



## Investor Update

**November 12, 2013**

**Prism Cement Limited today announced Un-audited standalone financial results for the Quarter ended September 30, 2013**

**Financial Overview (Un-audited for the Quarter ended September 30, 2013)**

*(Figures in ₹ Crores unless mentioned otherwise)*

Particulars	Q2 '13-14	Q1 '13-14	Q2 '12-13
Sales	1,243	1,231	1,145
Profit / (Loss) before finance cost, tax, depreciation, and exceptional items	109	39	40
Profit / (Loss) before tax	12	(58)	(45)
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax	18	(48)	(31)
EPS* (₹)	0.36	(0.97)	(0.63)

\* Earning Per Share (EPS) has been computed without considering 1,23,51,600 equity shares of the Company held in a Trust for the benefit of the Company and dividend income received, if any, on the said shares.

## **Segmental Results**

*(Figures in ₹ Crores)*

Particulars	Q2 '13-14			Q1 '13-14			Q2 '12-13		
	Cement	TBK	RMC	Cement	TBK	RMC	Cement	TBK	RMC
Segment Revenue	438	452	275	483	386	269	370	429	274
Segment Results	(54)	127	(2)	0	(6)	1	(7)	9	0
Capital Employed	1,497	851	234	1,547	889	243	1,487	820	234

## **Performance Review and key developments**

During the quarter ended September 30, 2013, the Company produced 7.36 lac tons of clinker and 10.89 lac tons of cement. During the same period, the Company despatched 10.98 lac tons of cement and 0.73 lac tons of clinker. In the corresponding period last year, the Company had despatched 9.31 lac tons of cement.

Sluggish demand from the housing and infrastructure segments continued to impact cement volumes and realisations during the Quarter.

The new Blending Silo at Unit II, Satna has become operational during the Quarter.

During the current quarter and half year ended September 30, 2013, expenditure of ₹ 18.70 crores (corresponding previous quarter and half year ₹ 19.67 crores) has been incurred on account of annual shutdown in one of the cement units of the Company.

H & R Johnson (India) (HRJ) Division operates in the TBK (Tile Bath Kitchen) Segment. The Division's sales revenues during the Quarter were ₹ 452 Crores, thereby growing by 5% when compared to the corresponding Quarter last year. The Division's profitability was adversely impacted during the Quarter on account of higher fuel and raw material costs when compared to the corresponding period last year. The Division continued to implement the cost-savings projects. The coal gassifier at one of AP Plants has been commissioned during the Quarter and another coal gassifier in the other AP Plant is expected to be commissioned in Q3, FY 14. The Company's AP plants have also started receiving Natural Gas from the allocated wells which would partially meet the fuel requirements of the plants thereby reducing the overall fuel costs. GAIL pipe-line work is in progress and is expected to be set-up during FY 2014. These initiatives would help in reducing the fuel cost of the Division. The Division's Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) project is also under implementation to significantly improve customer service, modernize sales & distribution policies, and reduce operational costs.

In order to further strengthen Johnson's brand equity, the Division has rolled out the new TV campaign featuring Katrina Kaif. The Division shall continue the brand promotion activities during the year.

The Company's wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, Lifestyle Investments Pvt. Limited (LIPL), has sold its stake in Norcros Plc, a company listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Company received an amount of ₹ 125 crores as dividend on the equity shares held in LIPL during the Quarter.

The Quarter under review continued to be challenging for RMC Readymix (India) (RMC) Division. The sales turnover of the Division remained constant on y-o-y basis. However, the profitability of the Division was under pressure due to lower capacity utilization and increase in costs, especially fuel.

## **Expansions**

Mine development activities for the cement plant at Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh are in progress. Project activities will be taken up at an appropriate time.

The basic infrastructure work and work on the incline is under progress at the Coal Block at Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh. The construction of the ancillary buildings such as workshop, substation, etc., is nearing completion. The mined coal will be used for captive consumption of the cement plant located at Satna, Madhya Pradesh.

During the quarter, the number of plants operated by the RMC Division increased by four and two plants were demobilized, taking the total number of RMC Plants in operation to ninety.

## **Industry Scenario / Future Outlook**

Cement prices are expected to improve during the balance period of the financial year in anticipation of a revival in demand on the back of a good monsoon and approvals for major infrastructure projects.

Bulk of H & R Johnson (India)'s products are targeted towards affordable housing segment which is growing at a healthy rate and is likely to continue in future as well due to India's economic growth and changing demographics. Moreover, HRJ also has a slew of lifestyle products at premium price points. The robust distribution network, strong brand equity, wide-spread manufacturing locations, and a comprehensive product portfolio of tiles, baths, and kitchens enable HRJ to enjoy a distinct competitive advantage over others in the market.

The Ready-mixed Concrete Industry in India is over 15 years old and was growing at a healthy rate over the last few years. However, due to the prevailing economic environment, the volume growth for the industry in the last few quarters has been under pressure. The markets in some of the metros are expected to see a turnaround shortly as Development permissions are being given at a greater pace. With the Mega Projects Vertical, RMC Division is focusing on infrastructure segment as well. The markets in 2-tier & 3-tier cities have also been showing maturity which will help the industry's growth.

## **About Prism Cement Limited**

Prism Cement Limited is one of India's leading integrated Building Materials Company, with a wide range of products from cement, ready-mixed concrete, tiles, bath products to kitchens. The company has three Divisions, viz. Prism Cement, H & R Johnson (India), and RMC Readymix (India). Prism Cement Limited also has a 74% stake in Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited, a JV with QBE Group of Australia.

The equity shares of the company are listed on the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges.

### ***Prism Cement***

Prism Cement commenced production at its Unit I in August, 1997 and Unit II in December, 2010. It manufactures Portland Pozzolana Cement (PPC) with the brand name 'Champion' and Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC). It has the highest quality standards due to efficient plant operations with automated controls. It caters mainly to markets of UP, MP and Bihar, with an average lead distance of 425 kms from its plant at Satna, MP. It has a wide marketing network with about 3,300 dealers serviced from 163 stocking points.

### ***H & R Johnson (India)***

Established in 1958, H & R Johnson (India) is the pioneer of ceramic tiles in India. Over the past five decades, HRJ has added various product categories to offer complete solutions to its customers. Today, HRJ enjoys the reputation of being the only entity in India to offer end-to-end solutions of Tiles, Sanitaryware, Bath Fittings, Kitchens, and Engineered Marble & Quartz. In ceramic / vitrified tiles, HRJ along with its Joint Ventures and subsidiaries has a capacity of over 54 million m<sup>2</sup> per annum spread across 9 manufacturing plants across the country which is the largest in India.

Under its flagship brand, Johnson, HRJ offers glazed wall and floor tiles, bath products, kitchens, laminate / engineered wooden flooring, and engineered marble and quartz. Johnson Marbonite brand offers a complete range of vitrified tiles (polished and glazed), and Johnson Endura offers industrial tiles and tiles for special applications like bathrooms / high traffic areas / swimming pools etc.

### ***RMC Readymix (India)***

RMC Readymix (India) is one of India's leading ready-mixed concrete manufacturers, set-up in 1996. RMC currently operates 90 ready-mixed concrete plants in 37 cities/towns across the Country. Further, the Division has been able to secure new positions in its existing markets which will help it to maintain its growth. RMC has also ventured into the Aggregates business and operates large Quarries and Crushers. At present, RMC has 7 Quarries across the country. RMC has been at the forefront in setting high standards for plant and machinery, production and quality systems and product services in the ready-mixed concrete industry.

## **Investor Relations**

Prism Cement Limited is committed to creating long-term sustainable shareholder value through successful implementation of its growth plans. The company's investor relations mission is to maintain an ongoing awareness of its performance among shareholders and financial community.

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