

TAIHEIYO CEMENT Acquires U.S. Vulcan's Ready-Mixed Concrete Business Assets, etc.–Limited Impact on Rating

The following is Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR)'s opinion on TAIHEIYO CEMENT CORPORATION (security code: 5233)'s acquisition of U.S. Vulcan Materials Company's ready-mixed concrete business assets.

TAIHEIYO CEMENT CORPORATION (the Company) announced today that it had entered into an agreement to acquire U.S. Vulcan Materials Company (Vulcan)'s assets for ready-mixed concrete business in State of California. This asset acquisition is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions precedent for the execution of transaction, including clearance by relevant authorities, and the Company aims to complete the acquisition by December 2025. The acquisition price is USD 712 million. The Company has been manufacturing and selling cement, ready-mix concrete, aggregates, and other products along the U.S. West Coast, including California. If this acquisition is realized, it will enable the Company to enter the San Francisco Bay Area in Northern California where it has no ready-mixed concrete operations. In addition, it is highly likely that the acquisition will strengthen its business foundation in areas where it already operates, such as San Diego region in Southern California. While the acquisition price is somewhat large, JCR believes that the impact on the Company's rating will be limited, considering its cash flow generation capacity, current financial foundation, etc. Following the realization of this asset acquisition, JCR will pay attention to whether its U.S. business can be further strengthened through measures such as realization of synergies.

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Issuer: TAIHEIYO CEMENT CORPORATION

Long-term Issuer Rating: A+ Outlook: Stable

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