

Dear Neighbour,

I am very pleased to introduce this second newsletter outlining progress on the construction of our Kiln 3 Project. We have made significant strides throughout the site since our first update, sent to you late last year.

For detailed information on the project to date, I would like to direct you towards the Kiln 3 Project section of our website at www.irishcement.ie, updated monthly.

I have also included some examples of local initiatives in the community that Irish Cement has supported in recent months.

Should you have any queries on the construction project or any aspect of our operations at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall be very pleased to meet with you personally.

Yours Sincerely,

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For monthly updates on the Kiln 3 Project, please visit www.irishcement.ie



Barry Leonard, Platin Works Manager



Preheater Tower, now two thirds complete

The Preheater tower is now over two thirds complete. The preheater includes a large precalciner designed to minimise NO_x emissions as well as five cyclone stages which will allow the kiln to operate to world class energy efficiency standards, thus minimising carbon emissions.

Kiln 3 Project



A recent overview of the Platin site. The domed limestone store, which was completed earlier in the year in the foreground is now being commissioned.



During April, the new concrete clinker silo was constructed by the continuous slip form method of construction. This photo shows the 'slide' nearing completion. Superb finishes on the concrete were achieved by attention to detail in mix design, placing and compaction as the walls were cast.



Within the cement mill building, construction of the modern vertical roller mill proceeds. The mill is designed to minimise electricity consumption in the energy intensive milling process, where clinker from the kiln is ground with the addition of gypsum and limestone. The new mill will give Platin the opportunity to maximise the use of limestone, thus producing 'green' cements with a reduced carbon footprint.



Alongside the cement mill building, the new bag filter housing takes shape. The new bag filter is designed to ensure dust emissions meet stringent EU particulate emission limit values.

Irish Cement Community Initiatives



Barry Leonard of Irish Cement (centre) pictured with Tommy McLoughlin (left) and Myles Brady (right) of the Boyne Navigation Branch, at the installation of a large drainage pump which will enable restoration work on the Boyne Navigation Canal to be carried out more quickly and efficiently. The Boyne Navigation Branch's objective is to restore the Boyne Navigation Canal for use as a waterway and a local amenity. Irish Cement has contributed €14,000 towards the purchase of this vital piece of equipment.



In November last year, Irish Cement announced a sponsorship deal to support St Mary's GFC (Donore), St Colmcille's GFC and Duleek GFC. Each club will receive donations of €50,000 over the next 5 years, representing a total contribution of €150,000. The funds committed by Irish Cement will be used by the clubs for capital development projects to improve training facilities for their underage Gaelic Football teams.