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## Investors Perspective in Limestone and Lime Industry in Oman



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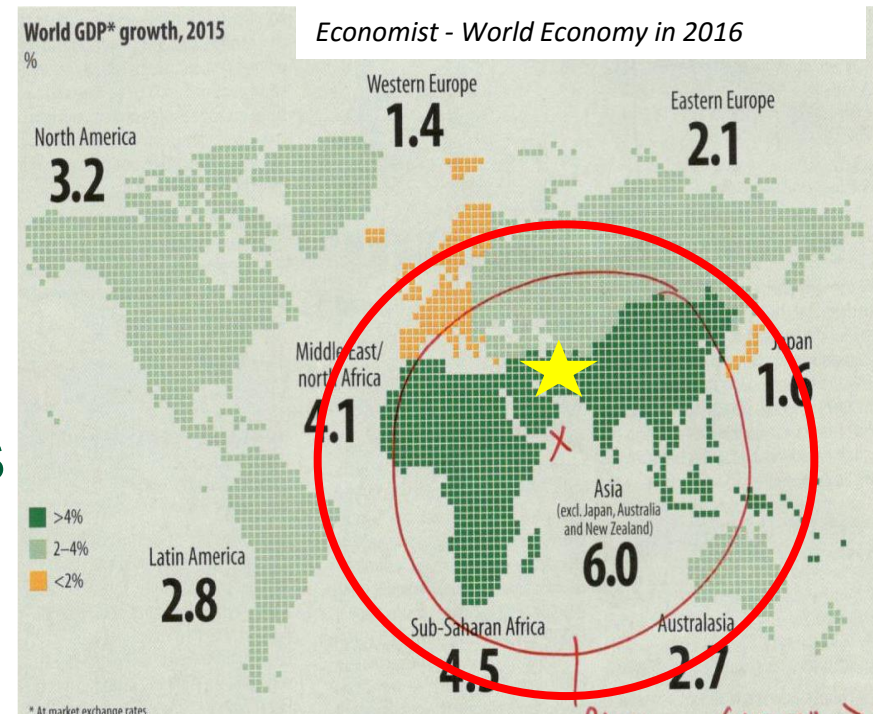
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# Kunooz Oman area of Investment

- Oman (★) epicenter to GCC and areas of significant GDP growth.
- India, Pakistan, Iran
- Africa (East Coast) and interior thru Maputo, Dar as Salam and Richards Bay.
- Other Asian economies.
- Infrastructure and Urbanisation key growth areas.



Oman has a ring side seat to the highest growth areas on the planet

- Oman limestone of Dammam geology has already been established as the best in the world owing to its excellent combination of both chemical and physical characteristics.
- Excellent decrepitation translates into:
  - High Yield after calcination, and
  - High Reactivity

Both converts into - “Best Value in Use as less is more”.

# The Market for Limestone

- With India poised for a high growth rate requiring major consumption of steel and cement for infrastructure demands;
- high quality limestone therefore becomes a mineral of strategic importance;
- Limestone constitutes 10% of steel production capacity.
  - China produces : 700 million mtpa
  - Japan Produces : 110 mtpa
  - India produces : 82 million mtpa, Forecast to produce 300 mtpa by 2025

India needs 16 mtpa (2015)



60 mtpa (2025) to feed its steel industry

# Per capita increase in steel production

## India

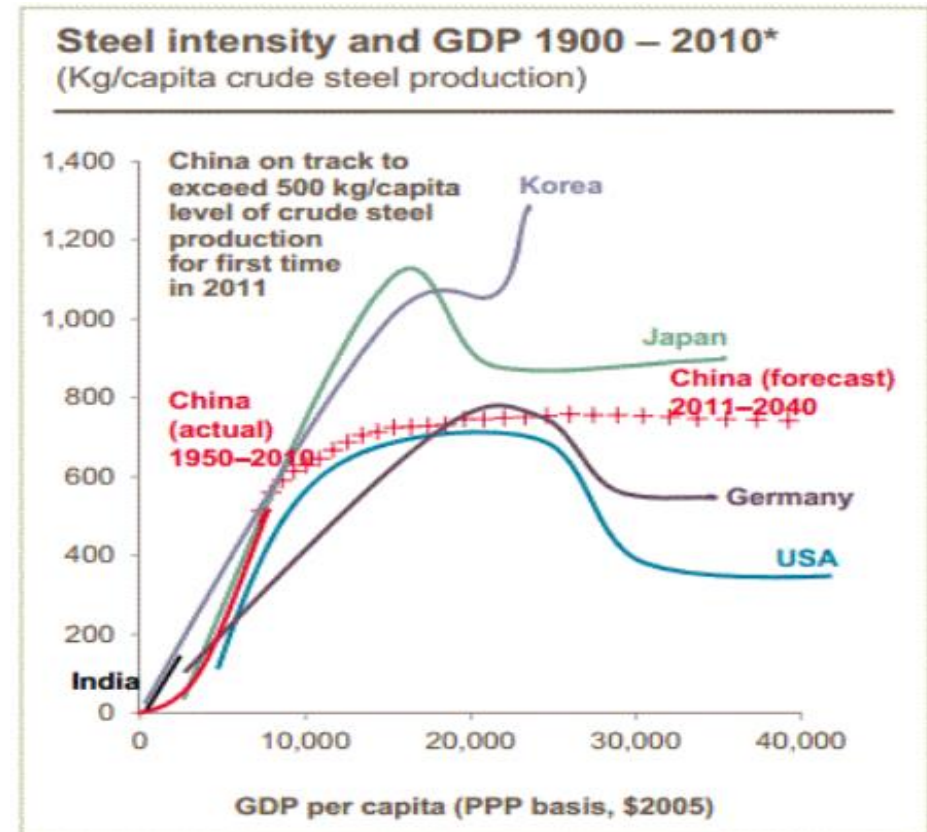


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NEW DELHI: India's per capita steel consumption last year stood at 57.8 kg, lower than the smaller economies such Venezuela and Egypt and nearly one-fourth of the global average. According to a World Steel Association (WSA) publication, average per capita steel consumption globally was 225.2 kg last year. Venezuela and Egypt had higher average at 93.3 kg and 88.9 kg respectively in 2013. Among the larger economies, China's per capita consumption last year was 515.1 kg compared to 487.6 kg a year earlier.

### ***The Economic Times - Steel***

China's consumption was based on urbanisation of 5 million people a year, road, rail and infrastructure, plus the improvement of disposable income (white goods) and private demand for cars (50million to 300million)

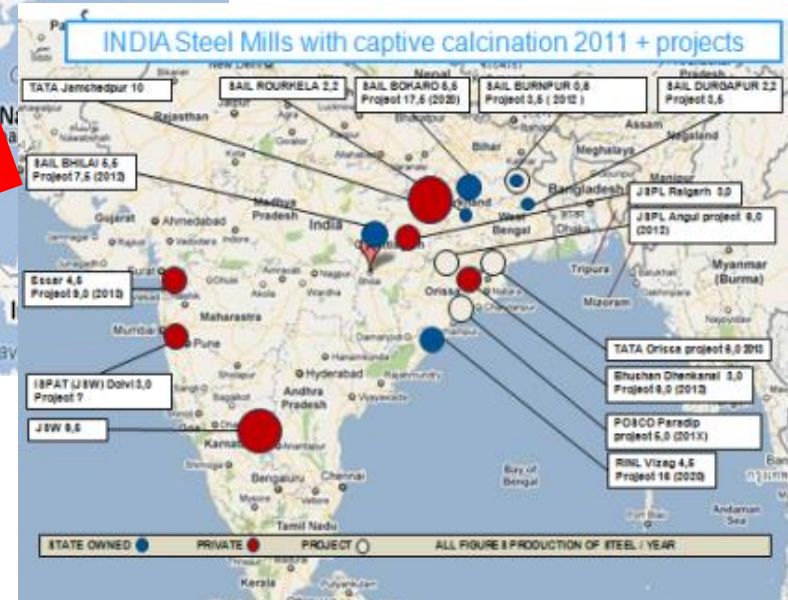


Note: Stylistic representation  
Source: Correlates of War, Maddison, Global Insight, Rio Tinto

December 2011

Oman is strategically position to service India





- Limestone (or calcium carbonate  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) is a remarkable and versatile mineral with a long tradition of use in a wide variety of industries:
  - Farming and agriculture,
  - Cement;
  - Sugar manufacture,
  - Paper,
  - Glass production,
  - Chemicals, and
  - High quality steel.



# Kunooz Oman Current Portfolio

Sector	Company	Subsidiary/ Associate	Main Activity
<b>Mining and Quarrying Sector</b>			
	Al Rawas Mining Co. LLC	Subsidiary	<i>Mining of gypsum</i>
	Mihwar Al Wifaq LLC	Subsidiary	<i>Quarrying of gabbro and operation of crusher plant</i>
	Majan Mining LLC (35%)	Associate	<i>Mining of limestone</i>
	Al Rawas Marble and Granite Co. LLC	Subsidiary	<i>Mining of marble</i>
<b>Construction Materials Sector</b>			
	Salalah Readymix Co. LLC	Subsidiary	<i>Manufacture of readymix concrete, cement products, aggregates and sand</i>
	Carmeuse Majan LLC (22%)	Associate	<i>Manufacture of Lime</i>
<b>Transportation Sector</b>			
	Al Rawas Transport, Machinery Hiring and Trading LLC	Subsidiary	<i>Transport and Hiring of vehicles and equipment</i>

# JV Concluded in 2006



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Eastern Energy  
Star Advance Dev

Kunooz Oman  
Carmeuse SA (from Nov 2012)

# Majan Mining Co LLC



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# Operations Cycle



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# 1000 tph plant November 2015

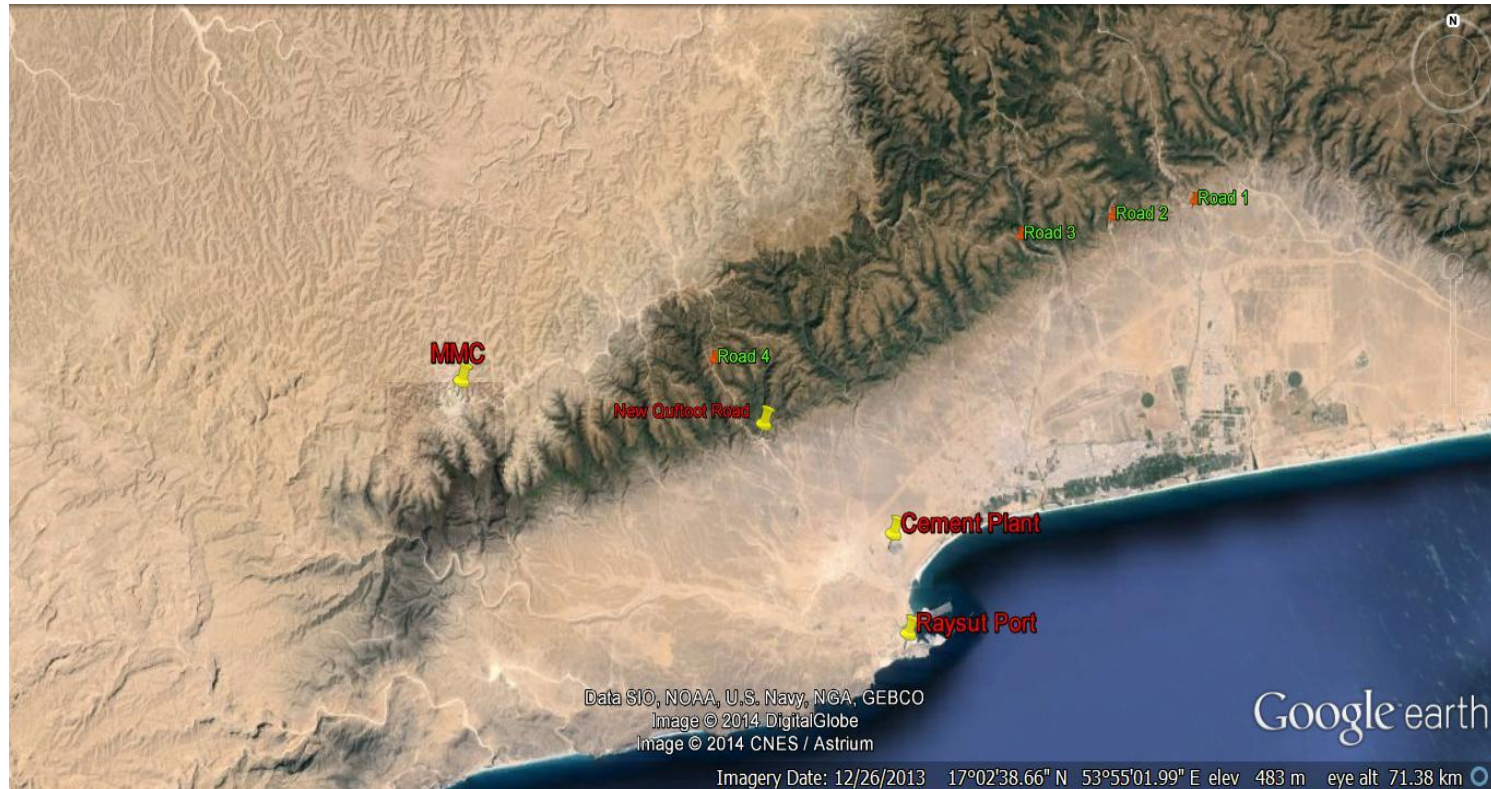


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# New Quftoot Road No:4



Reduces distance by half and doubles dispatch quantity to Port  
Other options is conveyor belt mine to port

# In House Fleet to Port



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# Loading at Port of Salalah



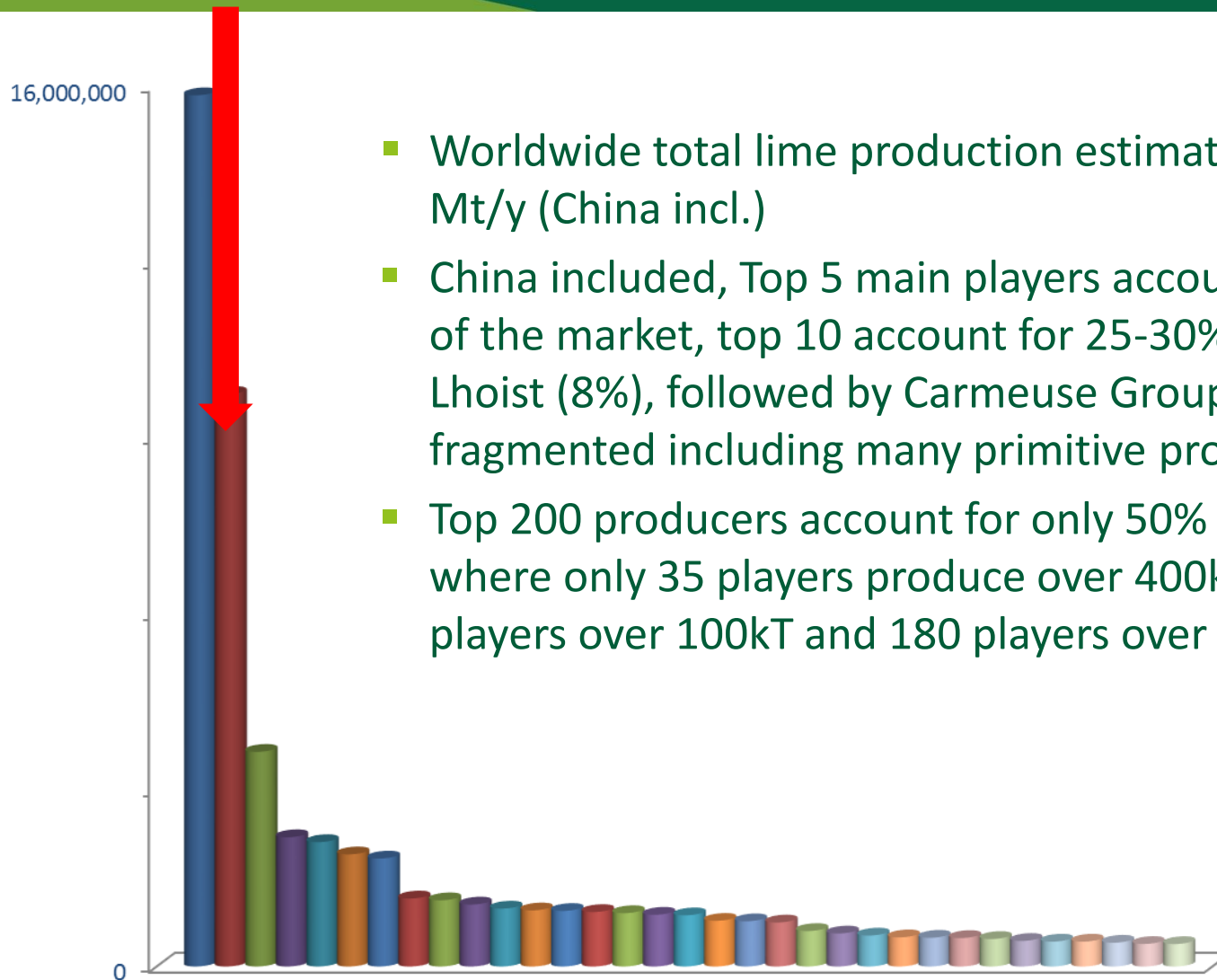
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# Carmeuse Group



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- Worldwide total lime production estimated to be 195 Mt/y (China incl.)
- China included, Top 5 main players account for 15-20% of the market, top 10 account for 25-30%. The leader is Lhoist (8%), followed by Carmeuse Group (5%), rest very fragmented including many primitive producers
- Top 200 producers account for only 50% of total market, where only 35 players produce over 400kT (graph), 115 players over 100kT and 180 players over 50kT

# Process Limestone to Lime

For industrial usage:

1. limestone is first calcined inside large kilns which reduce limestone into LIME.
2. This is done by heating limestone to  $900\text{ C}^{\circ}$ . The  $\text{CO}_2$  escapes and what remains is  $\text{CaO}$  (Calcium Oxide).
3. This  $\text{CaO}$  is highly reactive and has very little shelf life. It is hence consumed on-line immediately after production.



# Location and Production Phase 1

- In the Salalah Free Zone, close to the Port of Salalah (Sub-Usufruct Agreement – SUA – signed with SFZ)
  - 250,000 M<sup>2</sup> land plot
  - 30-year lease, thereafter renewable up 2057
  - Started July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
  - Right of way and easements necessary for carrying out our activities
- Phase 1 = 1 PFR kiln (400+ tpd) on Natural Gas
  - First production 7 June 2015
  - Yearly production of 150 000 tpa of lump lime
  - Packaged in big bags in containers for shipping
  - Expected initial markets: 50% domestic, 50% export

# Additional Phases

- At the end of the project (4 Phases), it is intended that the plant would have:
  - 8 PFR kilns of 400 t of lime/day each
  - 1 roller mill of 15 t/hr for milled lime
  - 1 hydrator of 15 t/hr for hydrated lime
  - 4 Big-Bag machines of 60 t/hr for lump lime
  - 1 Big-Bag machine of 15 t/hr for fines lime
  - 1 Big-Bag machine of 15 t/hr for milled lime and hydrated lime
- At the end of the project, the total production of the plant would be around 1 000 000 t/pa of products (lump, milled or hydrated lime)

# Construction September 2013



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# 20 months later



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# Commissioned 7 June 2015

...to firing-up



.....and first sales Q3 2015





- Quality partners in both mining of limestone and lime production.
- Marketing skills.
- Location relative to a significant market.
- Project size and relative ease of mining compared to its peers.
- Quality world class assets.
- Forms part of Oman's diversification strategy with value add.
- Support from Public Authority of Mining

# Disadvantages

- Transport volume from mine to port to be reduced.
- Insufficient gas for Lime production.
- Port Charges
- Iran lower cost – possible internal consumption

Oman needs to look at big mining and their long term benefits to the local economy



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**Thank you**  
**Question and Answers**