Markapuram Stone Slate Cluster

1	Name of the Cluster	Markapuram Stone Slate
2	Place	Markapur
3	District	Prakasham
4	State	Andhra Pradesh
5	No of firms (by type)	140 Micro firms
6	No. of workers	1680
7	Turnover	Rs.54.00 millions
8	Associations in cluster	The Markapur Slate & Manufacturers Association
9	Major products	Decorative Slates of various sizes
10	Specific and relevant technical institutions (R&D, Testing Lab accredited)	1. Indian Bureau of Mines 2. Geological Survey of India
11	Major markets	Within country – Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi
		Export – Gulf and European Markets
12	Major problems/prospects	• Limited market share both in domestic and international markets • Lake of adequate skill levels • High level of wastage • Lack of waste management techniques • Lack of safety measures • Poor linkages with BDSPs
13	Data source and updated on	DSR by APITCO for DC-MSME (June 2010)