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SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR

Monthly Report - June 2024

■ Total Cement Sales Drop by -15% M/M and -5% Y/Y

In June 2024, the local sales volume decreased by -15% M/M and -4% Y/Y to reach 3.4 million tons, all producers showed a M/M decline led by Southern Cement Co. (-70k tons, or -19%) then Yanbu Cement Co. (-68k tons, or -14%) except for Eastern Cement Co. which marginally increased M/M. The -4% Y/Y decrease showed a mixed performance across the 17 companies. Export sales for the month are down by -10% M/M and -22% Y/Y to 157k tons compared to 202k tons in June 2023. The total cement sales for the sector fell on M/M and Y/Y basis, reaching 3.6 million tons, as reported in Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin for June 2024. All the 17 companies within the sector exhibited a decline in total sales M/M, while on Y/Y basis 8 companies showed an incline led by City Cement Co. (+52k tons, or +37%) then Qassim Cement Co., stand alone, (+50k tons, or +16%), and the remaining 9 companies declined; spearheaded by Yamama Cement Co. (-146k tons, or -25%) and Southern Co. (-98k tons, or -25%).

Exhibit 1: Local Cement Sales (000's tons)



The local sales declined by -15% M/M and -4% Y/Y.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 2: Exports of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)



Export sales declined by -10% M/M and by -22% Y/Y.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Table 1: Total Cement Sales (000's tons)

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	3,525	4,013	3,399	(4%)	(15%)
Export Sales	202	175	157	(22%)	(10%)
Total Cement Sales	3,727	4,188	3,556	(5%)	(15%)

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement



Clinker Monthly Production

The clinker production increased by +11% M/M but down -7% Y/Y to 4.5 million tons in June 2024. 10 companies in the sector showed a decrease in production levels on a Y/Y basis, and 5 exhibited an increase, while 2 remained unchanged. Notably, Northern Cement had no clinker production activities for the third consecutive month, while Najran Cement witnessed a -38% Y/Y decline to 199k tons, and Saudi Cement Co. recorded the highest increase with a +20% Y/Y rise to 761k tons. On a M/M basis, 5 companies reported a decrease in their production, led by Yanbu Cement Co. down -17% then Hail Cement Co. by -9% and City Cement Co. by -8%.

Clinker inventories for the month, notably, continue to hit higher levels at 43.9 million tons, up +2% M/M and +14% Y/Y, compared to 38.5 million tons recorded in the same month last year.

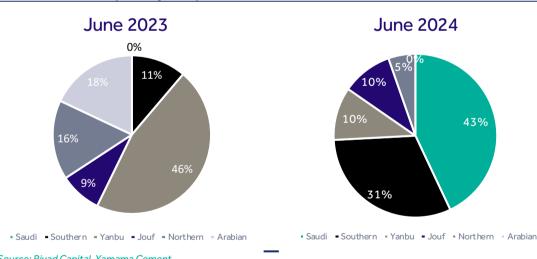
Exhibit 3: Clinker Production of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)

Clinker production is up by +11% M/M but down by -7% Y/Y.



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 4: Clinker Exports by Companies (%)



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 5: Clinker Inventory Levels (000's tons)

Clinker inventories are up by +2% M/M and +14% Y/Y from June 2023.



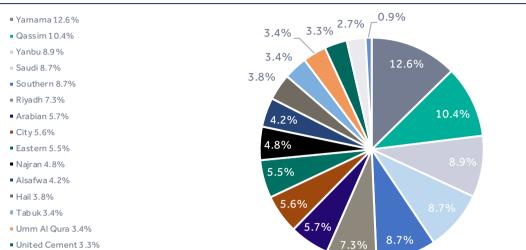
Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement



Yamama Cement Lead the KSA Market Share

Yamama Cement Co. continues to maintain its position as the frontrunner in market share, holding 12.6% share in June 2024. Following behind is Qassim Cement Co. that secured a market share of 10.4% (stand alone, without accounting for Hail Cement Co. share), then Yanbu Cement Co. at 8.9%.

Exhibit 6: Local Market Share for June 2024



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Jouf 2.7%Northern 0.9%



Stock Rating

Buy	Neutral	Sell	Not Rated
Expected Total Return	Expected Total Return	Expected Total Return	Under Review/ Restricted
Greater than +15%	between -15% and +15%	less than -15%	

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