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Competition Commission
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By Post & Email

Dear Sir,

ANGLO AMERICAN / LAFARGE JV

I refer to your Notice of 21st February 2011. As an independent Operator in the UK Construction Market we strongly believe that the proposed Joint Venture with the necessary divestments of Assets will actually improve the level of competition in the UK market. Divestments will most certainly be to smaller Independent Operators as all the Multi Nationals such as Heidelberg, Cemex and Holcim will not be able to expand in the UK market due to the accretion of their own local market shares.

Clearly, this argument would not apply to Holcim in respect of the Cement marketplace where Holcim has no UK production facilities.

We therefore believe that Customers will benefit from the formation of the Joint Venture as long as the Competition Commission imposes a rigorous disposal programme as outlined in the Notice. As such we support the remedies outlined in the Notice in paragraph 5 (c) and 12 (b) and 21 (b).

Yours faithfully,

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