

Soboce triples capacity at Tarija plant

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Bolivian cement company Sociedad Boliviana de Cemento (Soboce) has invested \$10 million to raise capacity at its plant at El Puente de Tarija.

Cement output at the plant was raised from 62,000 tpa to 192,000 tpa - a project that took 20 months to complete, reported *La Razón*. Colombia's Sime Ingenieros Ltda was responsible for the engineering and project management of the new clinker line, with Bolivian companies doing the construction. The plant is located 100km from the city of Tarija and employs 190 people.

Soboce's owner Mr. Samuel Doria Medina also announced that \$33 million will be invested in expanding Soboce's plant in Viacha, La Paz. The upgrade is pending the government constructing a new gas pipeline to fuel the kilns.