

Suez Lime Company announces the establishment of a new plant in Suez governorate with the best available technologies for the production of lime.

Cairo, 18 November 2009. Suez Lime Company announced the establishment of a new plant for the production of lime in Suez Governorate. The new plant will use the best available technologies for manufacturing lime, an ecological product with numerous and growing applications in the steel, chemical, environmental, agri-food, paper and building sectors. The first kiln of the new plant will have a production capacity of 300 tons per day and it will be ready by 2011, followed very shortly by the installation of a second kiln in order to reach a total yearly production capacity of 200 000 tons of calcium oxide.

"The establishment of the new lime plant will enable Suez Lime Company to expand its productivity and promote its advanced technologies. We are strongly committed to offering our customers the best product and services with uncompromising quality" stated Nabil Francis, Managing Director of Suez Lime.

Suez Lime was established in October 2007 and it is currently capturing almost 50% of the local competitive market. The Company is a joint venture between UNICALCE, one of the world's leading producers of lime, and Suez Cement Company, one of the largest cement producers in Egypt. A first plant is already operating in Cairo producing hydrated lime principally used for water treatment.

"In Egypt there is an enormous potential for the use of lime. UNICALCE is the first producer of lime in Italy and has the highest level of experience, recognized worldwide, in the manufacturing of lime and in all its fields of application. The engineering, production, marketing-R&D, and sale departments of UNICALCE will be directly involved in Suez Lime and will guarantee the highest level of professionalism, experience and customer service to the company. The location of its production facility inside the Suez Cement plant guarantees the highest efficiency in terms of quality and cost-efficiency in the process of handling and selection of the limestone" said Carlo Conca, President of UNICALCE.