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**LAFARGE AND ANGLO AMERICAN ANNOUNCE THE SALE OF A PORTFOLIO
OF TARMAC AND LAFARGE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OPERATIONS IN THE UK
TO MITTAL INVESTMENTS GENERATING CASH OF UP TO £285 MILLION**

Lafarge SA and Anglo American plc announce they have agreed to sell a portfolio of Tarmac and Lafarge construction materials operations in the UK and Tarmac's 50% ownership interest in Midland Quarry Products Limited (MQP) to Mittal Investments, the private investment vehicle of the Lakshmi N. Mittal family. The consideration paid by Mittal Investments for the assets is £272 million including up to £30 million contingent on the performance of the underlying assets over the next three years. In addition, an estimated amount of £13 million relating to working capital of the divested assets not transferring with the business will be released as funding to the newly formed joint venture between Lafarge and Tarmac.

The divestments, which are conditional upon regulatory approval, comprise:

- a cement plant in Hope, Derbyshire, with a capacity of 1.4 million tonnes, and related depots;
- a network of 172 ready mix concrete plants;
- five aggregates quarries, two asphalt plants, one marine aggregates wharf and one rail-linked aggregates depot;
- the sale of Tarmac's 50% ownership interest in MQP, which is also subject to regulatory approval and a right of pre-emption in favour of Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited.

The sale of these assets is the principal condition to receiving final clearance from the Competition Commission for the formation of a 50:50 joint venture, which will combine Tarmac's and Lafarge's cement, aggregates, ready-mixed concrete, asphalt and asphalt surfacing and maintenance services, and waste services businesses in the United Kingdom (the "JV").

Completion of the JV is expected in early 2013 and once established, it will create a new, leading UK construction materials company, with a portfolio of high quality assets, drawing on the complementary geographical distribution of operations, the skills of two experienced management teams, and a portfolio of well-recognised, innovative brands.

The transaction announced today is a major step towards the finalisation of this joint venture. A further announcement will be made in due course.

Notes to editors

Located in 64 countries with 68,000 employees, **Lafarge** is a world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in its Cement, Aggregates & Concrete businesses. In 2011, Lafarge posted sales of 15.3 billion euros.

Since 2010, the Lafarge Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, the first global sustainability benchmark, in recognition of its sustainable development actions. With the world's leading building materials research facility, Lafarge places innovation at the heart of its priorities, working for sustainable construction and architectural creativity.

Additional information is available on the Website at www.lafarge.com

Anglo American is one of the world's largest mining companies, is headquartered in the UK and listed on the London and Johannesburg stock exchanges. Anglo American's portfolio of mining businesses spans bulk commodities – iron ore and manganese, metallurgical coal and thermal coal; base metals – copper and nickel; and precious metals and minerals – in which it is a global leader in both platinum and diamonds. Anglo American is committed to the highest standards of safety and responsibility across all its businesses and geographies and to making a sustainable difference in the development of the communities around its operations. The company's mining operations, extensive pipeline of growth projects and exploration activities span southern Africa, South America, Australia, North America, Asia and Europe.

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