

ORIENT CEMENT LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT **2021-22**

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Board of Directors

Mr. Chandrakant Birla Chairman

Mrs. Amita Birla

Mr. Rajeev Jhawar

Mr. Rabindranath Jhunihunwala

Mr. Janat Shah

Mr. Swapan Dasqupta

Mr. I.Y.R. Krishna Rao

Mrs. Varsha Vasant Purandare

Mr. Desh Deepak Khetrapal Managing Director & CEO

Key Managerial Persons

Mr. Desh Deepak Khetrapal Managing Director & CEO

Mr. Soumitra Bhattacharyya Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Nidhi Bisaria Company Secretary

Statutory Auditors

M/s. B S R & Associates LLP Salarpuriya Knowledge City, Orwell, B Wing, 6th Floor, Unit-3, Sy No. 83/1, Plot No. 02, Raidurg, Hyderabad - 500 081

Registered Office

Unit-VIII, Plot No.7, Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar-751012 (Odisha)

Corporate Identification No.

L26940OR2011PLC013933

Manufacturing Plants

Devapur: P.O. Devapur Cement Works Dist. Mancherial - 504218 (Telangana)

Jalgaon: Nashirabad, Dist. Jalgaon (Maharashtra)

Chittapur: Village Itaga, Malkhaid Road, Taluka Chittapur, Dist Kalburagi - 585292

(Karnataka)

Registrar & Share Transfer Agent

KFin Technologies Limited

(Formerly KFin Technologies Private Limited) Unit: Orient Cement Limited Selenium Tower B, Plot 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Mandal, Hyderabad - 500 032, Telangana

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Bankers

State Bank of India HDFC Bank Limited Indian Bank

11th

Annual General Meeting

(Through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual Means)

Date: 28th day of July, 2022 Day: Thursday Time: 3:30 P.M.

Book Closure for AGM

Friday, 22nd day of July, 2022 to Thursday, 28th day of July, 2022 (Both days inclusive)

Website

www.orientcement.com

At Orient Cement,

tough questions

ourselves to travel

unlock our potential

the extra mile to

meaningfully and

believe, unless we

stretch our limits and

bring nimbleness to

never know what we

are truly capable of.

our steps, we can

profoundly. We

and challenge

we ask these

How far do we wish to travel for what we seek to achieve?

Undeterred by obstacles on the way, we continuously re-evaluate our strategies to drive for higher value creation. We set small goals and approach each goal with a beginners' humility and enthusiasm to learn. This credo has helped us instil a flexible and ground up approach across all aspects of our business - from designing new products, achieving higher operational efficiency, bolstering our supply chain, optimising our costs, upskilling our teams or even repositioning our corporate brand.

Our overarching objective is to contribute responsibly to nation-building, bring about a better quality of life to the communities we serve and be a valued partner in progress. Resilience remains at the heart of our business model supported by agile execution and above all the humility and curiosity to learn as we progress towards co-creating sustainable value for all stakeholders.

Powered by humility to learn

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What risks are we ready to take to accelerate our pace towards realising our goals?

About the Group

The CK Birla Group is a diversified \$2.8 billion conglomerate with a global presence and a history of enduring relationships with renowned global companies.

With over 30,000 employees, 46 manufacturing facilities and numerous patents and awards, the Group's businesses are present across 5 continents. The Group operates in three industry clusters: technology & automotive, home & building and healthcare & education.

The shared ethos with the group companies is strengthened through guiding principles that include focus on long-term value creation, trust-based relationships and spreading joy within the communities in which we operate. Each business is transforming to build on the collective strengths of the Group and a shared vision to create value in line with the rapidly changing needs of customers, partners and communities in the twenty-first century.



OVER ~\$ **2.8** billion CONGLOMERATE



EMPLOYEES

30,000+



Introducing **Orient Cement**

Among the country's leading cement companies, we are trusted by our customers for our industry-leading products and solutions to meet their construction needs.

Our values





Collaboration The Orient Cement way, the **dahi haandi** way

Humility to learn



Celebrate diversity

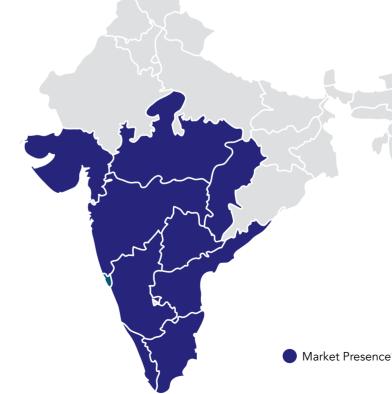
growing cement company in India, with a diversified portfolio of products addressing a wide range of construction activities. Our two integrated cement manufacturing plants and a split clinker grinding unit position us with strong market share in states of Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. The well-diversified but synergistic geographic portfolio of assets in high-growth and profitable markets underpins our long-term valuecreation objective.

Started in 1979, today we are a fast

Our vision

Build Sustainably to be a Valued Partner in Progress







Walk the Talk



Respect for all



Passion to excel



Agility with speed

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CAPACITY



Chairman's Communique

FY 2021-22, like the year before, remained challenging for businesses in India and the world over.

We are enhancing operational efficiencies to build a more sustainable business. I am pleased to report that all our teams from the top leadership to our workmen at the plants are driving our sustainability agenda through increased focus and innovation.

Dear Shareholders,

FY 2021-22, like the year before, remained challenging for businesses in India and the world over.

However, there certainly was moderation in severity of challenges in the evolving macro landscape and coupled with the increased acquired ability to mitigate them, the year overall seemed somewhat easier to navigate through. Undeterred by the headwinds, your Company focused on keeping the strategy flexible and execution agile to leverage relevant opportunities as they emerged. This enabled the Company to maximize the value-creation for customers and all other stakeholders.

Agility has been an intrinsic part of your Company's DNA, and this particular trait came to the fore in the reporting year. Our teams rallied together to drive quality sales through improved product and market mix, focus on capacity utilisation, optimise costs and push the envelope of

innovation and circularity further. Each and every process in the value chain was appropriately fine-tuned to work around the bottlenecks and enhance operational efficiency.

As is well known, elevated inflation adversely impacted the costs of all inputs and logistics. We had to rethink strategies proactively, so that costs could be managed, without impacting the quality of our products. We also strengthened our engagement with our customers, partners and other stakeholders, because we believe a sustainable business can flourish only in an ecosystem of interdependence.

With improved quality of sales and focus on cost optimisation, the profitability of your Company registered further improvement, with robust cash generation, notwithstanding the adversity. This enabled your Company to deleverage its balance sheet significantly during the year. The enhanced strength



of the balance sheet has created a platform to sustain the ambitious capex plans for medium and long term.

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With agility and sustainability deeply embedded at the core of our business model, we are embarking upon the next phase of our growth with increased confidence and optimism. I seek the support of all stakeholders in this journey.

CK. Birla Chairman

Managing Director's Message

The fiscal year 2021-22 was another eventful year, coming right after FY21 which had exposed our World's vulnerabilities to a sub-microscopic agent which caused havoc not just on the health front but also seriously disrupted all aspects of 'normal' life as we know it.

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The economy and business had to cope with the fresh mutant waves of the pandemic. As if the situation was not challenging enough, it was exacerbated by the mounting tensions between Ukraine and Russia in last quarter of the fiscal. The meltdown of global supply chains, rising inflation, scarce availability

and rapid hike in fuel prices due to pandemic, were further aggravated by geo-political tensions.

Even in the shadow of mounting impediments, we at Orient Cement never deviated from our vision: 'Build Sustainably'. Having already delivered improved results leveraging our resilience and limitless attitude in FY21, we navigated the year under review with agility and despite all the challenges, we have delivered results which make us proud. I am extremely proud of my colleagues, who have demonstrated exemplary agility, speed and ability to keep learning and contributing during



these testing times. I would like to express my deepest appreciation for their support and commitment to all our stakeholders.

India, now the fifth largest economy in the world, is the fastest growing large economy. Marching towards its target to emerge as a \$5 trillion economy. I remain confident of your Company's long-term prospects, knowing that cement will remain integral to our nation's infrastructure development and robust economic growth. We remain committed to making a significant contribution to country's infrastructure and housing sector.

Agility, powered by humility to learn

Even as the pandemic moderated during the second half of the year, with a large part of population in the country being vaccinated, its brutal impact on lives and livelihood is likely to cast its shadow on the coming few years. Again, this year, Orient Cement displayed its agility, marching ahead with humility to learn along the way. This was demonstrated as we adapted to shifting ways of working, delivered robust operational efficiencies, capitalised on newer opportunities, delighted our customers and remained committed to building a long-term value-accretive business.

Our efforts to moderate the impact of unprecedented increase in conventional energy costs resulted in a significant increase in the use of a growing basket of alternative fuels. During the year, we also added nearly half a million ton to our cement grinding capacity with a modest investment, which will also give us higher flexibility and efficiencies.

Such initiatives benefit the larger society by reducing unprocessed waste, and promote circularity through substitution of non-renewable fossil fuels. We moved a lot more of our material using rail mode, again contributing to better cost management and 'greener' logistics. These are just a few examples of how we responded to the dynamic, emerging situations. During the year, we also added nearly half a million ton to our cement grinding capacity with a modest investment, which will also give us higher flexibility and efficiencies

Sustaining market share

Our 8% growth for the year in cement volume is in line with the growth of the sector. This has been achieved despite having adopted a clear approach to defend our profitability by following sales policies aimed at recovery of replacement cost of resources consumed. We also continue to leverage our brand portfolio and product quality to seek a fair price for our cement.

In addition, we overhauled our market strategy through a discerning choice

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of channel partners and refinements in our brand positioning. Similar tough choices were exercised in selecting the geographical markets and customer segments to ensure a minimum threshold of contribution to the bottom-line. Successful execution of our strategies, coupled with prudent selection of market opportunities enabled your Company to deliver results that are being presented to you.

Our team – at the heart of our operations

It goes without saying that our employees are the heart of Orient Cement. Shifting gears, learning the new and being agile helped your Company be at forefront of finding sustainable solutions. Our people also contribute to making us a preferred organisation to work for. It gives me immense pride to report that your Company has been recognised as a 'Great Place to Work' for the third consecutive year. This year's recognition holds more significance, as this survey integrates the voices of all our employees, including our workmen at plants.

Road ahead

Even as some uncertainties linger at the present juncture, looking forward, we are confident of unlocking further opportunities for profitable growth. With the robust balance sheet of your Company (a consequence of a large reduction in our debt over the last two years), we are now getting prepared for the next phase of growth which needs additional capacity to be added. We are taking concrete steps in that direction and look forward to adding 3 million tons to our capacity by FY 2023-24, with more to follow subsequently. We also continue to build on our already strong ESG framework, year after year, with initiatives that are directed to build a carbon neutral company.

I also take this opportunity to extend my sincerest gratitude to all our stakeholders and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Deepak Khetrapal

Managing Director and CEO

Our Board of Directors

Mr. Chandrakant Birla (Chairman)

Date of appointment: 23rd July, 2011 DIN: 00118473

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts

Occupation: Industrialist

Expertise in specific functional areas: Industrialist having rich business experience in managing diversified industrial enterprises.

Mr. Janat Shah

(Independent Director)

Date of appointment: 30th April, 2014 **DIN**: 01625535

Qualification: Fellow of IIMA (equivalent to PhD) in Operations Management, B. Tech (Mechanical) from IIT Mumbai

Occupation: Service

Expertise in specific functional areas: Operations, strategy and supply chain management.

Mr. Swapan Dasgupta

(Independent Director)

Date of appointment: 4th August, 2015

DIN: 07113693

Qualification: PhD from the School of Oriental & African Studies (London) and a former Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford

Occupation: Writer, broadcaster, public policy analyst and former Member of Parliament

Expertise in specific functional areas: Writing and public policy analysing.

Mr. Desh Deepak Khetrapal (Managing Director & CEO)

Date of appointment: 2nd April, 2012

DIN: 02362633

Qualification: Honours degree in Business & Economics and Master's degree in Business Administration in Marketing and Finance from the Delhi University

Occupation: Service

Expertise in specific functional areas: Professional business leader with a track record of leading and transforming large and diversified organizations, across various Industries including services, industrials, consumer and retail businesses.

Mr. Rabindranath Jhunjhunwala

Date of appointment: 9th August, 2014 DIN: 00050729

Qualification: B.A., LL. B (Hons) from National Law School of India University, Bangalore

Occupation: Partner in Khaitan & Co.

Expertise in specific functional areas: Corporate Laws-domestic and cross border mergers & acquisitions, private equity investment, foreign investments advisor (both inbound and outbound).

Mr. I.Y.R Krishna Rao (Independent Director)

Date of appointment: 5th May, 2017

DIN: 00481367

Qualification: M.A. (Economics)

Occupation: Retired IAS-Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh

Expertise in specific functional areas: Administration, economics & finance.

(Independent Director)

Mrs. Amita Birla

(Non-Executive Director)

Date of appointment: 27th March, 2015

DIN: 00837718

Qualification: GCE-A Level

Occupation: Industrialist

Expertise in specific functional areas: Management and operation of diverse nature of business.

Mr. Rajeev Jhawar

(Independent Director)

Date of appointment: 9th August, 2014

DIN: 00086164

Qualification: Commerce Graduate and Management Development Course from London Business School

Occupation: Industrialist

Expertise in specific functional **areas:** Industrialist having rich business experience in managing diversified industrial enterprises

Mrs. Varsha Vasant Purandare

(Independent Director)

Date of appointment: 8th February, 2019

DIN: 05288076

Qualification: Bachelor of Science (Chemistry), Diploma in Business Management

Occupation: Retired Banker

Expertise in specific functional areas: Credit, forex, treasury, capital markets, investment banking and private equity businesses.

Our Business Model



- Ensuring sustainability across value-chain of our business is fundamental to our value-creation philosophy.



Our value creation

Customers

- Trusted cement manufacturer
 - Leading brand in the markets we operate
 - Quality that is unrivalled and unmatched

Shareholders and investors

Revenue – **₹2,734.98** crore EBIDTA – ₹600.64 crore PAT – ₹263.25 crore Dividend – ₹2.50 per equity share Market Capitalisation - ₹2,915.28 crore

Employees

- 1,200 Employees as on March 31, 2022
- **Promotes** Diversity and Inclusion
- **ZERO** fatalities in last four years
- Engaging sessions on empowering a learning and development culture

Suppliers & Regulators



Cement -OPC 43 Grade

₹995.37 crore Cost of goods procured (excluding limestone) **₹1,178.10 crore** Contribution to exchequer

Society and Community



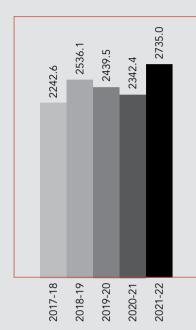
2.40% of average profits spent on CSR initiatives

3.15% of average profits spent on Rehabilitation & Resettlement projects.

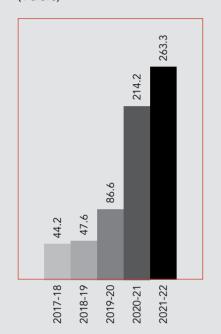
8.5% energy sourced from renewable sources

Agile and nimble

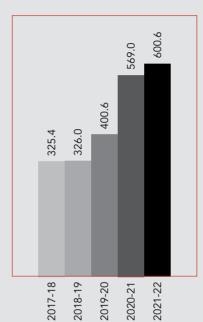
Total income (₹ crore)



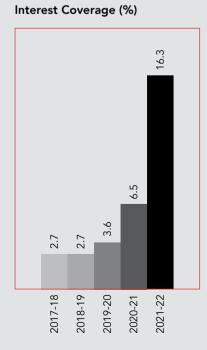








Debt profile



Debt Cost (%)

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2017-18 2018-19

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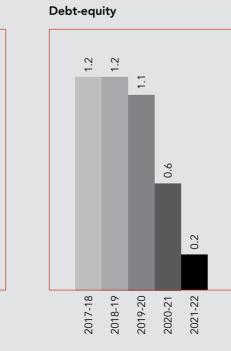
9.3

2019-20

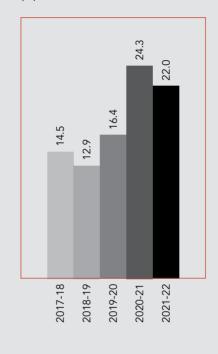
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2021-22

2020-21



EBIDTA margin (%)



ROCE (%) 21.8 18.7 11.1 9.0 8.5 2017-18

2018-19 2019-20 2021-22 2020-21

₹589.70

crore CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

₹2915.28 crore MARKET CAPITALISATION

"Considering the higher-cost of debt on our books and its impact on our profitability, we have got our long-term debt refinanced, leveraging our current and projected robust cash generation.

We have committed to a faster repayment of the debt and attained lower borrowing cost by approx. 160 bps, while retaining the flexibility of early payments. The refinancing was achieved in less than a month by December 2021 allowing us to avail the benefit of interest arbitrage for a full quarter in the year. During the year, we reduced our outstanding debt by approximately ₹ 478 crores to ₹ 296 crores as on March 31, 2022. Agility unlocked for today and tomorrow.

Mr. Manish Aggarwal, Senior General Manager - Finance

₹490.98 crore

(including ₹ 12.80 crore deferred sales tax loan) LONG-TERM DEBT **REPAID IN FY'22**