

Holcim Cement Customer Update

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Products

General Purpose cement (Ultracem) is our main product supplied to customers (over 90% by volume). This will continue to be the case once we shift to globally sourced cement from Mitsubishi, Japan.

We are also exploring various options for globally sourcing high early strength (Rapidcem) cement as well as the use of chemical admixtures to develop high early strength cement.



Testing and trials

Three field trials on globally sourced cement have been completed and we're currently undertaking cold weather performance testing in Central Otago. These trials are occurring in the South Island as the cement will be supplied here initially. North Island customers can expect more contact from their Holcim account managers early in 2016.

We are also working with admixture providers to understand the compatibility of admixtures and our cement. Results to date indicate a comparative performance with Ultracem.

Durability testing is also taking place at a Holcim sister company in Australia. Results from the testing programme will be available soon and communicated to our customers.



Timaru & Auckland Terminals

The construction of Holcim's state-of-the-art cement storage domes at Timaru and Auckland remains on schedule. This cutting edge technology is a first for New Zealand.

The Timaru terminal is expected to be commissioned in the last quarter of 2015 and fully operational by the first quarter of 2016 (supplying the South Island). The Auckland terminal is expected to be fully operational in the second half of 2016. Each will be capable of storing 30,000 tonnes of cement.

This significant investment in our supply chain and supply partnerships will ensure our customers continue to have uninterrupted access to high quality cement and support for their business operations.



Onehunga Depot

Once the Auckland terminal is built, most of the staff at the Onehunga office will relocate to the new facility. The Onehunga Depot will still operate for bagged cement production.

Westport cement manufacturing plant

A lot of work is being carried out at the Westport plant working on the transition to closure in the second half of 2016. In spite of the impending closure the employees are highly motivated and working well together. This is reflected in the way they are regularly achieving targets and breaking records at the plant. They are also actively working in the community as part of our employee volunteering programme. An open day held at the plant earlier this year and hosted by staff volunteers, was attended by 700 people.

A recent highlight for the plant was being named the supreme winner of the 2015 West Coast Leading Light Business awards, as well as the winner of the Enterprise category which recognises innovation and demonstration of leadership internally and externally. A reflection of the amazing people and teams at the Westport plant.

We are working with staff and their families to ensure they are supported and ready for new challenges and opportunities when the plant closes.





Ship unloader

Van Aalst ship unloaders will be used to unload cement arriving at the Timaru and Auckland terminals. These units are able to extract cement at a rate of 600 tonnes per hour. These are impressive pieces of equipment which work very effectively at unloading and transferring cement to storage facilities. The Timaru unloading equipment will be in place in the 4th quarter of 2015.



Who is Holcim Trading?

Holcim Trading is a division of Holcim Ltd, which is one of the largest traders of seaborne cementitious materials worldwide. For the last 25 years they have partnered with numerous companies around the globe to ensure a safe and efficient supply chain. From their main locations in Dubai, Madrid and Singapore, they provide around the clock support to their business partners. They also design, procure and build cement terminals, loading and unloading facilities and cement grinding stations. Like all Holcim companies they demonstrate a strong commitment towards sustainable development and social responsibility. They charter only world-class vessels that are fully compliant with international safety and environmental standards.



On behalf of Holcim New Zealand, Holcim Trading has entered into a long-term cement supply agreement with a strategic partner, Mitsubishi Materials Corporation (MMC) Kanda Plant in Japan. We are accessing the vast resources and expertise available through Holcim Trading to ensure we continue to deliver security of supply and quality of product to our customers.



Holcim Customer Solution Library

As part of its global technical network, Holcim has a Customer Solution Library and access to some of the best 'brains' in the industry. The library is used to help customers develop innovative products, new technology, construction techniques, deal with issues, and so on. Let us know if you would like us to access this for you.



Centre of Excellence – Holcim Singapore

The challenge in the building construction industry is striking the balance between the two pressing needs of human society, that is, meeting the consequential needs of our growing population, urbanisation and industrialisation, and protecting the environment.



The Centre of Excellence (CoE) situated in Singapore marks the company's commitment in developing sustainable and value-adding solutions. "It is part of our continuous effort to look for ways to reduce the dependency on the availability of natural raw materials. We enhance the mix optimisation with the introduction of alternative, recycled materials to replace the use of natural resources."



Lafarge Holcim merger

The Lafarge Holcim merger is on track to happen in July 2015. Lafarge was founded in 1833 in France and is a world leader in building materials and a major player in the cement, aggregates and concrete businesses. They currently employ 63,000 people.



Sustainable Report Published

The 2014 Holcim Sustainable Development Report has been recently released. See page 20 for a story on 'Product Transparency in NZ'. This summarises Allied Concrete's achievement of becoming the first concrete manufacturer in Oceania to publish an Environmental product Declaration (EDP). Holcim were pleased to have been able to work with them on this. [Clink on this link to view.](#)



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