

Stocks

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| DGEN | 5.98% |
| | 2,459.48 |
| CSCX | 8.97% |
| | 4,988.60 |
| (Week-on-week) | |

Asian Markets

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|-------------------|----------|
| MUMBAI | 0.73% |
| | 9,092.72 |
| TOKYO | 1.66% |
| | 8,512.27 |
| SINGAPORE | 1.29% |
| | 1,732.57 |
| SHANGHAI | 2.44% |
| | 1,871.16 |
| (Friday closings) | |

Commodities

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|----------------|--------------|
| Gold | 814.50 |
| | (per ounce) |
| Oil | 52.58 |
| | (per barrel) |
| SOURCE: AFP | |
| (As of Friday) | |

More News

Firms to win global edge
Bangladesh has ample scope for its pharmaceutical companies to become the most competitive players in global market in the days to come, says an international consultant.

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RMC shores up construction



AMRAN HOSSAIN

A plant of Concord Ready-Mix and Concrete Products Ltd, a concern of Concord Group, at Tejgaon in the capital.

KAWSAR KHAN

Ready mix concrete (RMC), a modern version of conventional concrete, is getting a huge response from builders mainly due to its scientific maintenance of standard and quick delivery. It also does not need an extra space to be made on a construction site as it can be got readymade from an RMC manufacturing company.

RMC is the construction paste blended in a factory or batching plant in a controlled environment where proportionate use of RMC raw materials such as sand, cement and crushed stone is ensured through a computerised system. The process allows producing quality RMC quickly and according to a set recipe.

"Our three batching plants, which produce 120 cubic metre (1 cubic metre = 35 cubic feet) paste every hour, work round the clock to supply RMC to different projects in Dhaka and its adja-

cent areas," said SM Anwar Hossain, chairman of Advanced Readymix Concrete Industry, a concern of Advanced Development Technologies Ltd (ADTL).

Each cft of RMC is being sold at around Tk 170, the sector people said.

"Since real estate companies and government projects are showing a huge interest in RMC, we are thinking about increasing production in near future," Hossain said.

The company now supplies RMC to at least 50 real estate companies through its 24 dedicated vehicles. After preparing RMC the company's special vehicles can preserve the mixture from 2-6 hours and carry it to distant places. Each such vehicle generally carries 221 cft of paste and is allowed to run in daytime on city thoroughfares.

Sector people said the demand for RMC is more in the large and high-rise building projects where producing concrete manually or through

mixture machines take a huge time. People who want to finish their projects quickly also use the product.

"RMC is not only a product but a solution since it does not require any space to be made on a construction site. People can get it readymade and it's suitable for those construction sites where there is no space for making concrete," said Khairul Islam, general manager of Concord Ready-Mix and Concrete Products Ltd.

He said Concord, which began its operation in 1992, now runs five batching plants including one in Chittagong and supplies from 10,000 cft to 20,000 cft of concrete a day for its own use and commercial purposes.

"In the beginning we used RMC only for our own projects as it had no demand in the real estate sector. But now different companies use our product," said Islam who believes in the next five years RMC would be a vital construction material in busy cities like Dhaka and Chittagong.

The sector people said now many builders prefer the product as it reduces labour cost, system loss and environment pollution.

By using RMC it is possible to increase work speed manifold as an RMC plant can produce around 30,000 cft of concrete a day, while a traditional mixture machine can hardly produce 1,000 cft of paste.

Describing another positive side of the paste, Islam said it took around 9 days for RMC-made floor to get its full strength if a certain chemical is used in preparing RMC, while it requires around 28 days for a newly constructed building made with conventional concrete mixture.

The sector people said around 10 RMC factories are operating in the country now, while another two are in the pipeline.

"As the strength of a building depends on concrete's ratio of cement, water, sand and stone, RMC is more viable since it is made scientifically," said M Ali Sharif, marketing manager of ABC Real Estate, which also supplies RMC through a fleet of 12 vehicles.

On the downside, SM Anwar Hossain said: As RMC is delivered through cars, sometimes we have to halt our work due to traffic congestion as the concrete begins to become hard generally after two hours.

"To avoid such risk now we prefer to supply it at night," he added.

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Call for action to aid poorer nations

AFP, Doha

International bodies called on Saturday for concerted action to help developing nations confront the global economic crisis, but the absence of major leaders at a UN aid conference dampened hopes of concrete initiatives.

"The financial crisis is not the only crisis we face. We also confront a development emergency and accelerating climate change," UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said at the opening of a four-day conference on Financing for Development in Doha.

"These threats are inextricably linked. They must be dealt with as one," he told journalists. "We need a truly

global stimulus plan that meets the needs of emerging economies and developing countries."

Ban hosted a "retreat" for world leaders on Friday with the aim of converting intentions expressed at a Group of 20 summit in Washington this month into "concrete recommendations" ahead of the next G-20 meeting in London in April.

However, he admitted that only 10 national leaders were among the 34 or 35 high-level delegates who turned up, and no conclusions were announced.

Ban said he still hopes the Doha conference can come up with concrete plans as well as updating a 2002 Monterrey Consensus on aid to developing countries.

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(All positions are based in Dhaka but will require field visit off & on)

- Senior Manager Back Office (Position-1)
- Regional Manager, Back Office (Position – NSS 1, IN/VAS 1)
- Principal Engineer CS-Core Network (Position -1)
- Principal Engineer PS-Core Network (Position -1)
- Sr. Engineer / Executive Engineer CS-Core Network (Position - 5)
- Sr. Engineer/ Executive Engineer, PS-Core Network (Position - 6)
- Principal Engineer, IN- Service Network (Position - 1)
- Principal Engineer, VAS- Service Network (Position - 1)
- Sr. Engineer/ Executive Engineer, IN- Service Network (Position - 5)
- Sr. Engineer / Executive Engineer, VAS- Service Network (Position - 5)
- Principal Engineer- BSS Network (Position - 1)
- Engineer- BSS Network (Position - 2)

Operation Support System

(All positions are based in Dhaka)

- Principal Engineer OSS- EMS (Position - 1)
- Senior Engineer- EMS (Position - 1)
- Executive Engineer- EMS (Position - 2)
- Executive Engineer-SD (Position - 2)

Network Operations Centre (NOC)

(All positions are based in Dhaka)

- Senior Manager-NOC (Position - 1)
- Principal Engineer (Shift Leader) -NOC (Position-4)
- Customer Support Engineer- NOC (Position-2)
- Sr. Engineer/ Executive Engineer, Planned Activity Request Analysis- NOC (Position -2)

- Executive Engineer, IT support- NOC (Position- 2)
- Executive Engineer, Front Office, Core Network- NOC (Position- 4)
- Executive Engineer, Front Office, IN & VAS- NOC (Position- 7)
- Executive Engineer, Front Office, BSS- NOC (Position- 8)
- Executive Engineer, Front Office, TXN- NOC (Position- 8)
- Technical Officer, Front Office, Alarm Monitoring- NOC (Position- 16)

Field Maintenance & Transmission

(All positions are based in different districts of the country including Dhaka)

- Senior Manager (SM)-Field Maintenance & Transmission (Position - 1)
- Regional Manager (RM) - Field Maintenance (Position- 2)
- Team Leader (TL) - Field Maintenance (Position - 75)
- Technical Officer (TO) - Field Maintenance (Position - 75)
- Technician (TT) - Field Maintenance (Position - 75)
- Principal Engineer (PE) - Transmission (Position - 1)
- Executive Engineer (EE) - Transmission (Position - 2)

Integrated Management (Power & Infrastructure Management)

(All positions are based in Dhaka but will require field visit off & on)

- Senior Manager Integrated Management (Position - 1)
- Regional Manager Power System Support (Position-1)
- Executive Engineer (EE) Power System Support (Position - 2)
- Principle Engineer Spare Parts Management (Position - 1)
- Executive Engineer Spare Parts Management (Position - 2)
- Senior Engineer 3rd Party Management (Position - 1)
- Executive Engineer 3rd Party Management (Position - 2)
- Principle Engineer Network Infrastructure (Position - 1)
- Executive Engineer Network Infrastructure (Position - 2)

Legal and Corporate Affairs

- Senior Executive Legal and Corporate Affairs (Position – 1)

Sales

- Manager Affinity & Handset-(Position - 1)
- Manager Sales Operations-(Position - 1)
- Zonal Sales Manager (Khulna, Barisal, Mymensingh, Faridpur)- (Position - 4)
- KAM/ Corporate Sales Executive - (Position- 8)

Information Technology

- Deputy General Manager Infrastructure & Service (Position- 1)
- Deputy General Manager Business Support System (Position-1)
- Manager Project Management Office & Quality Assurance (Position- 1)

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- Assistant Manager Procurement, Commercial Purchase (Position- 1)
- Assistant Manager Procurement, Technical Purchase (Position- 1)

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