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AGGREGATES, QUARRY PRODUCTS, CEMENT AND CONCRETE COME TOGETHER AS THE MINERAL PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION

The Mineral Products Association (MPA) the representative body for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, lime, mortar and silica sand industries has now been established following the first meeting of its Board on Monday 2 March.

MPA members supply around £5bn of essential materials to the UK economy; by far the largest single supplier of materials to the construction sector.

The MPA will build on and enhance the strong reputation established by its constituent parts for supporting their members to operate in a manner that is economically viable and socially and environmentally responsible.

The MPA will represent and promote the mineral products industry in order to:

- Secure and maintain the licence to operate for the sustainable supply of essential mineral products;
- Continue to innovate and deliver sustainable solutions;
- Maintain existing and develop new markets.

The new merged organisation has Lynda Chase-Gardener as its Chairman. Nigel Jackson has been asked to take on the role of Acting Chief Executive, supported by an executive team of Simon van der Byl, Pal Chana and Andrew Minson.

Lynda Chase-Gardener said "in these particularly difficult economic conditions, there is a real opportunity for the new organisation to add value to the work of its member companies and to provide a more effective voice for the industry."

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Notes to Editors

1. The MPA has been formed through the merger of the British Cement Association (BCA), the Quarry Products Association (QPA) with its membership covering land based, marine, recycled and secondary aggregates, asphalt, ready-mixed concrete, agricultural lime, industrial lime, mortar, silica sand and The Concrete Centre. It represents 222 members across the UK.
2. The MPA represents 100% of GB cement production, 90% of GB aggregates production and 95% of GB asphalt and ready-mixed concrete production.
3. Industry size:
 - Aggregates: 248 million tonnes.
 - Cement and cementitious materials: 13 million tonnes.
 - Asphalt: 25 million tonnes.
 - Ready-mixed concrete: 20 million cubic metres.
4. The industry operates from around 2000 locations in the UK.
5. The industry is highly regulated and operates to high environmental standards. Over 1000 industry sites have certified environmental management systems.
6. The industry is a leader in recycling. 25% of materials in the aggregates sector are from recycled and secondary sources and nearly 20% of the cementitious market is supplied from recycled sources.

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