

## **Increasing Attentions on Building Materials Industry in Xinjiang**

Xinjiang building materials industry is walking into the spotlight. Within less than 20 days, several seminars and conferences took place one after another in Urumqi. These seminars include the “2011 Xinjiang Building Material Industrial Transfer Seminar”, “The 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Western China Building Materials Industry Development Seminar” and so on, indicating increasing investment focus in the building materials industry in Xinjiang.

It is expected that, between 2010 and 2020, the investment funding from the central government amounts to RMB 2.12 trillion, with cumulative fixed asset investment in Xinjiang amounting to RMB3.6 trillion. The funding assistance from other provinces is expected to round up to RMB65 billion. The investments and development in Xinjiang under the 12<sup>th</sup> 5-year period are phenomenal and building materials are the essential elements for major infrastructure and social projects.

The statistics show that at the end of 2010, there were 2400 building material companies in Xinjiang accounted for RMB26 billion of GDP. The coming intensive constructions of infrastructure and social projects escalate demand for building materials and result in severe shortages in certain type of building materials.

In addition to supply shortages as a result of rapid development in Xinjiang, the development in the building materials industry in Xinjiang also faces other problems. These include existence of too many small companies with low technological level, inefficient management, poor competitiveness, etc.

Xinjiang has indentified the following manufacturing industries as key development focuses: cement, glass, ceramics, wall finishes materials, limestone, aggregates and other non-metallic materials` exploitation and processing. The Bureau of Xinjiang Building Material indicates that Xinjiang building materials industry can market the products domestically and internationally. (Source: Digital Cement)