

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY BREEDON
AGGREGATES LIMITED OF CERTAIN SCOTTISH ASSETS OF AGGREGATE
INDUSTRIES UK LIMITED**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period published pursuant to
section 107(2)(c) of the Enterprise Act 2002**

1. On 24 September 2013, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), referred to the Competition Commission (CC) the completed acquisition by Breedon Aggregates Limited of the Scottish assets of Aggregate Industries UK Limited. The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 10 March 2014.
2. The Group has decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act for the reasons set out in paragraph 3 below. The revised reference period will expire on 5 May 2014.
3. In taking this decision, the Group had regard to the late provision of new market data essential for the progression of the CC's inquiry which consequently delayed the publication of its provisional findings. As a result of this an extension is necessary to allow sufficient time to take full account of any comments received in response to its provisional findings, and the need to consider the effectiveness and practicability of the range of possible remedies. The Group has concluded that in these circumstances an extension to the reference period is necessary.

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Group Chairman
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