



up with 8.3%, 11.6%, 8.7%, and 6.2% in the preceding four months. Overall cement output of 168.82 mt during April-February this fiscal was 7.2% more than the 157.42 mt during the corresponding 11 months of 2007-08, which in turn registered a 7.9% year on year increase. In addition to steel and cement, the coal sector has also registered a decent growth rate. The revival and continuing buoyancy in these sectors is in fact a pointer to increased construction activities across the country.

The Ernst & Young partner, Naveen Vohra attributed the upward swing in growth to the various booster measures announced by the government. The domestic steel sector was insulated to some extent from the global turmoil as the government was monitoring the situation closely and acting accordingly. The various fiscal and monetary measures adopted in the recent past have increased demand for steel, which is visible in increased production level, he said.

R Infra Finalizes DAMEPL Contracts

The Reliance Infrastructure has finalized its contracts for the Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited (DAMEPL), a rail link

between Delhi International Airport and city centre.

The DAMEPL, a special purpose vehicle where Reliance Infrastructure has a 95% equity stake and Spanish firm CAF owns the rest, has won the 30 year concession to design, build, finance, operate and maintains the 22.7 km rail link. Thereafter, the facility will be handed over back to DMRC at the end of the concession period.

The company will get the coaches of standard gauge from Spanish rolling stock firm CAF, which also has an equity stake in the project. It will procure eight trains, each comprising six coaches, from CAF and delivery for which will start from January 2010 itself. All the coaches will be manufactured in CAF's factories in

Spain and the supplying company will be responsible for the maintenance of coaches for seven years.

The related equipment for signaling, power supply and baggage handling will be sourced from Siemens, Germany and its Indian subsidiary. Similarly orders for the platform screens have been placed with Faiveley; automatic fare collection machines will be sourced from the Spanish firm, Indra; ETA will supply the tunnel ventilation equipment; Kone will supply the lifts and Schindler will supply the escalators, and check-in equipment. Alcatel will provide the communication equipment such as fibre optics, passenger information system, CCTV and master-clock, he claimed.

Supreme Launches DURAmembrane

Any roof treatment has to fight against the assault of surface expansion and contraction due to changing temperatures and seasons. Normal waterproofing treatments have a tendency to absorb moisture and conduct heat.

Supreme Industries, has now launched a new generation, polymer based waterproofing membrane-DURAmembrane-which does not absorb water, has high tensile strength and can withstand the extreme tropical climatic conditions. "The product is the result of a year long in-house research to provide the customers with a versatile, durable and worry-free waterproofing solution," said Mr. Ajay Mohta, General Manager, Construction Division, Supreme Industries Ltd. "We are the first to manufacture this polymer based membrane indigenously. Though some additives are imported, all the composite films come from our divisions. DURAmembrane is not only superior to the rigid bitumen based membranes, but also an improvement on the earlier foam products."

DURAmembrane is a cost effective solution for waterproofing roofs and basements. It comes in 3mm thickness and in length up to 50 meters. The closed cell structure avoids water vapour absorption and water transmission. The cross linking of cells makes the membrane shock proof as well.

The membrane can be easily laid both on completed buildings and also on old structures. "Being a light weight material, it does not add weight to the existing roof. The whole operation can be done very quickly and without causing inconvenience to the occupants. Moreover there is no heat generated during the laying procedure. It is also biologically inert and does not promote growth of bacteria or fungi."

"Our membrane is going to solve problems and huge losses arising out of water leakage. The entire construction industry in India will benefit as this product will not only help them to overcome complex challenges, it will also enhance their productivity," he added.

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