Cement Dispatches up by 1.4% YoY in Jan-23



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Jan-23	Dec-22	Change	% Change
1,035	1,034	1	▲ 0%

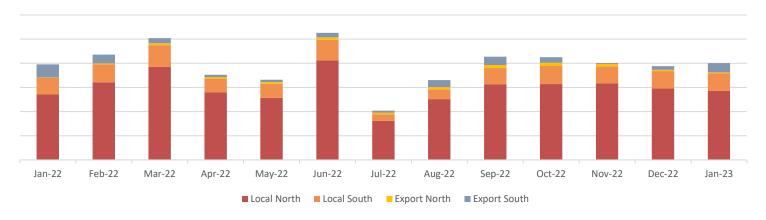
South Price Per Bag (Rs.)

Jan-23	Dec-22	Change	% Change
1,070	1,069	1	▲ 0%

Export Price Per Ton (USD)

Dec-22	Nov-22	Change	% Change
53	48	A 5	▲ 10%

Monthly Cement Dispatches



A bit of improvement in dispatches is witnessed during the month of Jan-23 as the recent data released by APCMA shows that cement dispatches were up by 3.2% MoM and 1.4% on a YoY basis although, on a cumulative basis, 7MFY23 dispatches are down by 18% owing to a fall in the construction activity due to a global hike in the prices of steel and other raw materials. The industry dispatched 3.588mn tons of cement in the local market during Jan-23 as compared to 3.676mn tons during the same period last year, showing a decline of 2.4% YoY. Further breaking down the local market, dispatches from the north region dropped by 3.3% to 2.86mn tons against 2.97mn tons while dispatches from the south region increased by 1.5% to 0.73mn tons against 0.72mn tons in the SPLY. Lastly, exports from the north region plunged by 35.3% meanwhile, exports from the south region improved by 154.2% YoY in Jan-23.

Going forward, we expect the industry to remain under pressure amid a strict macroeconomic situation including high borrowing costs coupled with currency devaluation. Moreover, lower demand in addition to an excess supply of dispatches might cause a price war between competitors. However, an increase in the pace of construction activity in wake of the restoration of damaged infrastructure in flood-affected areas as well as lower coal prices in the international market can support the sector.

Local (000' tons)	Jan-23	Dec-22	MoM	Jan-22	YoY	7MFY23	7MFY22	YoY
North	2,857	2,956	3.3% ▼	2,707	5.5% ▲	19,379	22,868	15.3% ▼
South	731	720	1.5% ▲	693	5.4% ▲	4,237	4,596	7.8% ▼
Total	3,588	3,676	2.4% ▼	3,400	5.5% ▲	23,616	27,464	14.0% ▼
Export (000' tons)								
North	35	54	35.3% ▼	14	156.5% ▲	613	558	10.0% ▲
South	383	151	154.2% ▲	537	28.7% ▼	1,533	3,384	54.7% ▼
Total	418	205	103.9% ▲	551	24.1% ▼	2,147	3,942	45.5% ▼
Grand Total (000' tons)	4,006	3,881	3.2% ▲	3,951	1.4% ▲	25,762	31,406	18.0% ▼

Source: APCMA

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EPS	Earnings Per Share	DPS	Dividend Per Share	ROE	Return of Equity
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