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MPA Cement Performance 2008

The UK cement manufacturing industry today published, online, its *2008 Performance Report* which sets out actual environmental and social performance against a wide range of targets, as agreed with the Environment Agency.

The report, which can be accessed at www.cementindustry.co.uk/the_industry/performance.aspx and clicking on the front cover, once again shows that the UK cement industry has not only met, but exceeded its targets in 11 out of 15 areas, including emissions of CO₂, oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and dust.

Commenting on the results, Dr Pal Chana, Executive Director, Mineral Products Association, said "I am delighted that MPA Cement members, Cemex UK, Hanson Cement, Lafarge Cement UK and Tarmac Buxton Lime and Cement, have once again risen to the environmental challenge and beaten many of their 2010 targets two years early. This is testament to the commitment our members have to minimizing the impact their operations have on local communities and the environment as a whole.

Even in these recession-burdened times when production is down, our members are looking to the future and ensuring that their essential products continue to be produced to the benefit of the economy and society in general. Cement is the essential ingredient in concrete which our homes, schools, hospitals, road, railways and much more all depend on. We need a financially healthy domestic cement industry in this country, but we also need an environmentally healthy one too. Our members are working on the first part during this recession and delivering on the second part now."

Notes to Editors

The Mineral Products Association (MPA) is the representative body for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, lime, mortar and silica sand industries.

MPA Cement members include Cemex UK, Hanson Cement, Lafarge Cement UK and Tarmac Buxton Lime and Cement. They are the major domestic manufacturers and produce over 90% of the cement sold in the UK.

Key emissions results were:

Dust emissions to air per tonne manufactured: 2008 Actual = 0.10 2010 Target = 0.13

NOx emissions to air per tonne manufactured: 2008 Actual = 1.63 2010 Target = 2.20

SO2 emissions to air per tonne manufactured: 2008 Actual = 0.64 2010 Target = 1.10

CO2 emissions directly from cement plants per tonne manufactured: 2008 Actual = 776.8 2010 Target = 800.0

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