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Dear John

Re: ANGLO AMERICAL (TARMAC)/LAFARGE MERGER INQUIRY

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 September 2011 seeking views on the proposed joint venture of Anglo American (Tarmac) and Lafarge.

As a local operator within Kent we are naturally concerned about the dominance of the major multi-nationals within the aggregates industry and welcome the OFT referral to the Competition Commission; this must also be viewed in the context of the OFT report on the market study of aggregates.

It is of paramount importance that any merger does not further decrease the ability of small organisations to compete.

The aggregates industry has in some ways a parochial mentality and I would ask that the response we have provided you with remains anonymous.

I trust the above comments will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely