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British Precast Affiliates with MPA – UK Concrete Industry Aligns for the Future

British Precast, the trade federation for the UK precast concrete products industry, today signed an Affiliation agreement with the recently formed Mineral Products Association, which represents the cement, aggregates, lime, asphalt, ready-mixed concrete, slag and mortar industries. The agreement incorporates a range of planned collective activities all designed to add greater value for their members and to improve business prospects along the supply chain. The combination of the MPA and British Precast adds up to a powerful lobbying force for both concrete and other heavy-side materials. British Precast has 179 full, associate and affiliate members representing over £2 billion turnover, to add to the £5 billion turnover and 220 members of the MPA.

MPA Acting Chief Executive Nigel Jackson said "We are delighted to have British Precast and its members as Affiliates of the MPA. We look forward to increasingly close collaboration with a view to moving to an integrated corporate structure over the next twelve months, as we seek to develop concrete's market share and work to deliver maximum value for our collective membership. It is vital that the entire concrete industry speaks with one aligned voice to ensure that this essential range of products plays its natural role in the built environment."

British Precast Chief Executive Martin Clarke said "Affiliation to the MPA has the full support of all our members. It is important that we use the opportunity to create a

better future for the industry – that means working ever closer with key strategic partners such as the aggregates and cement sectors as represented so capably by the MPA. It is also essential that we pool our strength to lobby harder and more effectively for the interest of the whole concrete industry. For the precast concrete products sector it is especially important that we work together to secure a strong long-term UK supply platform for cement and aggregates.”

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Notes to Editor:

British Precast Concrete Federation is the trade body for the UK precast concrete products industry. The industry turnover is around £2.0 billion employing around 18,000 people. 32 million tonnes of products are produced – essential products for new and refurbished housing, commercial and industrial buildings, transport and utilities infrastructure, hospitals, schools and urban renewal.

The MPA is the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, ready-mixed concrete, lime, mortar and silica sand industries. The MPA represents 100% of GB cement production, 90% of aggregates production and 95% of asphalt and ready-mixed concrete production. Each year the industry supplies £5 billion of materials to the £100 billion construction and other sectors.

The MPA and BPCF are already working closely together on the sustainability of concrete, specifically as members of the Concrete Industry Sustainable Construction Forum (CISCF).

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