

# **Monthly Magazine**



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### CEO-Mr. Joey



Dear Colleagues',

Another month gone, yet no reprieve from the COVID situation, today we are in Mid-2021, seems like another year gone. Whilst we plodder on in these very difficult times, am happy that the factories are all running well with the sales dispatches being, given the circumstances, as well as they can be.

I was reading somewhere that the Spanish Flu took 3 years to bring under control, hopefully this will not be the case with COVID. We have lost so many near and dear to this, pray it comes under control soon.

Our business continue to survive however with great difficulty, although I am sure it will pass...

Until next month...



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Certifications confirm RCC's stringent adherence to green norms, safety and quality; RCC has also been endorsed by BIS India and SABPS South Africa

Muscat, Oman, May 2021: In a significant endorsement that will support exports to European Union (EU) markets, Oman's largest cement manufacturer, Raysut Cement Company (RCC), has received CE and NF certifications, two stringent global quality norms validating RCC's adherence to EU standards in cement production.

The Muscat Stock Market (MSM)-listed RCC said the certifications come at a time when it is expanding exports to newer global markets. Currently, 50 per cent of the company's output is exported to East Africa, India, Maldives, South Africa, and Indian Ocean islands.

"We consider CE and NF certifications as a testimony to our commitment to constantly improve product quality and processes in line with rigorous global safety, quality and environmental regulations," said Group CEO, Joey Ghose.

The CE (Conformité Européenne) mark, formerly EC mark, is mandatory for selling certain products in the European Economic Area (EEA) since 1985. The NF Mark from AFNOR certification entity is a French compliance norm that ensures product safety, quality, usage ability and performance.

The certifications fit into our export strategy for newer geographies as the CE Mark that endorses compliance with EU's health, safety and green regulations allows us to market our products in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway," said Mr. Ghose. Winning the certifications also coincided with RCC clinching a new export order from the Reunion Islands in the western Indian Ocean, and a contract has already been signed with Enterprise Audemard Group of the French island for a year to ship 8,000 MT cement every month. The first shipment has already been received by the party. RCC is also looking at setting up a grinding unit in Madagascar to leverage the 78- per cent Y-o-Y growth in that country's market.

RCC group has a current output capacity of 6 million metric tonnes of cement, slated to increase to 10 million by 2022, and later scaled up to 22 million tonnes. Mr. Ghose said the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a major challenge to the business, but RCC was facing it successfully with no change in leadership or vision.





Recently, RCC had also won certifications from other parts of the world boosting its export scope. These are from BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards), enabling it to stabilize its presence in India, and from SABPS (South African All Brothers Products and Systems) to help RCC leverage the South African market.

Mr. Salim bin Ahmed bin Alawi Al Ibrahim, Acting Deputy Group CEO of RCC said: "The cement now produced at RCC's Salalah plant has accomplished the strictest environmental criterion of Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+) content of less than two parts per million. The NF certification also opens up new market opportunities and we are now introducing a superior quality cement brand to the French colonies in the Indian Ocean Reunion Islands."

Last year RCC won the `CEO of the Year' honour for the company's Group CEO Mr. Joey Ghose, at both the Oman Best Employer Awards and GCC Best Employer Awards from Employer Branding Institute, which reinforced the company's excellence across leadership, health and safety, technology, training and talent management.

"We regularly train our employees through on-the-job as well as by sending them overseas to upgrade their skills. These trainings help us strictly implement quality, environmental and safety norms at our production facilities to improve our products in line with global demand," added Mr. Al Ibrahim.

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#### Raysut Cement Company news



New QMS certification , ISO: 9001:2015 for RCC





The present QMS certification for ISO 9001:2015 is expiring 30th May 2021. RCC - Salalah has already took the action for new QMS certification before expiring the existing ISO: 9001:2015 certificate and hired B.M. Trada, UK. B.M. Trada has Performed the initial stage 1- and 2 remote audit successfully , all ok and no any NC's reported "The good news is B.M. Trada has already recommended for grant of new certificate for ISO 9001:2015 for RCC.

### Sohar Cement Factory news



Open Gate no 2 and 3:



Sohar cement factory used to get materials from gate no (1), now they activate gate no (2),

To facilitate raw materials trucks movement.

They also open gate no (3) for visitors and Admin employees.

# O Proceeding plantation & landscaping:



Sohar cement factory start maintenance, plantation, and Landscaping at administration building.

## Ball mill machine in QC department:



Laboratory ball mill successfully installed in SCF QC department.



#### **Raysut Maldives Cement News**



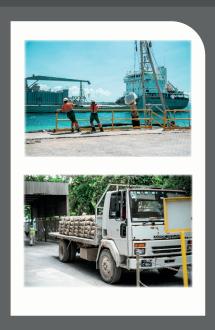
### Commercial news

- Achieved 3,418 mts for the month of April 2021.
- Deficit was largely due to closure of MTCC site due to Covid to some of their workers leading to about 1200 mts supply being halted.
- Covid has also caused operations to be ceased in many other construction sites with government imposing stricter measures.
- Sales also affected with the Holy Month of Ramadan starting on 11th April 2021 leading to lesser working hours being implemented.
- Compared to Last Year To Date, Sales increased by %21 as of April 2021



# Business Development

- Offers submitted to L&T and Ashoka Buildcon for supply of 200,000 mts of Cement for Male Connectivity Project. Order should be confirmed by Jun'21.
- Kicked off negotiations with JMC India for a 2000 units Social Housing project.
- Started supplies to Assotech India Project for two 14 storey mixed-residential buildings in Hulhumale.





# Lost Time Injury Frequency (LTIFR) & Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)

LTIFR MTD 0.00 YTD 0.39
TRIR MTD 0.00 YTD 2.84

Target LTIFR 2021 0.75 Target TRIR 2021 4.00

The last Lost Time Injury in the group was in January 2021 RCC Group of Companies report an LTI as any person who fails to attend for their next shift which is in line with cement industry best practice but more stringent than government guidelines

### **HSSE Management System**

There is now a full referenced document library in Tawasol for management reference including copies of applicable Laws and Regulations appertaining to HSE.

The document library is broken down into the following areas:

- Procedures
- Permits
- Forms
- Guidance

#### **Audits**

Covid19 audits were 2021-In Q1 undertaken and the system at all factories were found to be effective .with no major concerns

Future audits will include:June
 Risk Assessment and Work Procedures
 September - Waste Management
 December - Machine Guarding and
 Isolation



## **Safety Quote**

Working safely is not something that can happen on its own, you need to work towards it with the right measures, tools and mindset.

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#### **Environment**

- Due to good environmental practices at DUQMenvironmental monitoring has been reduced from quarterly monitoring program to annual ...well done to everyone at site.
- Sohar are awaiting approval from EA to use ferrochrome slag in cement to minimise the use of raw materials.

### **Training and Tool Box Talks**

- The next three months TBT are listed below:
  - May Risk Assessment
  - June HSSE Committee and Waste
  - July Energy Isolation
- Security training has been delivered to 12 of the 14 security guards at RCC Salalah. Security training will be scheduled for Sohar and Pioneer after Eid Holidays.
- Training will be delivered in June and July for all managers and supervisors in the following topics:
- Behavioural Based Safety' the program has Six Pillars that will be delivered to managers and supervisors, as shown in the diagram below this is the next step for RCC Group of Companies reaching it's goal of 'Target Zero'.

