



# Suppliers and partners



We aim to build stronger bonds with value chain partners to ensure sustainable procurement and enhance supply chain resilience.

## Key highlights

**3,090**  
Suppliers

**805**  
New suppliers onboarded

**3,073**  
Local Indian suppliers

**83.1%**  
Materials sourced from Indian suppliers

**19.1%**  
Materials sourced from MSMEs suppliers

## Responsible Supply Chain

We are committed to raising the standards in our industry by working with our suppliers to improve environmental and social performance. We choose suppliers who share our values, building long term partnerships. Our work is focused on our production supply chain, where we have the biggest impact.

We work with suppliers who maintain compliance to legal requirements, and care for people and society.

Our suppliers selection process observes and gives preference to suppliers around our operations, MSMEs, rail over road logistics, biofuels over fossil fuels, and proximity to usage points. We also focus on developing alternative vendors, mitigating the risk by reducing the concentration of vendors at one location.

## ESG Evaluation of our suppliers

With a view to drive the sustainability efforts within our supply chain, we have developed a responsible supply chain framework for our suppliers. The framework specifies our responsible supply chain objectives, the steps to evaluate suppliers and process for providing action plan for improvement. The framework will be implemented in the next year.

We have also developed a supplier self-assessment questionnaire for scoring the suppliers ESG efforts. We will evaluate our critical suppliers based on the environmental, social criteria starting next year.

## Scaling up alternative fuel usage

We are integrating biomass, RDF, and waste-derived fuels in clinker production, focusing on overcoming operational challenges for efficient and sustainable fuel use.

## Utilising waste as resource

We have embedded circular economy principles in our procurement practices. We are constantly evaluating utilising waste as resource options. This year, we have evaluated and used materials like calcined lime, copper slag, ETP Sludge and FGD Gypsum are by products of other industries.

## Sustainable packaging innovations

We are evaluating Low Permeability Polyethylene (LPP) bags as a sustainable alternative to Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP) bags to reduce plastic usage and environmental impact.

