



## ACC Limited becomes the first Indian Cement Company to sign the Net Zero Pledge with Science Based Targets

- Aligns with Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) for its Net Zero Journey
- Committed to tackle climate change by setting science-based sustainable targets to well below 2°C

**Mumbai, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021:** ACC Limited (ACC) has its 2030 carbon emission reduction targets endorsed by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The company has signed the “Business Ambition for 1.5°C” pledge and joined the Race to Zero campaign of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This makes ACC the **first company in the Indian construction sector** to sign the “Business Ambition for 1.5°C” commitment with 2030 intermediate targets approved by SBTi.

ACC partnered with CDP India's SBTi Incubator Program to develop its science-based targets. ACC's SBTi approved targets align with the reductions required to limit warming to well below 2°C. ACC commits to reduce scope 1 GHG emissions by 21.3% per ton of cementitious and scope 2 GHG emissions 48.4% per ton of cementitious material by 2030, from a 2018 base year\*.

“At ACC, we continuously strive to become a responsible and sustainable company by implementing calibrated strategies to achieve sustainability goals and targets. Taking this step forward, ACC has now joined the group of global companies moving towards an ambitious low carbon economy with approved science-based targets. Joining the Race to Zero will strengthen our vision and mobilize our goals to tackle climate change. This will help us accelerate our commitment to making a positive contribution for the planet and people,” said **Sridhar Balakrishnan, MD & CEO, ACC Limited**.

With these targets, ACC commits to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> intensity in cement operations from **511 kg in 2018 to 409 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per ton** of cementitious material by 2030\*\*. In line with the parent company Holcim Group's Net-Zero Pledge, ACC has taken several measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, such as reducing the clinker factor, improving Thermal Substitution Rate reducing Thermal and Electrical Energy intensity, implementing Waste Heat Recovery System and increasing the rate of renewable energy consumption, and introducing new technologies. With 493 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per ton of cementitious material in 2020, ACC performance is among the lowest specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the country. ACC will continue its pro-active approach to developing low carbon products and sustainable solutions.

“We are committed to making a tangible difference in the areas of carbon footprint reduction, circular economy, protection of natural resources and welfare of our communities in India. With a sharp focus on becoming the most sustainable company, ACC's commitment to the Net Zero road map is visible and on track,” said **Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India, Holcim**.

“Science-based targets (SBTs) enable companies to develop a clearly defined decarbonization roadmap that aligns with the goals of the Paris Agreement and promotes a Net-Zero energy system. CDP India's SBT Incubator supports companies in India to align with these targets. By committing to science-based emissions reduction targets, ACC has positioned itself as an industry leader, showing the way for the sector's transformation to a low carbon sustainable future. We believe that this will encourage more companies on their Net Zero Journey,” said **Shankar Venkateswaran, Executive Director, CDP India**.

**About SBTi:** The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a collaboration between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Science-based targets are emissions reduction targets in line with what the latest climate science says

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\*\*excluding emissions from Captive Power Plant



*is needed to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement - to limit global warming to well-below 2°C above pre industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C. Science-based targets show companies how much and how quickly they need to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in order to be consistent with keeping warming below the most dangerous levels.*

**About Race to Zero:** *Launched in June 2020 under the stewardship of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Race to Zero is a global campaign designed to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, and investors committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest, and to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of the upcoming UN Climate Summit, COP26.*

### **About ACC**

*ACC Limited, a member of Holcim Group, is one of India's leading producers of cement and ready mix concrete. It has over 6,400 employees, 17 cement manufacturing sites, 80 concrete plants and a nationwide network of over 50,000 channel partners to serve its customers. With a world-class R&D centre in Mumbai, the quality of ACC's products and services, as well as its commitment to technological development, make it a preferred brand in building materials. Established in 1936, ACC is counted among the country's 'Most Sustainable Companies' and is recognised for its best practices in environment management and corporate citizenship.*

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