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Cementing growth. Branding success.



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### From North East to East



From Growth to Efficiencies



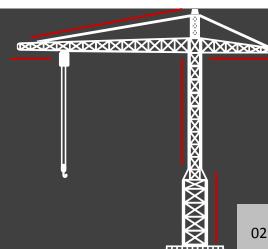
From Commodity to Brand



From Capacities to Capabilities



We are expanding the growth horizon and creating a differential.



### The Birth of a Star



- ★ 2001 The Star was born
- ★ 2005 Operations commenced
- ★ Largest Cement manufacturer in NER



- ★ Emerging market player in Eastern India (WB & Bihar)
- ⋆ Strategically located Cement Manufacturing Facilities
- ⋆ Cement Business operates under SCL & its subsidiaries



- ★ Star Anti-Rust Cement is a marque product in the value-added segment sold in NER, West Bengal & Bihar
- \* Quality endorsement ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001 certified
- ★ Selling different varieties of cement OPC, PPC & PSC Cement







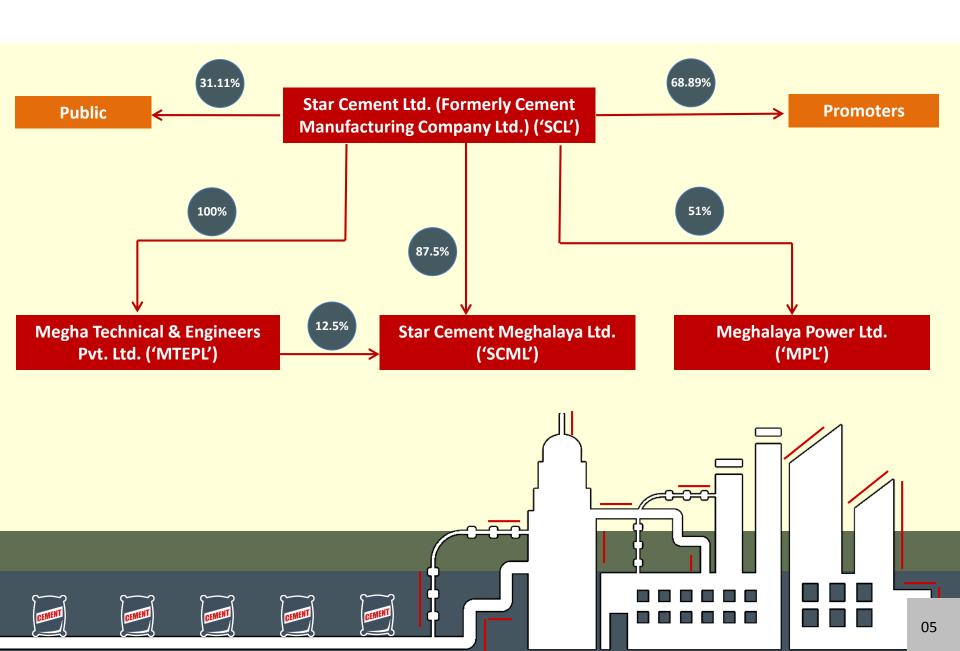
### Counting the Stars





### The Star Bandwidth





### **Strong NER Roots**



Promoters have strong links with NER - a crucial factor behind SFCL's success

### Mr. Sajjan Bhajanka, Chairman & MD

#### **Experience**

★ Graduate with 49 years of industry experience in Plywood, Laminates, Ferro-Alloys and Cement Industry

#### **Other Memberships**

- ★ Chairman of Century Plyboards (I) Ltd
- ★ Considered as icon of Indian Plywood industry
- President of Federation of Indian Plywood and Panel Industry & All India Veneer Manufacturers Association
- ★ Past President of Bengal Chamber of Commerce, 'Friends of Tribals Society', Bharat Chamber of Commerce

### Mr. Rajendra Chamaria, VC & MD

#### **Experience**

★ Rich experience of 34 years in cement and concrete sleepers industry with excellent project execution skill and production knowledge

#### Other accolades

★ Well conversant with all acts, bylaws and procedural matters relating to Environmental and Forest Act, Factories Act and Commercial & Labour Laws

### Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director

#### **Experience**

★ Graduate with 34 years of industry experience

#### Other memberships and accolades

- ★ Instrumental in successful marketing and branding of 'Century Ply' and 'Star Cement'
- ★ MD of Century Plyboards (I) Ltd.

### Mr. Prem Kumar Bhajanka, Director

#### **Experience**

★ Graduate with 41 years of industry experience

#### Other accolades

- ★ Excellent site management and project execution skills
- ★ Instrumental in execution of SCL's projects

### **Professional Management**



Key Management personnel running the organization in a very professional manner

### Mr. Pankaj Kejriwal, Executive Director

#### **Education**

★ Chemical Engineer with experience of over 20 years

#### Responsibilities

- ★ Manufacturing operation
- ★ Responsible for erection & commissioning of new projects

### Mr. Jyoti S. Agarwal, President, Sales & Marketing

### **Education & Experience**

★ M. Com with varied experience of over 34 years in cement industry

#### Other experience

 Worked at senior positions in Aditya Birla Group and Ambuja Cement Limited

### Mr. Pradeep Purohit, VP, Supply Chain

#### **Education & Experience**

★ B.Com, Graduate Dip. IIMM with varied experience of over 32 years in Cement & Engg Industry.

### Responsibilities

★ Responsible for Overall Supply chain planning, Logistics, Materials and commercial functions.

### Mr. Sanjay Kr. Gupta, CEO

#### **Education & Experience**

★ FCA with varied experience of over 26 years with 22 years in the cement industry

#### Responsibilities

★ Responsible for overall growth & profitability of the company and meeting company's operating & financial goals

### Mr. Manoj Agarwal, CFO

#### **Education & Experience**

★ FCA with varied experience of over 25 years including 10 years in the Cement industry

#### Responsibilities

★ Responsible for F&A, Taxation, Statutory Compliance & Vendor Management

### Mr. A.K. Sinha, Senior Technical Person

#### **Experience**

★ 48 years of rich experience in cement industry

#### Other experience

★ Worked for 17 years in Birla Corp. and 19 years in CCI

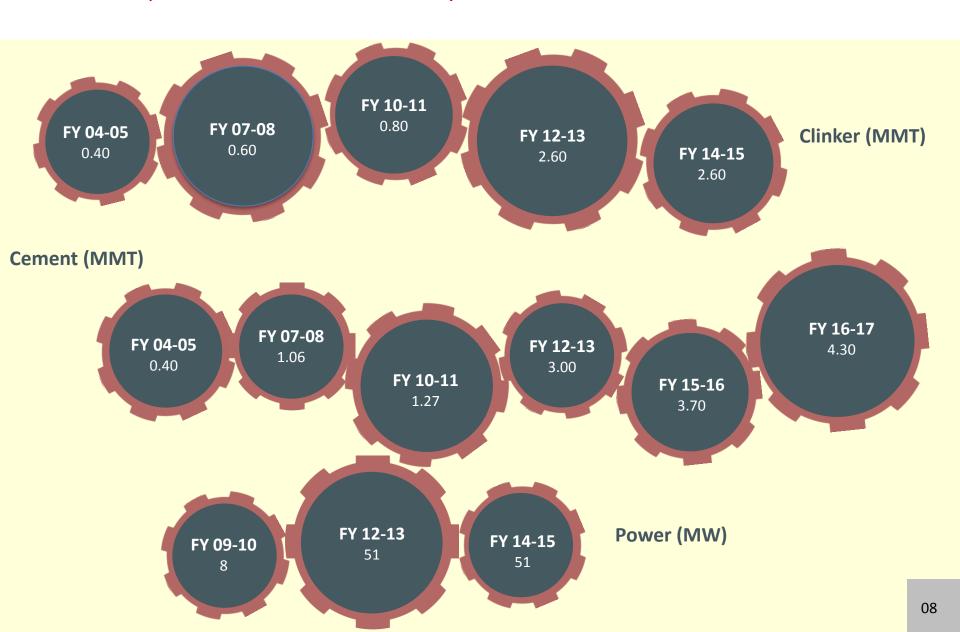
#### Responsibilities

★ Contribution in project planning, process and machinery, techno-economic evaluation etc.

### Journey of a Star



Cumulative capacities at the end of financial years



### What Makes Star Cement Tick?



Strategic Location,
Proximity to Raw
Materials & Market

Adequate plant capacities to cater to the market

Dependable raw material source and easy availability of power

Beneficiaries of fiscal incentives

Well-established brand in NER with strong consumer focus

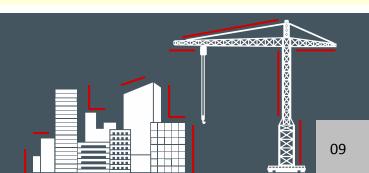
Superior Brand mix and innovative marketing strategies Market
dominance steered
by strong network
and retail-centric
business model

Strong NER roots

Successful
Financial Track
record - Highest
EBITDA margins in
the industry

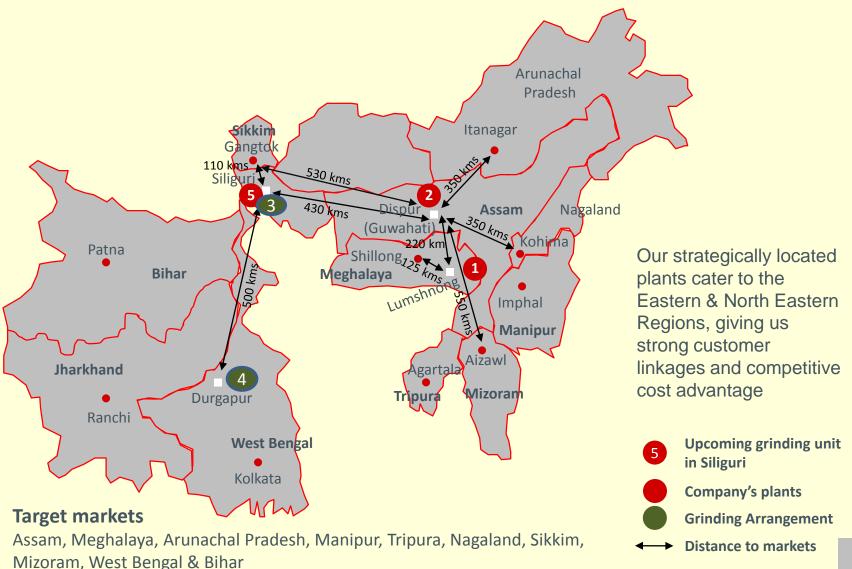
Eyes on replicating the success of NER to Eastern India

A look at each of our trigger strengths.....



## Location Advantage: The Game Changer





### The Star Logistics Edge



- ★ Limestone mines are located within 2-3 kms of our plants, providing strong raw material linkage, easy accessibility and uninterrupted supply of raw material
- ★ Coal is available in close proximity, ensuring cost and operational efficiencies
- ★ Availability of coal also provides strong back-up for the Company's 51 MW power plant
- ★ When compared to peers, our strategically located plants cater to the Eastern & North Eastern Regions, helping us optimise and rationalise costs.

Proximity to raw material leads to lower logistics costs, which otherwise constitute a significant component of the overall cost of production. This, coupled with the ability to supply at the doorstep of customers and end-users through a well-established dealer-distributor network, gives us a distinct advantage compared to our peers.



### The Star Logistics Edge

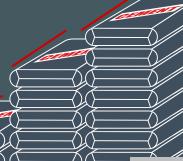


- ★ Untapped NER and Eastern markets have strong potential for further growth
- ★ Over the last few years, cement arrivals in NER from mainland players has come down to 10% from 30% owing to strong location advantage for the existing players in NER
- ★ Strong entry barriers for new players in these regions
- ★ No new significant capacities in pipeline in NER
- ★ Captive mines that are home to high quality limestone having calcium oxide content greater than 49% (higher than rest of India), having limestone reserves of more than 80 years
- ★ Availability of high quality coal in proximity
- ★ Star's established presence, extensive distribution network and high brand recall

Star enjoys the highest volume growth in NER and has adequate capacities to cater to growth targets over medium to long term, allowing it to serve the high potential market

Manufacturing	Units		
Meghalaya	4		
Assam - Guwahati	1		
WB (Hired Units)	2		

Capacity	
Cement (Mn Ton)	4.3
Clinker (Mn Ton)	2.6
Power (MW)	51



## The Star Fiscal Edge: Financial Incentives



SCL's plants enjoy many fiscal benefits granted by Central / State Governments

	Exemption	Balance Exemption period**			
		SCML	SCL-GGU	SCL-LMS	
Income Tax	100% under Section 80 IE, subject to MAT	5 years	5 years	-	
IGST / CGST on Clinker Cement	29% / 58% 29% / 58%	5 years -	- 5years	9 years 9 Years	
SGST Cement	100%	2 years ~	₹49Crs	-	

<sup>^^</sup>At GGU unit, SGST Refund is 100% up to 200% of FCI

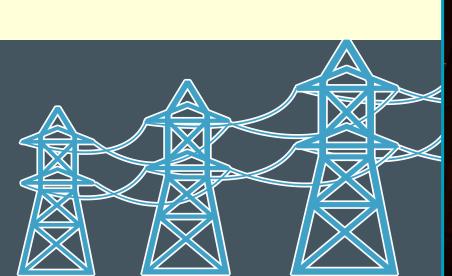
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### **Powering Growth**



### **Power**

- ★ Availability of best quality low cost coal ensures increased benefits for power plant
- ★ Captive power ensures non-dependency on grid power
- ★ Fly ash generated from power plant is used in cement plants at almost nil cost





## The Mark of a Star: Branding

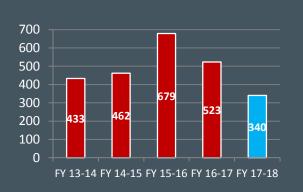


### Success

- ★ For Star, cement is not merely a commodity and therefore, we do not sell cement, rather we build and sell brands
- ★ Star as a Brand have a very high recall value, enabling repeat customers
- ★ STAR CEMENT is the most preferred brand in NER and is witnessing consistent growth in the markets of Bengal & Bihar

Concentrated launches in select markets backed by strong budgets, innovative aggressive marketing and sufficient plant capacities

### Advertising and Brand Promotion spends annually (₹ Mn)



### **Regular Brand Investment**

- Aggregate Brand investment of ~ ₹ 2,800 Mn in the last decade
- Very aggressive campaign for Brand Launch in WB & BH

### **Celebrity endorsements**

Bipasha Basu, Debojit Saha, Saurabhee Debbarma, Lou Majaw, Mami Varte, Late Bhupen Hazarika, Pranjal Saikia, Simanta Sekhar

- + Star Cement organized North Easts first International half marathon in which more than 20000 people united for a single cause 'Run to support a clean India'
- + Very aggressive and comprehensive 360° campaign in NER, WB & BH involving masses in OOH, TVC, Radio & Press
- + Huge increase in brand awareness in outside North East, making Star Cement a household name even in markets where it is relatively new

### Awards and Accolades



Certification of Appreciation from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup for serving food and water to the devotees during the Ambubachi Mahotsav, 2018

Transport Excellence Award 2016 - National Award in Mining as well as in the Construction segment.

Award for "Best Practices in Employee Engagement"-National HRD Network (NHRDN) in 2016 Award for "Fastest Growing Company" above Rs. 1000 Crs at Economic Times Bengal Corporate Awards 2016

Gold award (Alternative Media – Any single execution on nonconventional OOH) and Silver award (Outdoor Media Plan of the Year - Local) at OAA 2016

Most preferred cement brand by AREIDA from 2010 to 2013 ICC Environment Excellence Award 2012 (Category: Large Business Organization

Awarded first prize in the Thermal Power Station Sector - National Energy Conservation Award, 2015 & 2014

Award for 'Most preferred Cement brand' for 5 years consecutively at the North East Consumer Awards in 2015 Silver award at The
Economic Times India
Manufacturing Excellence
Awards 2011
(Manufacturing and Supply
Chain excellence)

Silver awards (Cement sector) at Greentech Environment Awards, 2010 & 2011

Greentech HR Silver Award 2012, for Outstanding Achievement in Best Strategy







## The Star Shines Bright and Strong



- ★ Enjoys a leadership position in the North East with market share of 23%
- ★ Gradually increasing share in the Eastern region through concerted efforts
- ★ Strong dealer and distributor network built over the years, steering year-on-year growth, enabling leadership position in market

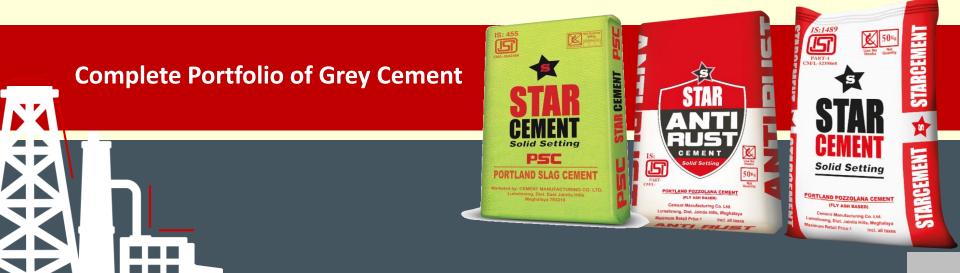


### Marketing the Star Brand



Innovative strategy, large distribution network, pioneering initiatives

- ★ Pioneers in initiating distribution through direct network, i.e. Dealers rather than C&F agents in NER
- ★ Building the Brand aggressively and innovatively in the markets of West Bengal & Bihar
- ★ Consumer-centric strategic approach initiated attractive schemes like 'Kismat ki Bori' offer, 'Bag Me Chandi' offer, 'Dhan Varsha', Gifts to dealers, masons, customers etc.
- ★ An out-of-the box marketing strategy to build highest recall and positive brand perception through innovation in communication and media - advertisements at important road crossings, 'Pan' Shops, local TV, in addition to the traditional billboard/hoarding advertisements
- ★ Increasing visibility through focus at Block level, Haats and village congregation points etc.



### Marketing the Star Brand

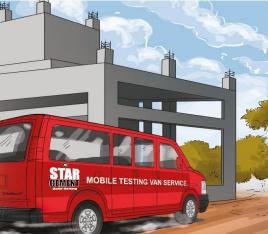


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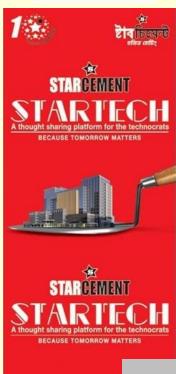
### Technical assistance to retail consumers to ensure better connect - drives demand and builds brand confidence

- ★ Value-enhancing technical marketing for customers
- ★ On-site technical support to customers through unique concept of mobile vans manned by experts
- STARTECH a unique forum to bring together architect, engineers, professors and experts for knowledge sharing & value enriching discussions
- ★ Star Technopedia: Monthly e-newsletter to informed influencers covering new initiatives & development in construction industry
- ★ Toll-free Customer care number 180034534500





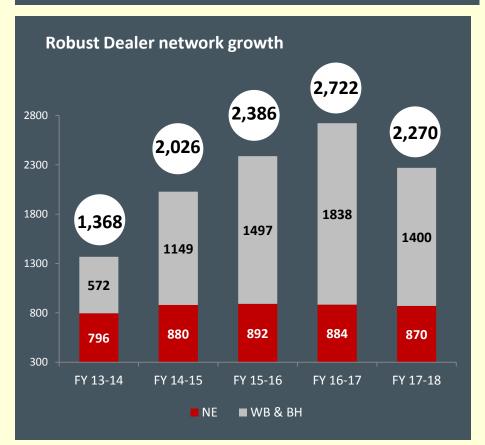




### Retail-driven Marketing strategy STARCEMENT

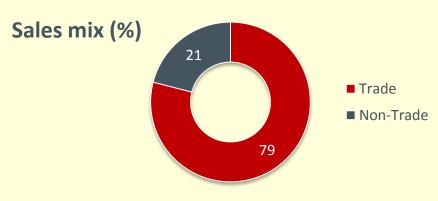


Distribution Network	
Retailers	~9,000
Dealers	~2,270



- Distribution network spread across 10 states
- ★ While our peers adopted the wholesaler model, we have built on our strong network of partners over the last decade
- The result Deeper penetration, greater reach, higher market share

Higher proportion of trade sales resulting into higher Cement realization per ton



### CSR – Assam & Meghalaya



#### **HEALTH & SANITATION**

- 204 household toilets were constructed
- Provided preventive health care services to local community
- Regular drinking water service to villages
- Around 1053 women are supported through menstrual hygiene program







#### LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Bee Keeping program for 115 farmers
- Eri-silk project to enhance earnings of 100 farmers
- Support 65 fish farmers by pond renovation, supply of fish seed and training to enhance fish production
- ❖ 120 pig farmers are supported with low cost pigsty, training and piglets at free of cost
- ❖ Goat projects helped 63 new farmers
- Tailoring Institute for enhancing the skill of around 360 women in a year









### CSR – Assam & Meghalaya



#### **EDUCATION**

- Under Star Pragyajyoti Project, trained 1200 youths and students on computer literacy
- Construction of new school building
- ❖ Infrastructure support to 6 schools
- Remedial class started in Meghalaya benefitting 67 students
- Books and stationary provided to all students of Shyam Sisu mandir.
- ❖ Scholarship announced for 6 HSLC students









### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Community hall, roads, drains, markets construction for the community
- ❖ In Assam, construction of Sahitya Sabha Bhawan, boundary wall of social Institutions, etc.
- Development of public utility areas of religious institutions



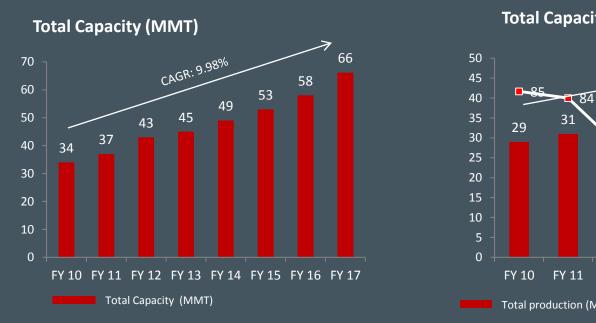


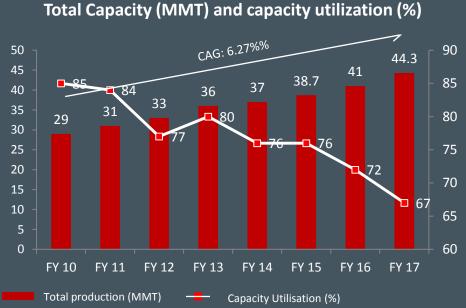




### East India: Huge Untapped Potential



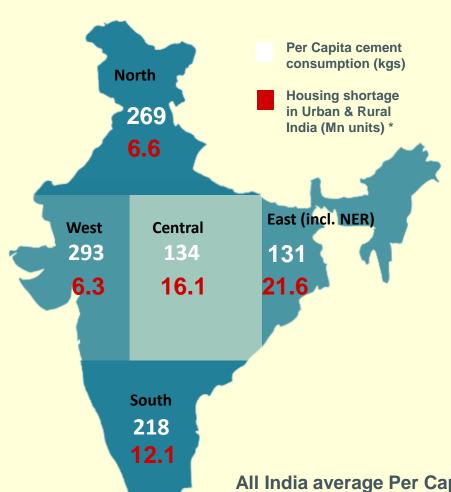




- ★ Cement production in the Eastern regions has grown at a CAGR of 6.27% and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 9-10% in the next 5 years
- ★ Demand is expected to grow at a steady pace through increased allocation
- ★ Government focus on infrastructure to boost growth through increased allocation in housing, infrastructure and commercial real estate segments will drive the cement demand
- Special focus on rural and semi-urban areas through large infrastructure and housing development projects

### East India: Huge Untapped Potential





Per capita cement consumption in East is the lowest, thus underlining huge potential for growth

Housing shortage in Urban India - Of the total housing shortages in urban India, East alone contributes to 35%. East and Central put together contributes ~60% of all India urban & rural housing shortages

At 131 kg, per capita consumption is among the lowest in East (national average – 225 kg per year)

Eastern India (including NER) account for urban housing shortage of 4.6 million units & 17 million units for rural housing shortage

Demand for cement is expected to grow in high single digits in East India

A pick-up in infrastructure development will trigger cement consumption demand in these states

All India average Per Capita cement consumption - 225 kg
All India Housing shortage in Urban (19 mn) + Rural India (44 mn)- 63 mn units

# North East Region: An <a href="#">STATE</a> <a href="#">Expanding Opportunity Landscape</a>



8 states with abundant

#### **Natural Resources**

Limestone, Coal, Dolomite, Quartz, Granite, Sandstone, Shale



Special Category **States**with NEIIPP, 2007 &
State Policies supporting
Industrial Investments



Separate Ministry for

the Region – Doner (Development of North Eastern

Region) to **boost** 

development



### Central government's infrastructure development thrust



**Roads** - Central government is planning to undertake highway projects worth about Rs 1.45 lakh crore, spread over 2-3 years. A total of 197 road development projects are being implemented under various programmes and schemes of the road transport and highways ministry in the north eastern states.



**Airports** - 5 sanctioned, 8 in pipeline, ₹ 5,000 Crores Investment is expected during next 10 years



Railways - Indian Railways has lined up several projects worth at least ₹ 40,000 crores to connect capital cities of five North Eastern states which includes laying over 1,500 km of rail lines and several engineering marvels such as India's longest double decker rail-cum-road bridge, one of the longest tunnels in the country and the world's tallest pillar-based rail bridge



**Hydro Power** - Largest Hydro power potential in India is in NER with 98% still untapped, 63000 MW of Hydro Power capacity identified; 14000 MW already allotted to Pvt. Players which will result in ~14 Mn Tons of Cement Demand

Smart Cities – Fund of Rs 14,124 crore approved for 464 projects in 8 Smart Cities in Northeast

Non-Lapsing Central Pool of Resources – Unspent amount of **10%** Budgetary allocation for **NER** 

**Infrastructural Development** 

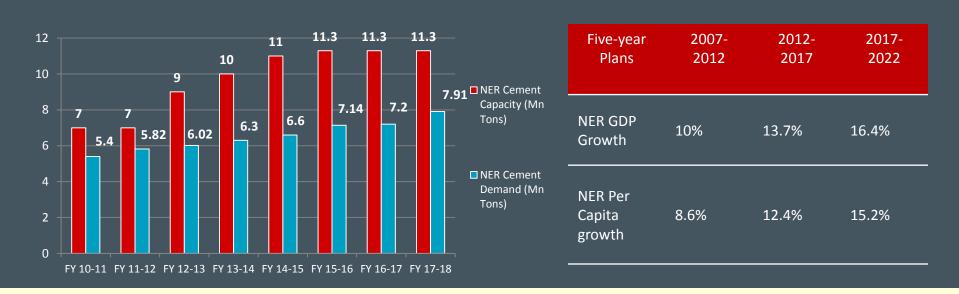
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Increased Allocation to Rural Low cost housing under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin Scheme to Rs 23000 Crs



### North East Region: Opportunities Galore





- ★ 7-8 % p.a. projected growth of cement industry (CAGR of 7% in last 5 years)
- ★ Potential for growth current per capita cement consumption is 142 kg in NER
- ★ Major players Star Cement and two others catering to 55-60% of cement demand and deriving benefit of economies of scale
- ★ Consolidation on the cards as small players expected to be edged out eventually
- ★ No new major capacities in pipeline in the region
- Cement arrivals in NER from mainland players have come down from 30% to 14% gives advantage to players in NER

### The Star is Set to Shine Brighter: STARCEMENT More Frontiers of Growth

- Further growth in high potential areas by leveraging operational and financial efficiencies
- Seize the growth opportunities in NER, Eastern Region partner the government's initiatives to boost infrastructure
- Strengthen and expand dealer/distribution network to capture Eastern markets and deepen penetration into NER
- Explore and tap new markets to boost margins
- Grow product portfolio with new, niche and quality brands
- Set-up capacities to cater to incremental demands of the region
- Focus on retail services
- Expand technical services to enhance customer service and brand building
- Enhance brand recall through innovative marketing strategies, more CSR initiatives

## The Numbers Speak: Successful Financial Track Record



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In ₹ Crores	2014-15	2015-16	Q1 FY 19	Q1 FY 18	2017-18	2016-17
Gross Sales	1,473	1,763	516	448	1,629	1,552
Net Sales	1,430	1,715	516	427	1,606	1,522
EBIDTA	437	401	132	159	526	411
EBIDTA Margin (%)	31%	23%	25.56%	37.28%	32.73%	27.00%
Cash Profit	345	311	120	140	457	319
EBIT	213	229	104	129	405	293
PBT	126	145	98	113	353	215
PAT	119	134	90	107	331	195
PAT Margin (%)	8%	8%	17.49%	25.20%	20.58%	12.80%
Net Fixed Asset	1,069	968	799	896	820	918
Total Capital Employed	1,935	2,144	1,844	2,174	1,963	1,973
Long Term Debt	691	575	57	428	199	372
Share Capital	42	42	42	42	42	42
Net Worth	921	1,055	1,567	1,339	1,477	1,146
ROE (%)	12.9%	12.7%	23.1%	32.1%	22.4%	17.0%
ROCE (%)	11.0%	10.7%	22.5%	23.7%	20.6%	14.8%
Debt Equity Ratio	0.75	0.54	0.04	0.32	0.13	0.32
EPS	2.83	3.20	2.15	2.56	7.88	4.64

<sup>\*</sup> FY 2017-18 and FY 2016-17 financial results are stated as per IndAS standard











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