

Press Release

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The 9th Blind Testing results of the Georgian cement market

The most recent bag cement testing in 2020 was implemented only in August, because of Covid-19. The bagged cement was purchased in seven cities of Georgia (Tbilisi, Rustavi, Marneuli, Gori, Kareli, Batumi, Agara) in total twenty-six (26) products from fifteen (15) local cement producers.

From twenty-six (26) produced bagged cement twelve samples (12) from seven (7) companies has resulted in positive (46%) EN197-1. However, fourteen (14) of twenty-six (26) samples from eight (8) local cement producers failed to meet the standards. Furthermore, five (5) of from fourteen (14) failed samples showed critical results less than <20 MPA – far below stated quality. It must be mentioned that all failed cement samples were based on imported clinker.

It should be noted that the 9th blind cement testing was conducted for the first time by Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau.

The results of 2020 blind testing show improvement since December 2019, when testing of thirty-one (31) local produced bagged cement products has resulted in nine (9) positive results. Furthermore, twenty-two (22) failed to meet the standards and seven (7) showed critical results less than <20 MPA – far below stated quality.

Since January 2017, the GCA has conducted nine (9) rounds of blind tests of bagged cement sold in Georgia. Out of 299 samples tested since inception, only 37% exceeded EN197-1 & EN413 Standards. An alarming 63% of tested samples failed to meet the required EN specifications.

The mission of the GCA is to encourage all producers of cement in Georgia to produce products that conform to the quality that is stated on their bags and in this regard, create maximum transparency for Georgian consumers.

Results of the blind tests will officially be sent to responsible bodies for further actions as there are no signs for improvement on the market.

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