



CICO TECHNOLOGIES WINS INTERNATIONAL STAR QUALITY AWARD FOR 2006

CICO Technologies Ltd has been conferred with the prestigious International Star Quality Award in Gold category for Quality by the Business Initiative Directions (BID) based in Madrid, Spain. The award is in recognition with the stringent quality standards set by the company for both in-house as well as customers.

The other Indian awardee was the leading international telecom giant Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL). Indian Oil Ltd, one of the fortune 500 companies was the previous winner of the International Star Quality Award for their commitment to quality philosophy. The award ceremony was presided over by the president and chief executive of Business Initiative Directions (BID), Jose E. Prieto. BID has made its presence felt in 173 countries by creating a platform for the implementation of an integral quality process through technology and procedures of the QC100 Total Quality Management. CICO Technologies manufacture a range of construction chemicals and allied products. In order to reach out to the smallest customer, CICO Technologies Limited pioneered the retail management of construction chemicals in India and has the largest channel network across the length and breadth of the country.

EMAAR PROPERTIES ANNOUNCES PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN

Emaar Properties, the leading property developer, unveiled three real estate developments in the cities of Islamabad and Karachi in Pakistan. The projects, with a total investment of AED 8.8 billion (US\$2.4 billion) will include a series of master planned communities that will set new benchmarks in commercial, residential and retail property within Pakistan. The nation's capital, Islamabad, is home to two Emaar Pakistan projects: The Highlands and Canyon Views. Karachi will be home to Crescent Bay, a 75-acre development featuring high- and mid-rise towers for residential and commercial use, a shopping centre and a five-star beachfront hotel. Mohamed Ali Alabbar, Chairman, Emaar Properties said that Pakistan represented a vital link in Emaar's global and regional plans.

GRASIM PLANS CEMENT PLANT IN ORISSA

Grasim Industries said it plans to set up a 3.5 million tonnes-per-annum (mtpa) integrated cement plant in Orissa for Rs 1,200 crore. The project includes a 50 MW captive power plant. This plant is expected to be commissioned in three years, said a statement from the company. The company has signed the memorandum of understanding with the Government of Orissa. The State Government has agreed to assist in acquisition of the necessary limestone mines and adequate sources of fly-ash, slag and coal in helping with laying a rail link. This project adds to Grasim Industries' bumper capital expenditure plan for the next two years for capacity addition of 8 mtpa.

