



# News Release

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## ANGLO/LAFARGE JOINT VENTURE

### Competition Commission invites evidence

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has referred the proposed UK joint venture between Anglo American PLC (Anglo American) and Lafarge S.A. (Lafarge) to the Competition Commission (CC).

Anglo American, through its UK subsidiary, Tarmac Limited (Tarmac), and Lafarge are both global firms that are active in the supply of construction materials in the UK. The parties propose to establish a 50:50 joint venture to which each of them would contribute the bulk of their construction materials businesses in the UK.

The CC has been asked to decide whether the joint venture may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition in any market or markets for goods or services in the UK.

The CC is expected to report by 16 February 2012.

The CC would like to hear from all interested parties, in writing, by 23 September 2011. To submit evidence, please email [anglolafarge@cc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:anglolafarge@cc.gsi.gov.uk) or write to:

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### Notes for editors

1. The CC is an independent public body, which carries out investigations into mergers, markets and the regulated industries.

2. The Enterprise Act 2002 empowers the OFT to refer to the CC completed or proposed mergers for investigation and report which create or enhance a 25 per cent share of supply in the UK (or a substantial part thereof) or where the UK turnover associated with the enterprise being acquired is over £70 million.
3. The CC has a 24-week period in which it is required to publish its report, which may be extended by no more than eight weeks if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be published within that period.
4. Further information on this inquiry, including the terms of reference and other key documents, as well as on the CC and its procedures, including its policy on the provision of information and the disclosure of evidence, can be obtained from the CC website at: [www.competition-commission.org.uk](http://www.competition-commission.org.uk).
5. On 16 August 2011, the OFT published its market study into aggregates, cement and ready-mix concrete, proposing to refer the sectors to the CC for more detailed investigation. See press release: [OFT proposes Competition Commission investigation of aggregates, cement and ready-mix concrete markets](#).
6. Enquiries should be directed to [Rory Taylor](#) or [Siobhan Allen](#) or by ringing 020 7271 0242.