

JSW Cement signs Sustainability Linked Loan Agreement of US\$ 50 million with BNP Paribas

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MUMBAI, June 12, 2023 – JSW Cement, India’s leading Green Cement company and part of US\$ 22 billion JSW Group, has signed a Sustainability Linked Loan (SLL) agreement to raise USD 50 million (approx. Rs 414 crore) from BNP Paribas Singapore. This is JSW Cement’s second Green Debt Capital raised within a short span of few months taking its SLL-based green capital funding to US\$ 100 million.

JSW Cement plans to use the newly raised capital to fund its capacity expansions in line with its long-term target of achieving 50 MTPA cement-making capacity in India. BNP Paribas acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Bookrunner (MLAB) and the Sustainability Loan Coordinator for this transaction. DNV Business Assurance India (DNV) acted as the Second Party Opinion (“SPO”) provider. This transaction is among several milestones achieved on JSW Cement’s strategic direction on building a sustainable business.

According to Mr Parth Jindal, Managing Director of JSW Cement, *“This is our second Sustainability Linked Loan signed in the last few months. During the last eight years, we have grown our production capacity four times while reducing our carbon emission intensity by half. The SLL raised from BNP Paribas underscores our continued commitment to our ESG goals. The new capital will enable us to fund our capacity expansion with the long-term target of achieving 50 MTPA capacity. These capacity building plans will ensure availability of our high-quality green cement & building material products to our loyal consumers across the country.”*

Mr Sanjay Singh, CEO and Head of Territory, BNP Paribas India, said *“As a global leader in sustainable finance, BNP Paribas is committed to foster sustainable social and economic development across businesses, operations and communities; while we partner with our clients in their transition toward a more sustainable economy. In this regard, the acceleration of green transition of the ‘hard to abate’ sectors will be key to India meeting its net zero target.”*

Recognising the importance of green capital as part of its business strategy to reduce carbon footprint, JSW Cement is pursuing the goal of creating a sustainable future for India through its

Green cement portfolio. The SLL agreement signed with BNP Paribas is an important step in the Company's Sustainability journey.

Mr. Singh added, *"As the coordinator for the sustainability loan, we collaborated closely with the JSW Cement team to develop and publish its Sustainability Linked Loan framework, and successfully laid the foundation for the said transaction, with more to follow."*

JSW Cement has chosen to measure performance against the Sustainability Performance Target (SPT) through one key KPI of Net CO₂ emissions intensity, calculated as Kg CO₂ per tons of cementitious material produced (Kg CO₂/tcm) covering its entire manufacturing operations comprising integrated Cement plants and grinding units.

About JSW Cement: JSW Cement is part of the diversified US\$ 23 billion JSW Group. As one of India's leading business houses, JSW Group also has other business interests in sectors such as steel, energy, infrastructure, paints, sports and venture capital. JSW Cement is India's leading Green Cement company with current capacity of 17 MTPA across its manufacturing units at Vijayanagar in Karnataka, Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh, Salboni in West Bengal, Jajpur in Odisha and Dolvi in Maharashtra. The company is present across the entire value-chain of building materials comprising cement, concrete & construction chemicals. This gives JSW Cement a unique advantage to cater to the diverse needs of the construction industry with its premium, high quality & eco-friendly products. The company converts industrial waste into cement and other building materials thereby ensuring a greener future for the next generation. Its capable marketing & service teams ensure that customer's needs are met within the shortest time by extensively leveraging digital tools, mobile-tech and conversational commerce interventions. JSW Cement's growth plans includes a capacity target of 50 MTPA. All current business investments are driven to achieve this goal. Its business vision has been acknowledged through various awards including Best Infrastructure Brand (2021), Environment Excellence Gold Award (2018), Greentech Environment Award (2018) among others.

About BNP Paribas: BNP Paribas Group has been in India since 1860 and is among the leading international financial institutions providing a wide range of financial services covering corporate & institutional banking, and personal investment services for individuals. As the second oldest foreign bank in India, BNP Paribas has branches in key metros and has a rich and broad offering across the entire range of corporate and institutional banking products and services, covering flow banking (transaction banking), financing, hedging, global markets, derivatives and investments. Asiamoney has also accorded "Best International Corporate Bank for India" to BNP Paribas in 2022.

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