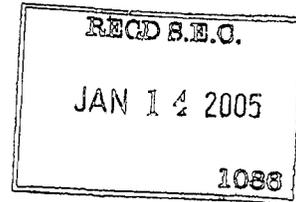




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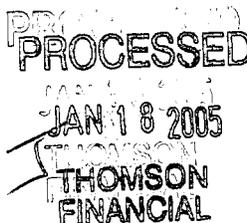
Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed :

- Ad hoc publicity Possible Offer for Aggregate Industries plc

Yours sincerely

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**File N° 82-4093****Ad hoc publicity****Possible Offer for Aggregate Industries plc**

January 12, 2005 - Holcim announces that it is in discussion with a view to making a public offer for Aggregate Industries plc (Aggregate Industries), a company listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Board of Holcim is considering offering Aggregate Industries shareholders a cash consideration of 138 pence per share, subject to, inter alia, satisfactory outcome of a due diligence review, plus 2 pence interim dividend per share which would be paid to Aggregate Industries shareholders conditional on the offer being declared unconditional in all respects.

Holcim emphasises that there can be no certainty as to the outcome of the discussions. A further announcement will be made in due course.

Holcim would finance this transaction with existing cash balances and new committed credit facilities.

Citigroup Global Markets Limited is acting as financial adviser and corporate broker to Holcim.

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Holcim is one of the world's leading suppliers of cement, aggregates (gravel and sand), concrete and construction-related services. The Group holds majority and minority interests in more than 70 countries on all continents.

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