



Italcementi Group profile

With an annual production capacity of approximately 70 million tons of cement, 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 included in S&P/MIB Index of the Italian Stock Exchange and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, the World Index related the Corporate Social Responsibility that includes the best performers companies.

Italcementi Group's companies combine the expertise, know how and cultures of 22 countries in 4 Continents boasting an industrial network of 62 cement plants, 13 grinding centres, 5 terminals, 125 aggregates quarries and 614 concrete batching units.

In 2008 the Group had sales amounting to almost 6 billion Euro.

Italcementi, founded in 1864, achieved important international status with the take-over of Ciments Français in 1992.

Following a period of re-organization and integration that culminates in the adoption of a single corporate identity for all Group subsidiaries, the newly-born Italcementi Group began to diversify geographically through a series of acquisitions in emerging countries such as Bulgaria, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Thailand and India, as well as operating in North America. As part of the plan to further enhance its presence in the Mediterranean area, in 2005 the Group boosted its investments in Egypt becoming the market leader. In 2006 Italcementi acquired full control of the activities in India and signed an agreement to strengthen its position in Kazakhstan while, in 2007, it further strengthened its presence in Asia and the Middle East through the operations in China, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia. In 2008 the Group signed a joint venture in Libya to build a 4 million tons/year cement plant.

As a member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Italcementi Group has signed the Cement Sustainability Initiative's *Agenda for Action*, the first formal commitment that binds a number of world cement industry leaders to an action plan that aims at satisfying present-day needs at the same time as safeguarding the requirements of future generations. To further confirm its commitment on these issues, the Group has taken over the co-Chairmanship of the Cement Sustainability Initiative for the period 2006-2007.

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