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JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd has reported a turnover of Rs. 469 crores for the last quarter of the financial year 2010-11 as against Rs. 355 crores in the third quarter. The Company's Operating Profit also improved to Rs. 88 crores as compared to Rs. 34 crores in the third quarter. However, it was lower compared to Rs. 104 crores in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Taking into account the sales in the current quarter the turnover of the Company for the financial year stood at Rs. 1488 crores and the Profit after Tax (PAT) stood at Rs.59 crore as against Rs. 241 crore in the previous year.

As per the Company's official, while there was some recovery in the demand in last quarter which helped the company to improve its realisation compared to the preceding quarters, but the average of the entire year has been much low compared to the previous year. The Company has also experienced unprecedented increase in cost of fuel. Company mainly uses Petcoke for both its plant and power generation. With the increase in the international prices of oil during the last year the prices of Petcoke also increased considerably. Both these factors contributed to the steep fall in the company's profitability.

Company has commenced the civil work at its split location grinding unit in Haryana. The civil work at the new green field site at Durg is expected to commence soon.

During the year the company was able to reduce the coal consumption from 85 kg/MT to 82 Kg/MT. The power consumption was maintained at 79 Kwh/MT which is one of the best in the industry.

Company's Managing Director, Smt. Vinita Singhania, expressed satisfaction on the timely completion of its three projects during the year, viz.

- i) augmentation of its clinkerisation capacity by over 3 lac MT which will help the company to raise its cement capacity from 47.5 lac MT to about 53 lac MT ;
- ii) Commissioning of Green Power project by putting in place the Waste Heat Recovery project of 12 MW.
- iii) Commissioning of 18 MW Thermal Power plant.

Full benefit of these three projects would accrue in the ensuing year.