Office

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### Committees of the Board

### **Audit Committee**

Mr. Rajendra P. Chitale Chairman

Mr. Nasser Munjee

Dr. Omkar Goswami

Mr. Martin Kriegner

Mr. Ajay Kapur Permanent Invitee

Mr. B. L. Taparia Permanent Invitee

### Nomination and Remuneration Committee

Mr. Nasser Munjee Chairman

Mr. N. S. Sekhsaria

Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti

Mr. Martin Kriegner

Mr. Ajay Kapur Permanent Invitee

### Stakeholders' Relationship Committee

Mr. Rajendra P. Chitale Chairman

Mr. Haigreve Khaitan

Mr. Ajay Kapur

Mr. B. L. Taparia

### Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee

Mr. N. S. Sekhsaria Chairman

Mr. Nasser Munjee

Mr. Rajendra P. Chitale

Mr. Martin Kriegner

Mr. B. L. Taparia

Mr. Ajay Kapur

Mrs. Pearl Tiwari Permanent Invitee

### Risk Management Committee

Mr. Rajendra P. Chitale Chairman

Mr. Nasser Munjee

Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti

Dr. Omkar Goswami

Mr. Ajay Kapur

### Compliance Committee

Mr. Haigreve Khaitan Chairman

Dr. Omkar Goswami

Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti

Mr. B. L. Taparia

Mr. Ajay Kapur

### Registrar and Transfer Agent

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## Chairman's Letter

Dear Shareholders.

The Indian economy continued to strengthen in 2018, reclaiming its position as the world's fastest growing economy. This economic growth was led by a number of factors, including macro-economic policies, improved consumer sentiment and structural reforms introduced by the Government. The impact of these structural reforms are reflected in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' report for 2019, where India climbed 23 places to rank 77th among the 190 countries surveyed, making it the only country to place among the top 10 most improved countries for the second consecutive year. This clear improvement in India's ranking will strengthen the Government's reformist credentials.

The nation's economic growth had a positive impact on the Cement industry, which posted a higher growth rate than the previous year at 9%. Increased demand continued to be led by key infrastructure projects like roads and metros, and the Government-led 'Housing for All' programme. This allowed the industry's capacity utilisation to improve by approximately 3%, over 2017.

The Company took many significant steps forward this year and had several remarkable achievements. I would like to highlight a few of them

Our Greenfield Marwar-Mundwa project is now approved with a revised clinker production capacity from 1.71 MTPA to 3.1 MTPA, a 1.8 MTPA cement grinding capacity and related infrastructure like a Waste Heat Recovery

System and a Captive Power Plant. The total investment in the project is ₹2350 crores.

Following the mandatory Board and shareholders' approvals, Ambuja and ACC entered into a Master Supply Agreement in May last year to unlock various areas of synergy that will accrue incremental benefit to both companies.

The Company won two limestone blocks for our MCW and Marwa-Mundwa plants last year, ensuring a secure future supply of limestone. In 2018, Mangu mines at Darlaghat kick-started operations, while two other mines at Lodhva and Maldi-Mopar are slated to begin operations soon.

Our captive coal block at Gare Palma started production ahead of schedule in November 2018. While this is yet another step to reduce our dependency on the market, it will also provide long term energy security for our Bhatapara unit, at a competitive cost.

This year our people's determination and resilience - their quintessential I Can spirit ensured our continued progress on many fronts.

To counteract elevated fuel and energy prices, coupled with the weakening of the Rupee, we continued to focus on 'least-cost fuel mixes'. increased our usage of alternative fuels to 5.5%, significantly improved our efficiency parameters and achieved a lower clinker factor.

On the Marketing front, our consumer's needs were identified and innovative solutions were rolled out to complement the entire