

27th September 2011

Mr John Doyle
Inquiry Coordinator
Competition Commission
Victoria Hose
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Dear Mr Doyle,

Anglo American (Tarmac)/Lafarge Merger Enquiry

Further to your recent letter inviting comment on the above, we submit the following:

The Gurney Slade Lime and Stone Company Limited (trading as Francis Flower Group) has supplied both Tarmac and Lafarge with goods and services in respect of limestone powders (known as 'filler') for more than 20 years and continues to do so.

The trade comprises the collection of surplus filler from asphalt manufacturing plants operated by both companies and the storage and re-working of filler for the purpose of recycling. Francis Flower offers this service to other asphalt manufacturers and does not consider that the merger of these two organisations will create any significant advantage, economy of scale or dominant position.

I hope that this brief summary is sufficient for your purpose but should you require a fuller explanation or further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

D P Smith
Managing Director
Francis Flower Group of Companies