



New Materials combinations for Building and Housing

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Cement



Cement is widely used for construction activity, so it is tightly linked to the global economy. It is the primary ingredient in concrete, the second most consumed substance on Earth after water.





Natural capital



Cement is an energy and emissions intensive industry because of the extreme heat required to produce it. Moreover the primary component of cement are limestone and clay which are non renewable materials.

Energy

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88% of thermal energy demand still comes from fossil sources.
70% comes from coal or petcoke, fuels with sourcing and/or handling creating high environmental (and social) concerns.
89% of power demand (including offset) on fossil sources.

Raw materials

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94% of raw materials used to produce cement and almost 98% of raw materials used to produce concrete are quarried.Almost 50% of active quarries lays in high biodiversity areas.

Water

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50% of Group water withdrawal are in water stress, scarcity or extreme scarcity areas.

Air Emissions

Environmental performance

~ 65% of Italcementi Group assets are in countries with limited environmental regulations

When environmental constraints meet business opportunities: a win/win/win situation

Industry (profit)

A cost-effective substitution of natural resources improving the competitiveness of the industry



Market (people)

Sustainable construction solutions guaranteeing Sustainability, Safety, Quality, Aesthetic values, Durability

Environment (planet)

- Sustainable waste management
- Saving of natural resources
- Decrease in CO₂ emissions



ITC Actions ...



- Reduction of CO2 emissions and of clinker/cement ratio
- Recycled materials in cementitious products and concrete
- Use of alternative fuels and raw materials
- Evolution of admixtures
- Control of undesired substances in products
- Industrialization process
- Reliable, actionable and verified information on products and services
- Sustainable product portfolio
- Standards requirements



...through priorities based on materiality





Sustainability as the basis of ITC Group strategic development





Industrial strategy: Innovation facts and figures



2015 innovation rate: 7.9% (increase of approx 20% from 2014)

Annual sales thanks to innovative products: about 337 million Euro

Investments in R&D: 0.3% of the turnover

70 researchers - engineers, chemists, physicists, geologists

over 100 patent families filed since 1992



i.lab, the heart of innovation



- **7500 m²** dedicated to laboratories designed by **Richard Meier**
- geothermal energy system photovoltaic panels solar panels (provide 65% of annual energy requirements)
- **2 LEED** certifications





Industrial strategy: Innovation for sustainable solutions



Rezzato new cement plant

Environmental benefits:

- 75% overall emissions reduction
- 20% reduction in energy consumption
- **8%** reduction in use of raw materials
- 90,000 m2 surface area, coated with photocatalytic products to eliminate pollutants (the world largest surface for a production facility)





Industrial strategy: Innovation for sustainable solutions

High-performance materials for sustainable, safe, highly aesthetic constructions

Market innovation



i.nova

An interface representing the innovative approach of Italcementi and transferring it to all markets worldwide in all sectors of activity.

A codified system, universal and intuitive organized around the concept of

performance

The customer is the centre of a strategy focused on the capacity of offering solutions meeting specific needs.

Not selling just cement but selling a performance, not selling the product but selling the result.

Product (and material) Stewardship at Italcementi Group

Product Stewardship means understanding, controlling, and communicating products technical performance, environmental, health and safety related effects throughout their life cycle, from production to final disposal or reuse

Group criteria for classification of products as sustainable are:

Product performance in use

- Photocatalytic
- Durable
- Insulating
- Draining effect....
- Embedded properties*
 - CO₂ content
 - Recycled content





An example of i.active cement application



Dives in Misericordia Church, Rome



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An example of i.light cement application



ATERIALS

Italian Pavilion @ Expo 2010, Shanghai



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An example of i.active Biodynamic cement application



i.active

Palazzo Italia @ Expo 2015, Milan





Italcementi Group

high-tech, rapid and green Cement

ALI is Italcementi Group product line based on calcium sulfoaluminate technology. ALI products are based on a low environmental impact production process.





