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**JK LAKSHMI CEMENT** has reported better-than-expected results for the quarter April-June 2012 as per which its quarter's Sales Turn Over at **Rs.597** crores has jumped by 35% while its Operating Profit at **Rs.121.75** crores reflects an improvement of **65%** over the corresponding quarter. After providing for interest, depreciation the Company's Profit Before Tax at **Rs.73.07** crores has more than doubled over the corresponding quarter's PBT of Rs.33.64 crores. The Company has attributed this healthy increase in its profitability to increase in its **sales volume by 23%** over the corresponding quarter. Company has achieved all round improvement in its capacity utilization and efficiency parameters.

As per Mrs. Vinita Singhania, Managing Director of the Company the increase in the Company's volume were greatly aided by the timely commissioning of its Grinding Unit in Haryana. She also informed that the Company's further expansion plans including its Greenfield project at Durg is making satisfactory progress which is expected to go on stream by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2013.

Recently the Company has been featured amongst Top 50 in India's Best Companies to work for, as per a joint study conducted by an International Institute - **Great Place to Work** and the Economic Times. JK Lakshmi Cement is the only company in the cement sector to come in this list this year.