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JK LAKSHMI CEMENT has released its results for the quarter July-September 2011 as per which the **turnover has increased by 32%** to Rs. 397.25 crore and the **net sales has gone up to Rs. 354.13** crore as against Rs. 265.96 crore during the corresponding quarter of the previous year, registering a **growth of 33%**. Company's **Operating Profits** before other income were at **Rs. 41.17 crore** which were up by **49%**. **Profit before Tax at Rs. 7.84** crore were **94% higher** than the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Company's **gross turnover for the six month** period April-September stood at **Rs. 838.7 Crore, up by 26%** compared to the first six months of the previous financial year. Similarly the **Operating Profit** before other income stood at **Rs. 114.98 crore, up by 37%** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Both the turnover and profitability were, however, lower than the previous quarter due to steep fall in the prices in the second quarter and due to continuous increasing cost of production on account of hike in the petroleum prices, impacting the logistic costs and also its fuel costs.

Company registered a healthy growth in its volume at 19% over the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year which compares favourably with all India growth of about 6.5% and about 14% in the company's marketing zone. Company's capacity utilization at 91% during the quarter July-September also compares favourably with the industry's capacity utilization of about 70%.

Company expressed concern over the demand of cement not growing to the extent the cement industry had envisaged and based on which the industry had expanded its capacity. Continuous increase in the cost of production is perhaps the biggest challenge being faced by the entire industry.

Company is progressing well in its expansion activities and its Grinding Unit in Haryana is scheduled to be completed by March 2012. Work at its Greenfield project at Durg is also progressing satisfactorily.

