US

Leaning tower of SF

A legal wrangle is ongoing in the US, where the tallest concrete structure ever constructed in San Francisco is both sinking and leaning.

The 58-storey, 196.5 m Millennium Tower in San Francisco has reportedly sunk 46.6 cm and is currently leaning 19.5 cm off of vertical at the top.

The skyscraper, home to 400 luxury condominiums, opened with much fanfare in 2009, and has won numerous architecture and engineering awards.

Developer Millennium Partners said the sinking was due to major excavation works taking place a few metres away, where a bus and rail hub is currently under construction.

Millennium Partners says devastating that took place when contractors began work on the center, caused the sand beneath the Millennium Tower to compact, causing the tower to sink. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority hit back, saying the issue was due "entirely to the failure of the foundation plan...to hit bedrock."

MEXICO

Cementing positivity

Cement-making giant Cemex has released its third-quarter results for 2016, showing net income up to US$ 330 million, from US$ 286 million in the same period last year.

The results represent Cemex’s fourth consecutive quarterly increase, which, the company said, was due to higher prices of its products, as well as the higher volumes sold, not only in Mexico, but also in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Perhaps significantly, the least net income increase is the highest in a single-quarter since 2008.

The company’s consolidated net sales totalled US$ 3.6 billion in the quarter, up 4% on the comparable period in 2015, and net operating earnings increased by 25%, to US$ 511 million.

Cemex chief executive officer, Fernando A. Gonzalez, said, "During the third quarter, we continued to deliver strong underlying operational and financial results by remaining focused on the variables we can control."

INDIA

Railway link win for L&T

A conversion of India’s Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Construction and Japan’s Seiko Corp has secured the contract for a rail link in northern India.

The contract, valued at INR 3.779 crore (US$ 569 million), includes the design and construction of a dense section of the Western Corridor freight route. The line, at the northern end of the corridor, will run through the states of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The scope of the work for the consortium includes 315 km of railway line, 29 major and 260 minor bridges, a long tunnel, 2 traction sub stations, 521 track km of overhead equipment, supervisory control and data acquisition works and Intermediate block signalling at five Stations, as well as the supply of all associated equipment.

This section will be designed for 25 tonne axle load track, 2x25 kV traction power system with high rise overhead equipment and Intermediate block signalling.

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