



Lafarge, an internationally recognized commitment to sustainable development

In 2007, for the third year running, Lafarge is one of the highest performing multinational companies in the field of sustainable development, according to the study « The Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations of the World ». This study, published annually by Corporate Knights Inc. and Innovest Strategic Value Advisors, lists Lafarge as the only construction materials company showing an excellent ability to manage environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities.

Lafarge, as world leader in building materials, wants to lead the way and innovate. The Group has been committed to sustainable development for many years, pursuing a strategy that combines industrial know-how with performance, value creation, respect for employees and local cultures, environmental protection and the conservation of natural resources and energy.

HIGHLIGHTS 2006/2007

January 2006

- Bruno Lafont becomes Chief Executive Officer and sets safety as a core value of the Group and number 1 priority for each employee.

March

- Lafarge presents Hypergreen, an environmentally responsible tower building concept designed in partnership with French architect Jacques Ferrier.
- In collaboration with two of France's leading engineering schools, Ecole des Ponts and Ecole Polytechnique, Lafarge sets up the research and teaching chair in the Science of Materials for Sustainable Construction.

April

- Under the aegis of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Lafarge and United Technologies Corp. launch an ambitious project to promote energy self-sufficient buildings.
- After the wind farm in Tetouan, Morocco, Lafarge announces the approval of a second Clean Development Mechanism at two of its cement plants in Malaysia, where fossil fuels are partly replaced by biomass, reducing CO₂ emissions by 60,000 tons per year.

May

- Lafarge marks the first International Day for Biodiversity by opening its aggregates quarries to the public and presenting a Biodiversity Index developed with the WWF to measure and improve biodiversity at Lafarge sites.

June

- Lafarge wins the Renewable Energy award for its commitment to using renewable energy sources at its production sites and for its actions to promote renewable energy.
- In the context of its strategic plan « Excellence 2008 », Lafarge renews its commitment to be ranked among the world's most effective industrial groups in terms of employee health and safety, environmental protection, social responsibility and corporate governance.

July

- Lafarge reaffirms its commitment to communities by launching a Black Economic Empowerment deal in South Africa.

September

- Bruno Lafont becomes Advisor to the Mayor of Chongqing, China. Lafarge, as the leading cement producer in the region, is considered as having an exemplary record in terms of environmental protection and worker and subcontractor safety.

November

- Lafarge's fifth corporate Sustainability Report, published in May, is included in SustainAbility's Global Reporters list of the 50 leading sustainability reports in the world.

February 2007

- Lafarge reaffirms its commitment to reduce its worldwide CO₂ emissions per tonne of cement by 20% between 1990 and 2010, in the context of the WWF «Climate Savers» program, alongside eleven other companies working to reduce their CO₂ emissions.

March

- Lafarge announces the registration of a third Clean Development Mechanism in its Arasmeta cement plant in India. The use of fly ash, produced in power plants, in the cement production process makes it possible to reduce CO₂ emissions.
- The Group announces a 14.2% drop in its worldwide CO₂ emissions per tonne of cement at the end of 2006, compared to 1990.

May

- Bruno Lafont becomes Chairman and CEO and launches "Sustainability Ambitions 2012".

NOTES TO EDITORS

Lafarge is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete and Gypsum. With 71,000 employees in over 70 countries, Lafarge posted sales of Euros 17 billion in 2006.

Lafarge has been committed to sustainable development for many years, pursuing a strategy that combines industrial know-how with performance, value creation, respect for employees and local cultures, environmental protection and the conservation of natural resources and energy. Lafarge is the only company in the construction materials sector to be listed in the 2007 '100 Global Most Sustainable Corporations in the World'. To make advances in building materials, Lafarge places the customer at the heart of its concerns. It offers the construction industry and the general public innovative solutions bringing greater safety, comfort and quality to their everyday surroundings.

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