

# UltraTech to buy Century Textiles' cement business

UJJVAL JAUHARI

New Delhi, 20 May

Aditya Birla group company UltraTech Cement has said it will acquire the cement business of B K Birla firm Century Textiles through a share-swap deal.

Under the arrangement, Kumar Mangalam Birla-led UltraTech will merge Century Textiles' 13.4 million cement capacity with itself, taking UltraTech's capacity to 105.9 million tonnes per annum, and consolidate its leadership position in the Indian cement industry.

After completing the deal, UltraTech will become the third-largest cement player globally, excluding China.

Century Textiles will demerge its cement business, which accounts for 53.2 per cent of its revenue.

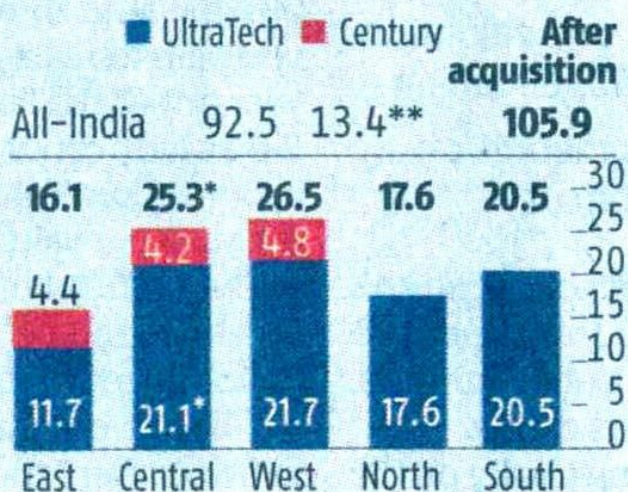
UltraTech will give Century Textiles shareholders one share for every eight shares held.

According to B K Birla's succession plan, Kumar Mangalam Birla will get control of Century Textiles, in which he was appointed vice-chairman in 2015.

UltraTech will take over a debt of ₹30 billion from Century Textiles.

UltraTech's equity will be diluted by about 5 per cent to ₹2.89 billion.

## ULTRATECH-CENTURY CAPACITY SPREAD ACROSS INDIA



All figures in million tonnes

\* including 5.7 mtpa under commissioning; expected by March '19

\*\* excludes 1.2 mtpa, pending statutory clearances

Source: Companies

