

**AGGREGATES, CEMENT AND READY-MIX CONCRETE
MARKET INVESTIGATION**

**Notice of intention to open a data room following Provisional Decision on
Remedies and Addendum to the provisional findings**

During the course of its investigation the Competition Commission (CC) has been provided with information by a number of aggregates, cement and ready-mix concrete producers. Some of the information is specified information within the meaning of section 237 and 238 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act). Its disclosure is restricted and consequently redactions have been made from the version of Provisional Decision on Remedies (PDR) and the Addendum to the provisional findings, containing further analysis on the GGBS supply chain in GB (the Addendum) published on the CC's website. Pursuant to section 241 of the Act, the CC may disclose specified information for the purpose of facilitating the exercise by it of its statutory functions.

The CC now proposes to open a data room to grant parties access, by their external advisers, to information that has not been published in the PDR and the Addendum for the purpose of understanding and providing observations to the CC on the PDR and the Addendum. It is currently planned that the data room will be open from Wednesday 16 October to 29 October 2013, 9 am to 5 pm. Due to the sensitivity of the data and in line with usual data room procedures, the data room will only be open to parties' external advisers, such as legal and economic advisers and not to the parties or their staff. A detailed protocol for access to and use of the data room will be sent in advance to those who express interest in being admitted to the data room and only advisers who have signed the CC's confidentiality undertakings will be allowed access. Numbers of individuals allowed access to the data room both generally and at any one time will be limited. Parties whose advisers have been admitted to the data room will have until 29 October 2013 to make submissions relating to the material in it.

For further information on the materials that will be in the data room, and on the terms and conditions on which access to the data room will be allowed, please contact the Aggregates, cement and ready-mix concrete market investigation team at aggregates@cc.gsi.gov.uk by 2 pm on 15 October 2013.

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