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Emami to invest ₹2,000 cr in packaging board plant

The 4.5-lakh tonne plant will help company service the western region

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Emami Paper Mills (EPML), the paper and packaging board arm of the Emami Group, will set up a ₹2,000-crore manufacturing plant at Bharuch in Gujarat.

The foundation stone for the 4.5-lakh tonnes per annum (tpa) greenfield plant, which will produce multi-layer coated packaging boards, was laid by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

Packaging boards find use in the FMCG sector, in food packing, medicines and pharma, playing cards, visiting cards, and a variety of other industries.

Emami Group Director



Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at the foundation-stone laying ceremony of Emami Paper Mills' plant at Bharuch, on Friday

Aditya V Agarwal said the plant would come up in two phases: each will install capacity on 2.25 lakh (tpa). The first phase is expected to be operational in 2020 estimated to cost ₹1,000 crore. Funds will be raised via a mix of equity and debt.

"The plant will help leverage our activities in West India and is expected to boost revenues by ₹1,000 crore. Right now we are catering to West Indian markets from our existing facility at Balasore and the costs

are obviously higher. The Bharuch plant will also give us cost advantage," he said.

In 2017-18, the company clocked a turnover of ₹1,366 crore and a profit after tax of ₹16 crore.

EMPL's current packaging board manufacturing facility is located at Balasore, Odisha. The plant has a capacity of 1.8 lakh tpa. Emami also exports packaging boards to countries such as Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar and the UAE.