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Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed media release as follows:

- **Holcim completes compulsory buyout of remaining Aggregate Industries Shares**

With kind regards,

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Media release

Holcim completes compulsory buyout of remaining Aggregate Industries Shares

Holcim Participations (UK) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Holcim Ltd, has now acquired 100 percent of the ordinary shares of Aggregate Industries plc pursuant to the recommended cash offer for the entire ordinary share capital of Aggregate Industries plc announced on January 20, 2005 and the completion of the compulsory buyout process conducted under United Kingdom law.

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

This media release is also available in German at <http://www.holcim.com/news>.

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