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## **Holcim and Lafarge receive clearance from Indian competition authorities on their proposed merger**

Lafarge and Holcim have received clearance from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for their proposed merger.

A package of asset divestments has been agreed with the CCI which includes 1 cement plant and 1 grinding station from Lafarge (with a total of approximately 5 million tonnes annual cement capacity)\* in Eastern India.

India is an important market for the future LafargeHolcim Group with a balanced portfolio in cement, aggregates, and ready-mix concrete. The combined Group will have a cement capacity of around 68 million tonnes in India.

The divestment process will be carried out in the framework of the relevant social processes and ongoing dialogue with the employee representatives' bodies. The divestment process will be completed subject to the closing of the merger between Lafarge and Holcim.

As announced, the closing of the planned merger is expected in July 2015, aiming to create the most balanced and diversified portfolio in the industry, operating in 90 countries and creating superior value for all its stakeholders.

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**\* Proposed assets for disposal include:**

- Sonadih cement plant
- Jojobera grinding station

## About Holcim

Holcim is a global leader in the manufacture and distribution of cement and aggregates (crushed stone, gravel, and sand), as well as other activities, including ready-mix concrete, asphalt, and associated services. The company holds majority and minority shareholdings in some 70 countries and on every continent. In 2013, Holcim recorded net sales of over 19.1 billion Swiss francs. Thanks to our market-oriented structures, product innovations, skilled employees and efficient environmental management systems, Holcim is in a strong position now - and for years.

More information is available on Holcim website site: [www.holcim.com](http://www.holcim.com)

## About Lafarge

A world leader in building materials, Lafarge employs 63,000 people in 61 countries, and posted sales of €12.8 billion in 2014. 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](http://www.lafarge.com)

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