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### **SCGC in collaboration with EEAA announces the start-up of a new system feeding alternative fuels**

Industrial utilization at Kattameya plant started in July 2011

**Cairo, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011.** Suez Cement Group of Companies (SCGC) has started the implementation of an integrated alternative fuel (AF) system at Kattameya plant, in collaboration with the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAAA). According to its Environmental Policy SCGC is planning reducing the utilization of traditional fossil fuels by feeding its kilns with AFs derived from agricultural waste e.g. rice straw or cotton stalks and municipal wastes.

"As part of the activities to enhance our sustainability, this project will realize environmental returns through the application of advanced technologies for using AFs in cement production operations, a matter which would maximize our competitiveness, and reduce the use of traditional energy sources thus helping the country especially during the Black Cloud Season. This will also relieve the community from the need to treat their waste materials and will also limit CO2 emissions", said SCGC Technical Director Carlo Foroni.

In this context, SCGC Environment Affairs Manager, Mohamed Aymen, said that following EEAA 2009 approval of burning agricultural and municipal wastes at Kattameya and Helwan plants, industrial testing started at Kattameya through a pilot feeding line. "All these products will be recycled and used as an alternative fuel after being safely burnt at cement kilns", Mr. Aymen noted.

The feeding line will be applied, as planned, at Helwan plant this year as well meanwhile the authorization for the Environmental Impact Assessment for using AF system at Suez plant is in progress.

#### **Brief of SCGC**

SCGC is one of the largest Egyptian cement producers, with an industrial network composed of five production facilities located in Tourah, Suez, Kattameya, Helwan and El Minya. These facilities produce approximately 12 million metric tons of clinker per year.

Through its five plant facilities, SCGC employs state-of-the-art technology to deliver quality white and grey cement to Egyptian and export markets. The company has a long-standing history in the market, yet is innovative in launching new brands and products to meet market needs.

All SCGC plants are ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified and hold the European certificate of conformity, for production of Portland cement and white cement

The Group has an active safety and environmental policy, which is indispensable to building a sustainable environment for the employees and the communities in which it operates. SCGC is home to more than 3500 employees, who participate in ongoing training and advancement activities.

The Group's cement has proudly built some of Egypt's well-known landmarks and is building its future around serving the market and meeting the growing customer demand.