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Aggregate Industries transfers £300M of pensions risk

London, 9 March 2010 - Aggregate Industries Limited (“the Company”) today announces that its two largest pension schemes have entered into insurance transactions to transfer risk to Pension Insurance Corporation (“PIC”), a leading provider of risk management solutions to defined benefit pension funds.

The two transactions are as follows:

1. A circa £210m insurance policy purchased by the Aggregate Industries Pension Plan to meet all future payments for pensions in payment as at 30th April 2009.
2. A circa £95m insurance policy purchased by the Foster Yeoman Retirement Plan 2000 to insure the benefits for all members. It is expected that in due course the Plan will be wound up removing any further obligation on the Company.

Lane Clark & Peacock LLP acted as lead adviser to the Company and the Trustees of the two pension schemes on the transactions.

Ian McGown, Head of Pensions and Benefits at Aggregate Industries, said:

“These transactions follow a wide-ranging review of the pension risks underwritten by Aggregate Industries and the options available to address them.

We are extremely pleased to have completed two complex transactions simultaneously and in such a short period. Pension Insurance Corporation's tailored solutions and competitive financial propositions ensured they were selected ahead of several other insurers.

These transactions were made possible by close co-operation between the Company, Trustees and professional advisers, working towards agreed objectives. It involved a thorough selection, due diligence and negotiation process, leading to commercial terms which made the transactions attractive to both the Company and the Trustee. The transactions bring further increased security to members' benefits for the long-term.”

Michael Berg, Partner at Lane Clark & Peacock LLP, said:

“We are delighted to have advised Aggregate Industries and the Trustees of both pension schemes and helped them achieve a fundamental reduction in the levels of pension risk.

Setting up a framework for monitoring de-risking opportunities allowed the schemes to move quickly once market conditions had improved, and to lock in to favourable pricing.

We are working with a number of pension schemes and companies to explore de-risking transactions and expect 2010 to be a very successful year for the pensions risk transfer market.”

John Coomber, Chief Executive, Pension Insurance Corporation, commented:

“I am delighted that we have been able to help the Trustees and sponsor bring security to the pension schemes' members' benefits in what was a complex transaction. The Trustees' ability to move quickly, with the key support of LCP and the sponsor, was of critical importance in transferring risk, given recent volatility in the markets.

Pension Insurance Corporation has had a strong start to the year, building on our leading market share for 2009, and I believe that 2010 will be a significant year for pension risk transfer transactions.”

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Aggregate Industries

Aggregate Industries is a leading player in the construction industry, committed to creating a better built environment. The company produces and supplies a wide range of construction materials including aggregates, asphalt, ready mixed concrete and pre-cast concrete products. It also imports and supplies cementitious materials and offers a national road surfacing and contracting service.

Aggregate Industries' expertise, capability and solutions-focused approach have made it the preferred partner on some of the UK's largest construction projects. The company is a pioneer of best practice in sustainability. It was the first company to be certificated to BES 6001, The Framework Standard for the Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products, developed by the BRE (Building Research Establishment) and a founding member of the UK Green Building Council.

Aggregate Industries operates across the UK, Channel Islands and northern Europe, and is a member of the Holcim Group. For further information, please visit www.aggregate.com

Lane Clark & Peacock

Lane Clark & Peacock LLP (LCP) is one of the leading firms of consulting actuaries in Europe, with a wide range of clients including some of the largest global multinationals as well as a number of private equity houses, charities and unions.

Over the last three years, LCP has taken a lead-advisory role on 14 significant buy-in and buyout transactions.

The firm currently has 84 partners and over 500 staff based in offices in London, Winchester, Jersey, Brussels, Zurich, Basel, Utrecht and Dublin. For more information on LCP please visit www.lcp.uk.com

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Pension Corporation

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