

# Thank You

Dear Friends,

Here's wishing you all the best for a brand new year. Here's wishing that the year that will unfold will witness the shrugging off, of the hopelessness and the despair of the year that went by. Here's hoping that the economy, get back to nurturing double digit growth dreams. And here's wishing that peace and prosperity prevail.

We have, as usual, crafted the current issue with tender loving care. The lead story is about cement – the wonder material that binds us and our growth pangs with equal ease. What exactly is happening in this vital sector? What are the emerging trends? What does the future have in store? Which companies in the segment are worth tracking? For all this and more, read on.

We have also sought to bring together for you a round-up of the events that shaped the year that went by. A racy, light read – a ready reckoner, should you ever need to check the facts.

And finally Copenhagen – was it a sell out? An old boy's meet with dinner with the queen thrown in that achieved nothing? It is really difficult to separate the grains from the chaff, especially when there is so much of hot air (or is it green house gases?) that clouds the view. We have tried to cover matters as objectively as possible looking at it from different angles. Hope our effort helps clear some of the cobwebs that have gathered in the ensuing period.

The current issue is the first one of our third volume. Despite odds, that at times seemed insurmountable, we are here. Words of encouragement, generous blessings and the fact, that some of the most respected minds, some of the most distinguished names, had and continues to, bestow their faith on us and our little baby, is what has given us the power to survive, the will to strive.

I will fail in my duties if I do not acknowledge the deep gratitude and gratefulness to these stalwarts to whom we shall remain indebted forever.

What was once just a dream is today taking the first faltering steps. We need hands to hold on to. We need trunks to lean on, we need to drink the sap of life to the lees. The journey ahead will be long and certainly not one without the pitfalls. We can and will say just this. You won't find us wanting in the search for excellence. We will neither wilt under pressure, nor deviate from the goal of reaching the top. The faith that you have bestowed on us is our capital, pray that we are able to honour it and safeguard it in the right earnest.

With Best Regards,

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