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## Lafarge celebrates health & safety trio of achievements

Lafarge A&C UK Ltd, part of the Lafarge Group, the largest building materials group in the world, is celebrating a trio of major achievements in health and safety. These achievements further cement Lafarge A&C UK as consistently the safest and most responsible building materials producer in the UK.

Lafarge A & C UK's industry-leading achievements include:

- Being the 1<sup>st</sup> major to meet the MPA target for all Appointed Persons (such as quarry foremen or managers) at UK quarries to have a recognised qualification that demonstrates their competence in safety management. This important target, established by the MPA, in order to help substantially reduce accidents, has been achieved through Lafarge A&C UK Ltd's ongoing commitment and investment in training and development, such as our Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme with the Institute of Quarrying, our Leeds University MSC programme and our continuous innovation of safety processes. Lafarge's Appointed Persons have attained SHE (Safety Health & Environment) NVQ qualifications.
- Being recognised, by 2009 Mineral Products Association (MPA) figures as the safest UK quarry operator by a factor of 5 compared to its nearest major competitor.
- Being awarded entry into the worldwide Lafarge *Health and Safety Excellence Club*. The club features the safest Businesses from across the 79 countries in which the Lafarge Group operates measures a range of challenging Health & Safety performance indicators including achieving a frequency rate for Lost Time Incidents (incidents causing any employee to be off work for more than 1 day) of less than 1 incident per million man hours worked

Managing Director – Readymix, Jeremy Greenwood, who holds executive responsibility for safety across Lafarge A&C UK's three UK Businesses (Aggregates, Readymix Concrete and Asphalt, Contracting & Paving) said:

*"Safety is our number one priority. Ensuring our employees, the visitors to our sites and contractors with whom we partner us are safe, in everything they do, is central to our philosophy and our way of life. We are therefore very proud of these achievements. We will continue to take health and safety in our industry, and in UK Plc, to the next level".*

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Lafarge Group is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete and Gypsum.
  - Lafarge A&C UK is part of the world's largest building materials group and is a major UK supplier of innovative concretes and asphalts, rock, sand and gravel and waste management services. Lafarge A&C UK is proud of its hands-on approach to sustainability, which includes award-winning quarry restoration, the careful management of two National Nature Reserves and the development of sustainable, low-energy homes. Innovation and architectural creativity are at the heart of Lafarge's priorities and in 2010, for the sixth year in a row, Lafarge was listed in the 'Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World'.
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