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JK LAKSHMI CEMENT has reported substantial progress in its working both for the IVth quarter January-March 2012 and for the 12 month period April 2011-March 2012 compared to working in the corresponding period of the previous financial year. It has reported a 28% growth on its net sales in the IVth quarter to Rs. 526.33 crores as against a turnover of about Rs. 412 crores in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Its gross turnover for the twelve month period April 2011 to March 2012 stood at Rs. 1914.59 crore and net sales at Rs. 1711.06 crore, showing a jump of 30% over the corresponding twelve month period of the previous year. Company's Operating Profit at Rs. 146.82 crore during the IVth quarter has shown a healthy jump of 63% over PBIDT of Rs. 89.96 crores over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Operating Profit for the twelve month period after taking into account other income at Rs. 391.37 crore reflects a steep jump of 75% as compared to the Operating Profit of 2010-11 at Rs. 223.88 crore.

During the quarter Company has with retrospective effect changed the method of providing depreciation on Captive Power Plants from "Straight Line" to 'Written Down Value' resulting in an additional depreciation charge of Rs. 24.44 crore for the quarter/year and Rs. 39.24 crore for the earlier years. By changing this method, company's Profit after Tax for the quarter and for the year have been reduced by Rs. 43.02 crore. Even taking into account the impact of this change, company's Profit Before Tax stood at Rs. 142.71 crore, which was 81% jump over PBT of Rs. 78.79 crore from the financial year 2010-11. Company's Net Profit for the FY 2011-12 stood at Rs. 108.78 crore as against Rs. 59.13 crore in the financial year 2010-11.

Company is actively pursuing buy back of its equity shares, the decision of which was taken by the Board of Directors in their meeting held in February 2012 and the process of which got started in the last week of March 2012 after completion of the necessary formalities.

As per Mrs Vinita Singhania, Managing Director, company has been able to report much improved results on account of 14% growth in its sales, 100% capacity utilisation of its assets and improvements in all-round efficiencies. She also informed that company's expansion plans are moving ahead as per schedule and it has recently commissioned its Grinding Unit in Haryana with a capacity of about 0.6 million tonne. According to her, company is further augmenting the capacity of its existing kilns in Rajasthan. Company's Greenfield project at Durg along with grinding units in Eastern India are also making satisfactory progress. On completion of these projects the company's cement capacity is expected to move upto 8.5 million tonne by October-December 2013 from 4.7 million tonne as at the end of March 2012. Company has also reported further expansion in the space of value added products.

The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 16th May 2012 recommended a dividend of 40%.