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Company Overview

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- Small ready-mix concrete producer located in Michigan
- Prime focus on Customers in Residential & Commercial Construction
- Operated 14 Mixing-Plants and 240 Trucks
- Purchased by National Industrial Supplies in 2005
- Acquisition led to departure of some Senior Mgmt
- A new CFO has been appointed
- Still operating as a separate legal entity



Key Players

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- Analysts
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Porter's 5 Forces

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Bargining Power of Customers - Moderate

Bargining Power of Suppliers - Moderate

Competitive Rivalry - **Moderate**

Threat of New Entrants - Low

Threat of Substitutes - **Low**



Supply Pressures

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Increasing Input Costs due to -

- Rising Cement Costs: 11% input to concrete production
- Rising energy Costs : Diesel Fuel
- Exposure to exchange rates
- Stagnant Cement production
- Substantial rise in Imports: 22.7% to 25%



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Strengths & Weakness

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Strengths -

- Stable revenue & income growth
- Extensive geographical reach
- Strong margins & returns
- Standalone brand

Weakness -

- Operating in a Cyclic Industry
- Prone to equipment breakdowns
- Departure of experienced Sr. Mgmt.

Opportunities & Threats

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Opportunities -

- International Exposure
- Vertical Integration using support of the parent company

Threats -

- Increase in cement costs
- Rising Energy Prices
- Transportation Disruptions
- Increased reliance on imported raw material