

Dear Neighbour,

Since breaking ground on our €200 million Kiln 3 Project at Platin last May, our team of engineers and contractors has been busy pouring the foundations for all the major structures on site and substantial progress has been made on a number of key elements of the Project.

When complete, the state of the art Kiln 3 production line will be one of the most modern and environmentally friendly cement plants in the world. We here in Irish Cement are tremendously excited about this important development which marks the beginning of a whole new chapter in the Irish Cement story in the Drogheda and East Meath area.

We want to keep our neighbours and local residents as up to date as possible on developments during the construction phase and we have decided to produce a series of Project Updates to outline progress.

This is the first Update and we hope you find it informative. We intend to forward further information early in 2008. However, should you have any queries on any aspect of operations at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me personally and I shall be very happy to meet you or facilitate a visit to the Plant or the Construction Site.

Yours Sincerely,

Barry Leonard

Platin Works Manager

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Minister for Foreign Affairs and local TD Dermot Ahern with Ken McKnight, MD Irish Cement and Barry Leonard, Platin Works Manager



Invited guests and neighbours of Irish Cement gather to mark the launch of the construction phase of the Kiln 3 project

### **Kiln 3 Launch 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Irish Cement announced the commencement of the construction phase of its major project to modernise the Platin Cement Works on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 with a launch event, attended by guest of honour, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Fianna Fáil TD for Louth, Dermot Ahern.

The Minister unveiled a commemorative plaque at the site to mark the event which was attended by local TDs and councillors from Louth and Meath, as well as local business and community leaders and neighbours of Irish Cement at Platin.

Speaking at the launch event, Minister for Foreign Affairs Dermot Ahern commented *'I am delighted to be present at the beginning of this exciting new project. This highly significant investment by Irish Cement is a tremendous boost to the local economy in Drogheda and is testament to the excellent work record and productivity of Platin's employees. It is also a strong vote of confidence in the Irish construction industry and copper-fastens Irish Cement's commitment to the North East into the future.'*

Work on the plant commenced in May 2007 and is expected to be completed by late 2008.



## Kiln 3: The Story in Pictures



The unique circular dome roof of the new Limestone Store is bolted together and lifted into place. The lightweight aluminium roof of the store where limestone will be stored, blended and reclaimed is constructed in sections and the dome is slowly and progressively lifted on the temporary central core structure.



The foundation for the raw mill, which will produce the kiln feed from the limestone and shale raw materials, takes shape in front of the Preheater Tower in the centre of the Works. The foundation incorporates special vibration damping material to isolate the mill from the surrounding ground.



The external facade of the Engineering Administration Building nears completion. This will be the Building from which the Works Engineer and his maintenance staff of engineers, fitters and electricians will work. It also includes major storage areas for spare parts and workshops.



An inside view of the Limestone Store under construction.



The first stage of the Preheater Tower emerges from its foundations in the ground. The Tower, which will be the tallest structure on the site when completed, will contain 5 stages of heat exchange cyclones to ensure the plant operates at world class energy efficiency standards.