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UltraTech Cement Q1 net up 44% on higher sales volume

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UltraTech Cement, an Aditya Birla Group company, has reported that its net profit in the June quarter was up 44 per cent at ₹2,221 crore as against ₹1,493 crore in the year-ago period on the back of lower cost and higher sales volume.

Revenue was up 13 per cent to ₹21,275 crore (₹18,819 crore). Sales volume increased 10 per cent to 36.83 million tonne (mt). EBITDA was up 44 per cent to ₹4,591 crore (₹3,186 crore). Sales realisation improved 2 per cent to ₹5,165 (₹5,045) per tonne.

Overall expenses were up 8 per cent at ₹18,405 crore (₹17,045 crore).

Logistics cost was down 4 per cent at ₹1,158 a tonne, as primary lead distance to the market was down to 370 km (384 km), while fuel and power cost declined 13 per cent and 8 per cent to ₹871 a tonne and ₹356 a tonne. Other costs also dipped to ₹687 (₹774) a tonne.

However, raw material costs increased 2 per cent to ₹628 a tonne. Power cost was down due to improvement in green power mix to 39 per cent (28 per cent).

UltraTech commenced 12 MW of Waste Heat Recovery System capacity during this quarter. With this, its total WHRS capacity increased to 363 MW. It has increased its grey cement capacity by 3.5 mt per annum (mtpa) in the June quarter, bringing its total capacity to 192.26 mtpa and this will further go up to 197 mtpa by this fiscal-end. The company plans to enhance its overall capacity to 212 mtpa spread across 82 locations by FY27.

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The company has turned around the performance of 14.45-mtpa capacity of its subsidiary, India Cements. Comprehensive efforts on multiple fronts have enabled India Cements to generate an EBIDTA of ₹92 crore against a loss of ₹9 crore last year.

Through debottlenecking, an additional capacity of 0.3 mtpa was added at India Cements in the lucrative northern region, it said. Moreover, a capex plan is being made for investments over the next two years for improvement in all areas of operations to bring these assets at par with UltraTech standards, it added.