

AGGREGATES, CEMENT AND READY-MIX CONCRETE MARKET INVESTIGATION

Notice of intention to open a data room following provisional findings

During the course of its investigation the CC has been provided with data and documents by a number of aggregates, cement and ready-mix concrete producers. Some of the data and documents are or contain specified information within the meaning of sections 237 and 238 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act). Their disclosure is restricted and consequently redactions will be made from the version of the provisional findings (PFs) to be 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.

Sections 7 and 8 of the PFs and their appendices, and appendices to Section 6, will contain analyses and observations based on data and documents that are relevant to the CC's PFs on the competitiveness of the cement market. Redactions will be made in those sections.

The CC now proposes to open a data room to grant parties access, by their advisers, to the results of some of its analyses, and to some of the documents, that have not been published in the PFs in order that they may make submissions about the PFs. The data room will be open from 29 May 2013 to 11 June 2013 between 9 am and 5 pm. Due to the sensitivity of the analyses and the documents and in line with usual data room procedures, the data room will only be open to parties' specialist 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 **25 June** to make submissions relating to the material in it.

For further information on the analyses and documents 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 market investigation team at aggregates@cc.gsi.gov.uk by **2pm on 24 May 2013**.

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