

Ministry of Industry & Minerals-Construction Materials Sector Executive Summary

- **Industries:** **Cement, building materials, glass, refractory products, ceramic products, pipes, and mineral preparation**
- **Factories:** **45 production facilities**
- **Total revenue:** **\$250,000,000**
- **2005 revenue:** **\$500,000,000 (projected)**

The Construction Sector is the single largest sector within the Ministry of Industry & Minerals. The sector consists of three broad areas of production; cement, building materials, and glass and ceramic products. This sector is composed of 45 factories that focus on producing essential building materials.

The cement industry has the potential to be the most profitable industry in Iraq. The Ministry presently operates 19 cement plants across the country that have a combined design capacity of 17.8 million metric tons per year. Due to the lack of available spare parts, short supply of electricity, as well as general neglect from the prior regime, the present production capacity is 3 million metric-tons per year. The Ministry has taken bold steps in rehabilitating some of the plants and expects to more than double the present production capacity by 2005.

Along with cement, this sector comprises the following factories:

- **Clay-brick and cellular concrete-block:** 8 plants with a total design capacity of 320 million pcs/year, present capacity is 32 million pcs/year, projected for 2005 is 60 million pcs/yr
- **Plastic pipes for water and sewage systems:** (12mm-400mm): 3 plants with a total design capacity of 25,000 MT/year, present capacity is (nil), projected for 2005 is 3,000 MT/year.
- **Concrete portal frames and pre-stressed poles:** 2 plants with a total design capacity of 22,000 MT/year, present capacity is 10,000 MT/year, projected for 2005 is 10,000 MT/year
- **Sand & Gravel:** 2 Quarries with a total design capacity of 2.8 million M³/year, present capacity is 1.5 million M³/year.
- **Refractory Materials:** 1 plant with a design capacity of 17,000 MT/year, present capacity is 5,000 MT/year. Projected for 2005 is 6,000 MT/year.
- **Glass sheet:** 1 plant with a design capacity of 15,000 MT/year, present capacity is 6,000 MT/year.
- **Ceramic Tiles:** 2 plants with a total design capacity of 2.2 million M²/year, present capacity 0.36 million. Projected for 2005 is 0.75 million M²/year.
- **Industrial Salt:** 2 facilities with a total design capacity of 750,000 MT/year. Present capacity 250,000 MT/year.
- **Lime:** 1 plant with a design capacity of 200,000 MT/year present capacity is 20,000 MT/year projected for 2005 is 40,000 MT/year

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