

SHREE CEMENT LIMITED

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PRESS RELEASE

Shree Cement Limited, an integrated player in cement and power sector, today announced its financial results for the quarter ended on 30th September, 2018

Financial Highlights

Rs in crores, except per share data

Particulars	Quarter ended		% Change
	30 th September, 2018	30 th September, 2017	
Net Revenue	2587	2142	21%
Operating profit (EBIDTA)	571	660	-13%
Depreciation	329	225	46%
Finance Cost	62	38	63%
Exceptional Items	178	0	-
Tax expense:			
• Current Tax	32	204	
• Deferred Tax	-79	-19	
Total Tax Expense	-48	185	-126%
Net Profit	49	212	-77%
Cash EPS	137	120	14%

Cement Sales Volume went up 16% to 5.64 million ton from 4.88 million ton recorded in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Cement price realization were also marginally higher. Operating Profit however moderated mainly due to increase in Power & Fuel cost.

Company became eligible for railway freight rebate under the Long Term Tariff Contract scheme of Ministry of Railways during the current quarter. Accordingly, it has recorded above rebate amounting to Rs. 30.43 crore for the period October, 2017 to September, 2018 during current quarter.

During the current quarter, Company has accounted for fair value loss of Rs. 178.13 crore on its investments in preference shares of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited and IL&FS Financial Services Ltd. after Credit Rating agencies downgraded the IL&FS Group's credit rating to default rating.

Expansion Projects

During its meeting held today, Board has also approved setting up of Cement Grinding Units (GUs) of 3.0 MTPA in Cuttack District of Odisha and 2.50 MTPA in Saraikela-Kharaswan District of Jharkhand. Both these GUs are planned to be completed in FY20 which will take the cement capacity of the Company to 43.4 MTPA.

Cement Market Outlook

During first half of FY 2019, cement demand has witnessed healthy growth as a result of higher spending by Government on infrastructure development activities and affordable housing schemes. High spend on infra and affordable housing segment is expected to continue going forward and thus cement demand is likely to continue its growth momentum.
