

Press release

Suez Cement Group of Companies becomes Egypt and Africa's first cement producer to receive Environmental Product Declaration certification

Cairo, 17 August 2022 - Suez Cement Group of Companies - a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement has become the first grey cement company in Egypt and Africa to obtain an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) certificate in accordance with international ISO standard. The Dcarbon documents confirm the enhanced properties of products in their environmental impact.

This certification reaffirms the group's commitment to sustainable construction while reinforcing its vision to build a better future for all of its stakeholders.

Four certificates have been issued for cement products manufactured in the Helwan plant, Kattameya plant, and Suez plant. The Environmental Product Declaration certification was awarded to Suez Cement Group of Companies products: CEMII BP 42.5N; CEMIIIA 42.5N; CEMII AL 42.5N; and Masonry 12.5X.

"We are fully aware of the significance of environmental awareness and our planet's future. Consequently, we are pleased to have objective and trustworthy documentation demonstrating that our products meet the requirements of sustainable construction, which can assist our clients in achieving their desired sustainability goals for their projects," says Mohamed Hegazy, the Managing Director of the Suez Cement Group of Companies.

The newly certified products play an important role in the transition of the built environment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest, meeting customer demand for resilient and long-lasting buildings and infrastructure built with a lower carbon footprint without compromising performance.

"With this certification, our customers will be able to make an informed choice of one of the lowest carbon footprint materials and reduce the environmental impact of emissions in their investments," Hegazy added.

The group's four products that received the Environmental Product Declaration Certification have a CO2 reduction of up to 25% versus traditional cements.

"We are rigorously driving forward the transformation of our group to reduce its environmental footprint," Mohamed Hegazy, Managing Director of Suez Cement Group of companies, declared. "We have the ambition, speed, knowledge and technologies to lead the necessary change process in our sector with the goal of lowering our carbon emissions from 19 percent in 2019 to 30 percent by 2030. Our focus is on the use of waste heat as an alternative source of energy; adoption of ever lower carbon cements; and finally, the use of alternative and biomass fuels and the use of alternative raw materials," Hegazy added.

Link for the Certification of four products of Suez Cement Group of Companies:

<https://www.environdec.com/library/epd5702>

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About the Environment Product Declaration (EPD):

An EPD is a certified Environmental Product Declaration, which reports environmental data over the life cycle of products in accordance with the international standard ISO 14025. The International EPD System is a programme to develop and register EPDs for any type of goods and services. The system is international, third party verified and deliver flexible source information on the environmental impact of a product using a life cycle assessment (LCA) methodology. EPDs are designed to meet the world market demand for scientifically based, transparent, and reliable information, enabling organizations to communicate their products' environmental performance in a credible and understandable way.

About Suez Cement Group of Companies

With an industrial network of four production facilities in Suez, Kattameya, Tourah and Helwan, Suez Cement Group of Companies is one of the largest cement producer in Egypt.

The company has a long-standing history in the market, yet is innovative in launching new brands and products to meet on-market needs. Suez Cement is home to 1,200 employees who participate in continuous training and advancement.

The group has an active safety and environmental policy, which is imperative for building a sustainable environment for employees and the communities in which it operates. The group has proudly built some of Egypt's most well-known landmarks and is building its future around serving the market and growing customer demands. Suez Cement is majority owned by the Heidelberg Cement Group, making it part of a family of organizations that represents one of the world's largest building materials companies.