

Lafarge confirms that Lafarge and Holcim are in advanced discussions regarding a possible combination.

Lafarge and Holcim believe that, given the strong complementarity of their portfolio and the cultural proximity between the two companies, there is rationale in considering a potential merger that could deliver significant benefits to customers, employees and shareholders.

The discussions are based on principles consistent with a merger of equals which build on the strengths and identities of the two companies.

No agreement has yet been reached and no assurance can be given that these discussions will lead to a definitive agreement. Lafarge will inform the public of any material developments in this respect.

NOTES TO EDITORS

A world leader in building materials, Lafarge employs 64,000 people in 62 countries, and posted sales of €15.2 billion in 2013. As a top-ranking player in its Cement, Aggregates and Concrete businesses, it contributes to the construction of cities around the world, through its innovative solutions providing them with more housing and making them more compact, more durable, more beautiful, and better connected. With the world's leading building materials research facility, Lafarge places innovation at the heart of its priorities in order to contribute to more sustainable construction and to better serve architectural creativity.

More information is available on Lafarge's website: www.lafarge.com

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