

Breaking Records ~ Cement Industry

According to data released by APCMA, during first 11 months of the current fiscal year, the cement industry supplied **23.6 mn** tons to local markets, posting an increase of **3.3%** compared to same period of the last fiscal year that were **22.8 mn** tons. Exports of cement declined by 3.4% to 7.4 mn tons compared to 7.7 mn tons in the last fiscal year. The first 11 months of the current fiscal year showed a growth of **1.7%** to **31.05 mn** tons as compared to **30.5 mn** tons in the last fiscal year.

The data released by APCMA also revealed that cement supplies in the last 3 months exceeded consecutively 3 mn tons barrier and is set to register highest ever supplies in FY14.

FY15 Expectations

We expect that cement supplies will increase by more than 5% in FY15 due to launch of numerous public development projects by Government of Pakistan and GoP has allocated Rs 525 bn for PSDP in FY15 which will lead to higher cement demand.

Imposition of **5% FED** on MRP will not affect the profits of cement manufacturers as we are expecting minimum increase in cement prices by **Rs 5 – Rs 10 per bag** in FY15. This increase will nullify the effect of FED.

We have released detailed report on **MLCF** with target price of **Rs 40/share** and MLCF is one of our top picks.

Soon we will release our report on CHCC.

Cement sector fundamentals

	PE		Dividend Yield	
	FY13	FY14E	FY13	FY14E
LUCK	13.05	11.36	2.0%	2.6%
FCCL	13.77	8.57	6.4%	10.2%
PIOC	6.97	6.27	8.5%	8.5%
DGKC	7.16	6.47	3.3%	3.9%
KOHC	7.04	6.06	4.2%	4.2%
MLCF	5.09	4.68	0.0%	1.6%

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