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CEMBUREAU - The European Cement Association based in Brussels is the representative organisation of the cement industry in Europe. Currently, its Full Members are the national cement industry associations and cement companies of the European Union (with the exception of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Lithuania, Malta and Slovakia) plus Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. Croatia and Romania are Associate Members of CEMBUREAU.

The Association acts as spokesman for the cement industry before the European Union institutions and other public authorities, and communicates the industry's views on all issues and policy developments with regard to technical, environmental, energy and promotional issues. Permanent dialogue is maintained with EU institutions, international authorities and other international associations.

Serviced by a multi-national staff in Brussels and with the help of five Working Groups as well as a number of Task Forces set up on an ad hoc basis and directly reporting to the appropriate Working Group, CEMBUREAU takes action in relation to all developments at European level affecting the cement industry.

CEMBUREAU plays a significant role in the world-wide promotion of cement and the ready-mix and precast concrete industries in co-operation with Member Associations and other relevant organisations. The Association regularly co-hosts conferences on specific issues aimed at improving the market perception of the concrete industry and promoting the use of generic cement and concrete products.



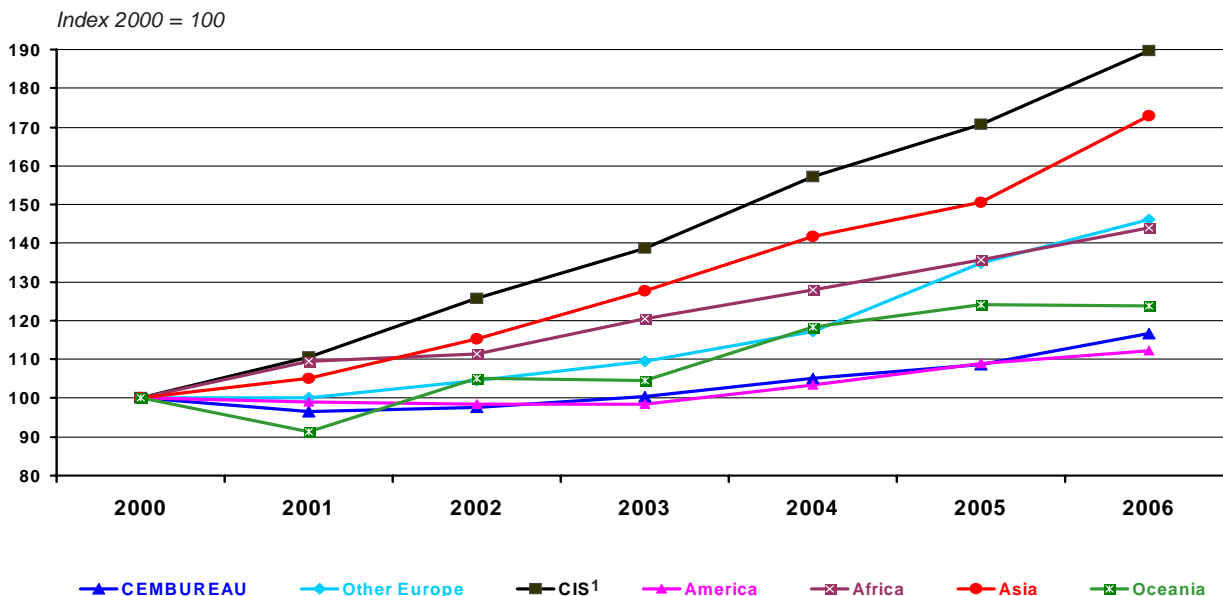
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THE ECONOMY

WORLD CEMENT PRODUCTION BY REGION - EVOLUTION 2000-2006



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THE WORLD

World Production and World Trends

The world cement boom continued in 2006, and cement production increased by an estimated 12%. Production figures rose to 2.5 billion tonnes, following the 6% increase of 2005.

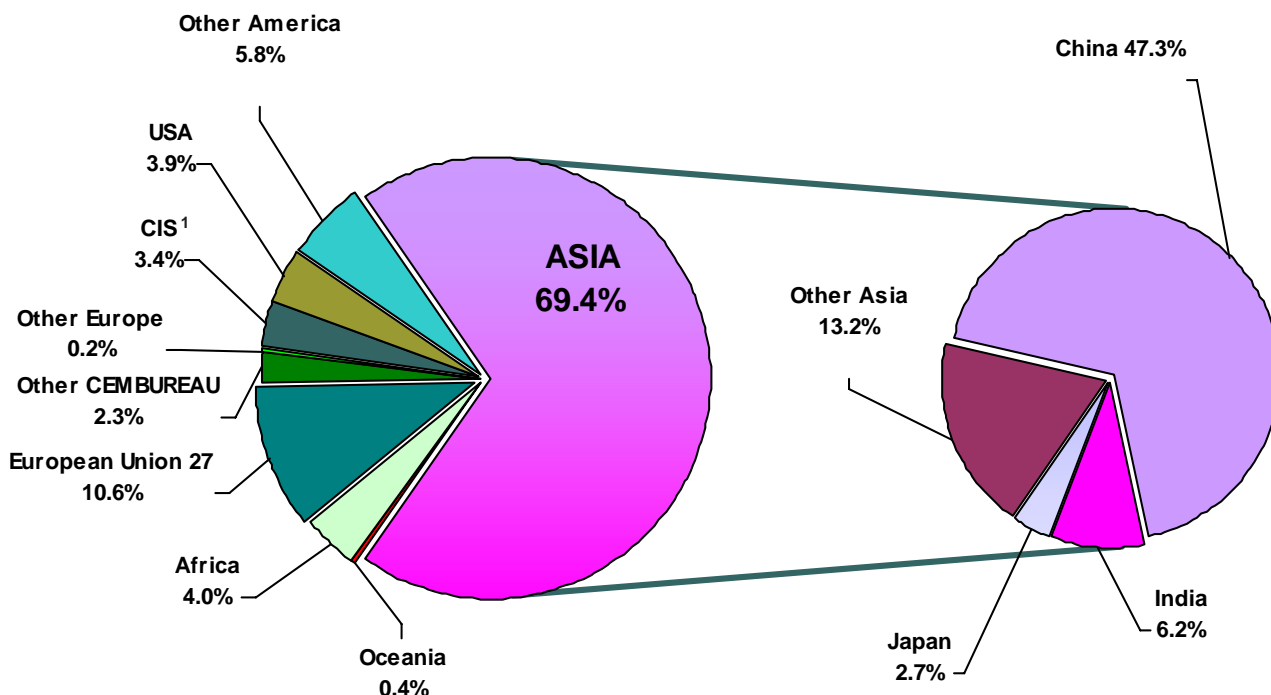
Once again, Asia was the most buoyant region, with an increase of 14.7%, with Chinese production rising by 19%. India was the second biggest producer, with 159Mt, and saw a growth of approximately 11%.

Europe as a whole (excluding the European CIS countries) accounted for nearly 13% of world production in 2006, and saw an increase of about 7%. The 27 European Union Member States accounted for 10.6% of total World production.

Cement production in America was less dynamic than in 2005, and increased by only 3%. Consumption in the US stagnated in 2006 rising by only 0.3%. However, US cement and clinker imports rose to a record 36Mt.

2006 WORLD CEMENT PRODUCTION BY REGION

2.54 billion tonnes



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¹ CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States

