



Vicat Sagar greenfield plant in India starts up

Paris La Défense, December 18th, 2012: The Vicat group (NYSE Euronext Paris: FR0000031775 – VCT) is today announcing that it has strengthened its positions in India by starting up the first production line at the “Vicat Sagar” greenfield plant, joint-venture between Vicat and Sagar Cements.

Located in the north of Karnataka, the plant has a nominal capacity of 2.8 million tonnes of cement per year and boasts cutting-edge cement technology, a captive power plant and immediate access to rail transport.

In order to benefit from substantial operational synergies between the companies controlled by Vicat in India, the plant’s production will be marketed under the “Bharathi” brand, backed up by its strong reputation and a solid distribution network covering the whole of western and southern India.

This commissioning consolidates the Vicat Group’s position as a major player in the fast-growing market of India.

In the future, the “Vicat Sagar” plant’s production capacity will be increased to follow the expected strong growth of the Indian market.



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The Group **operates in eleven countries**: France, Switzerland, Italy, the United States, Turkey, Egypt, Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Kazakhstan and India. Nearly 59% of its sales are generated outside France. The Vicat Group is the heir to an industrial tradition dating back to 1817, when Louis Vicat invented artificial cement. Founded in 1853, the Vicat Group now operates **three core lines** of business: **Cement, Ready-Mixed Concrete** and **Aggregates**, as well as related activities.

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