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BPCF announce Lafarge Cement UK as the 2009 British Precast Sustainability Champions

The 2009 British Precast Sustainability Champion award has been won by Lafarge Cement UK with runner up J&P Building Systems.

The award goes to the Associate member who has done the most in the last 12 months to assist the sustainability programme of the UK precast concrete industry.

Lafarge Cement UK won the award for a series of interlinked projects:

- Reducing CO2 by the use of waste
- Stakeholder and community engagement
- Reducing river water consumption
- Exemplary safety training programme

Martin Clarke, Chief Executive of British Precast, commented "I am delighted to announce that Lafarge Cement is this year's Sustainability Champions. They "get" sustainability and understand what our manufacturing members are trying to do. Lafarge Cement, along with the other UK producers, are playing a major role in the greening of concrete and are helping the precast sector to reduce its carbon footprint significantly. As well as our strong relationship within the British Precast agenda, it is a pleasure to work with them on the Concrete Industry Sustainable Construction Forum where together we are working to put concrete at the top of the materials leader-board by 2012. Every one of our valued Associate members has an important role to play in our green agenda and we look forward to an even stronger push in 2010.

J&P Building Systems are worthy runners-up with the Key2Concrete website and educational resource. Martin Clarke commented "In Key2Concrete, J&P and Cliff Billington have opened up a new international and home on-line audience to best practice in precast design. It is a great platform to present the best in lean and green design."

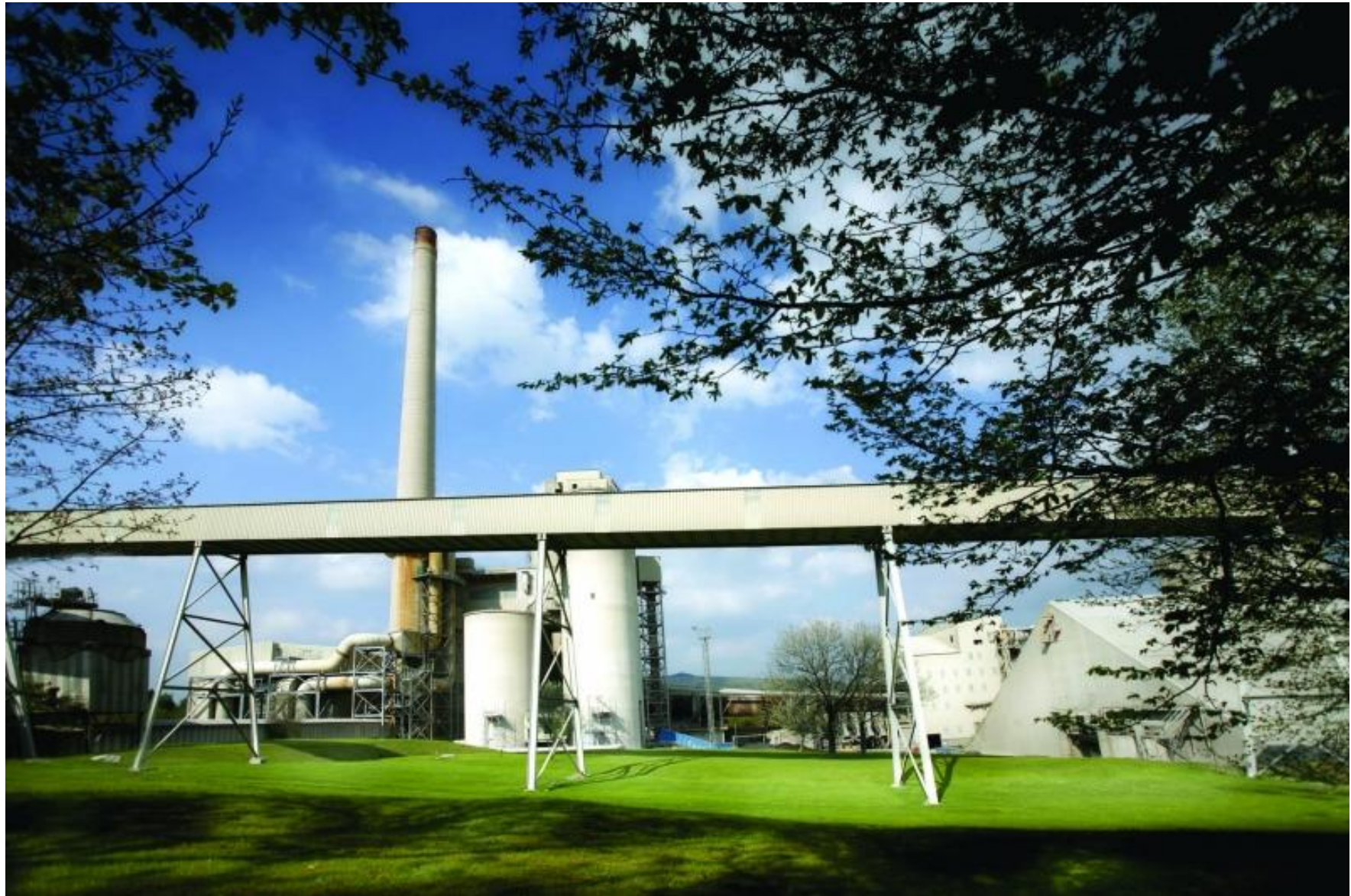
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Notes to Editor:

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.

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Lafarge Cement at Hope, Derbyshire – driving sustainability forward