

## BURNPUR CEMENT LIMITED

### Chairman's Speech on the occasion of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Good Morning Dear Shareholders,

I have much pleasure in cordially welcoming the Hon'ble Shareholders for their kind presence at the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company today.

I will now proceed to share my thoughts on the Company and the macro environment.

In the Indian economy growth continued between 4.5% to 5 % during the year 2013-14. The Govt. of India and RBI has taken corrective measure to contain fiscal and current account deficit, basically to stabilize the rupee and encourage investors confidence. The new Govt. has rolled out many initiatives to address fiscal imbalances and escalate investment activities.

The cement Industry has had bear the brunt of the overall economic environment. Demand was sluggish. The demand-supply gap is expected to stay for some more time and it will lead to price remaining under constant pressure. Another factor is the year witnessed an ongoing surge in logistics and raw material cost, increase in railway freight and diesel prices which affects the price. We are very much optimistic that the New Government in the Central shall take some positive steps for development of infrastructural job and thereby the Demand & Price of Cement shall improve in the near future.

#### PATRATU PLANT

The construction & erection work of grinding unit at Patratu plant is complete and waiting for power connection from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). The respective officials of DVC has already been inspected the plant and after their clearance DVC will supply power for grinding unit. All the process will take 20-30 days thereafter the grinding will start. For the time being we will manufacture cement from Patratu plant by purchasing clinker from outside. For completion of clinker unit it will take some more time. After production from grinding unit at Patratu the transportation cost will come down for customer in Jharkhand and Bihar and the turnover of the company will increase.

