



***Republic Of Iraq***  
***Ministry Of Industry and Minerals***

***Construction Sector***

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- \* Cement**
- \* Construction Materials (bricks, plastic pipes, sands, gravels)**
- \* Refractory Materials**
- \* Glass & Ceramics**

## Current Assessment



**Following three decades of instability all plants are:**

- \* Running under design capacity**
- \* Suffering from cumulative bottle necks**
- \* Not making use of new technologies**

## **Vision: 5 years**



- \* Rehabilitation of existing plants**
- \* Adaptation of new technologies**
- \* Increasing current capacities**
  - Cement: Target Production is 30 mt/y**
  - Bricks: Target Production is 540 m bricks/y**
  - Plastic Pipes: Recovering Design Capacity is 36,000 t/y**
  - Ceramics & Glass: Recovering Design Capacity is 100,000 t/y**
  - Duplicating Refractory Materials: Production Target is 20,000 t/y**

## The Market Outlook



**\* Iraq will soon become the biggest market in the region for all infrastructure goods, especially the construction materials mentioned above**

# The Market Demand



- \* Post-War Reconstruction**
- \* Resolution of housing crisis**
- \* Housing needs for the new families resulting from normal population increase**
- \* Substitution of the depreciation of the existing buildings**
- \* Government projects imposed by natural developing requirements**

# The Market Sales



- \* Sales are linked to demand
- \* Given previous demand statistics there will be no obstacles facing production quantities

\* Iraq is currently importing about 5 mt/y of cement

- \* The available capacity of cement plants is about 6.4 mt/y, the only constraints on production are:
  - \* Power
  - \* Fuel
  - \* Civil explosives supply

# The Market Competition



**Many competitive advantages will benefit investors in the construction field:**

- \* Our companies are the main source of construction products in the country**
- \* No real competition will face the investor**
- \* Neighboring manufacturers will not rival Iraqi companies because of transportation fees**
- \* Low production costs because of cheap labor, wide availability of raw materials & other natural resources**

## Conclusion



- \* We are offering ambitious opportunities in the field of construction materials in Iraq**
- \* Iraq is in transition; the way is not paved well, and is not risk free, but the current economic crisis proves there are risks in investments considered secure**
- \* I hope this presentation provides a view to the wealth of investment opportunities in our country**



**Best Regards**

**Good Wishes**

**Successful investment**

**We look forward to meeting you  
soon under environmentally  
proved stacks of cement plants**