Sent: Mon 03/10/2011 22:47

Dear Mr Doyle

I refer to your letter dated 21 September relating to the proposed Tarmac/Lafarge merger.

I was interviewed by Ms M Starks of the OFT in November 2010 relating to the investigation into the activities of the aggregates and cement markets and feel I have nothing more I can add.

In specific relation to the proposed Tarmac / Lafarge merger my concerns are principally one of reducing cement supply competition.

In relation to any divestments the Competition Commission may instruct, if it is minded to approve the merger, may I make the following plea. Those divestments are rigorously monitored by an independent party so that assets do not just move to the "chosen few" and that other smaller operators are given a fair chance to tender.



I am happy to discuss further should you feel there is anything more I can add.



**Managing Director**