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ASHAKACEM STATEMENT ON SECURITY INCIDENT

The Board of Directors of Ashakacem Plc, a subsidiary of Lafarge Africa Plc, regret to inform its shareholders, stakeholders and the general public that there was an intrusion by unknown persons on its factory premises in Funakaye, Gombe State on 4th November, 2014. The Board is happy to note that the situation has stabilized and there is no report of any injury to employees or damage to the plant in the course of this unfortunate incident.

Ashakacem plc has always taken the safety of its employees and plant community as paramount and has proactively put in place measures to further enhance the security within and around the company's premises with the assistance of the security Agencies.

Ashakacem plc remains committed to maintaining its standing and role as the Star of the North, a consistent beacon of industry and economic empowerment. We remain undaunted by present challenges and will continue to support Nigeria's sustainable growth and economic development.

We thank all our numerous stakeholders who have reached out to support us during this period.

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Notes to the Editors**BACKGROUND INFORMATION*****AshakaCem Plc***

Ashakacem Plc, a subsidiary of Lafarge Africa Plc, is the fourth largest cement manufacturer in Nigeria. Ashaka has a cement plant in Ashaka Works, Gombe State, in the North-Eastern region of Nigeria with installed capacity of 0.9mtpa. Ashaka has announced plans to grow its capacity to 4mtpa over the next 3 years. Ashaka has depots in eleven locations across Nigeria and three liaison offices in Abuja, Kano and Lagos. Ashaka is committed to a strategy of growth and value creation for its customers and other stakeholders by being a preferred supplier of cement in Nigeria.

Ashaka was incorporated in Nigeria on August 7, 1974 as a private limited liability company, which was converted to a public company on September 7, 1974 and commenced operations in September 1979.

Lafarge Africa Plc

Lafarge Africa Plc, a leading Sub-Saharan Africa building materials company is a subsidiary of France-based Lafarge group, a world leader in building materials. Listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange with a presence in Africa's two largest economies, Nigeria and South Africa, Lafarge Africa is actively participating in the urbanization and economic growth of Africa.

Combining its operations in Nigeria - Ewekoro and Sagamu plants in Ogun State, Ashakacem in Gombe State, Unicem in Cross Rivers State, Atlas cement in Rivers State and Ready-Mix Nigeria with its varied operations in South Africa, Lafarge Africa has a current installed cement capacity of 12Mt, which is expected to grow to 17.5Mt by 2017. This is in addition to strong market leading positions in Aggregates, Ready mix concrete and Fly Ash.

Lafarge Africa leverages on its innovative expertise to provide valued added products and services solutions in the building and construction industry in Sub-Saharan Africa. Additional information is available on the web site at www.lafarge.com.ng

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