

4 October 2011

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Competition Commission  
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Dear Mr Doyle

**ANGLO AMERICAN (TARMAC) / LAFARGE MERGER INQUIRY**

Thank you for your letter, dated 21 September 2011, requesting a response from the Tudor Griffiths Group on the proposed joint venture between Anglo American (Tarmac) and Lafarge.

We can think of no reason why the proposed joint venture, between Anglo American (Tarmac) and Lafarge, should not go ahead and are content for the views of this company to be published on your website and attributed to us.

The Tudor Griffiths Group has purchased from, and sold to, both these companies for more than fifty years. During this time many takeovers, and mergers, have taken place, in the construction materials supply industry, involving both Tarmac and Lafarge, former household names such as Blue Circle, Butlers, Hoveringham, Nash, Qualbatch, North Nott's Gravel, Redland, Steetley, Tilcon and Topmix, have been successfully merged and fully integrated, without any detriment to either customers or suppliers, into one or the other of the companies involved in the proposed merger now.

In view of the foregoing we are happy to support the proposed merger between Anglo American (Tarmac) and Lafarge.

Yours sincerely

Tudor Griffiths  
Managing Director