



Arabian Cement Company to Put New Coal Mill in Operation with Investment of EGP 200 Million

The leading cement producer is using coal and RDF as a substitute for natural gas

Cairo, Egypt: April 19, 2018 – Arabian Cement Company (ACC), the leading cement producer in Egypt, has expanded its use of coal and refused derived fuel (RDF) as a substitute for natural gas as an energy source for its production plant. With an investment of EGP 200 million, ACC's latest coal mill, and its second in Egypt, helps the factory to operate using 14% alternative fuel material and about 86% coal. Since 2015, when ACC first implemented this groundbreaking approach to alternative fuel consumption in Egypt, the company has given away 100% of the amount of natural gas required to operate its plant, equating to 378 million m³ of natural gas a year saved by the alternative fuel system.

“As a market leader in the cement industry in Egypt, we are continually assessing opportunities to develop the industry, our business and our products for our customers. Our shift to alternative fuel and more environmentally-friendly resources is not only beneficial for our communities in which we operate, it's beneficial for the economy at large,” said Sergio Alcantarilla, Chief Executive Officer, ACC. “With this significant investment, ACC is helping to alleviate energy issues, while passing on the cost savings from increased production capacity to our customers.”

ACC built its second coal mill to help meet production capacity needs as the company's existing coal mill only met about 70% of capacity. By supplying first class cement at the most efficient cost, ACC will be able to offer its superior quality cement at an optimum price for the end user. Both ACC coal mills operate in accordance with international best practices and use a European Technology System, similar to the systems in America or other European countries.

An Environmental Impact Assessment study shows that using coal and RDF as alternative fuels does not result in additional pollution, neither from chimneys nor on the surrounding area. Coal and RDF are widely used by cement producers as energy sources across the world for the advantages they provide whether environmentally or financially. Coal handling does not emit more dust compared to handling clinker, phosphate or iron ore, while transportation of coal is safer than petroleum products.

ACC produces five million tons of first quality cement annually, approximately 10% of Egypt's production.

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About Arabian Cement Company

Arabian Cement Company (ACC) was first established in 1997 by a group of Egyptian entrepreneurs, who aspired to establish a leading Egyptian cement company. The cement factory is located in the Suez Governorate. It produces five million tons of first quality cement, approximately 10% of Egypt's production.



The company is a joint venture between Cementos La Union, a Spanish investor holding the majority of shares, and a group of Egyptian investors.

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