



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **15 year benchmark issue for Lafarge on the Euro market**

As part of its on-going debt management program, Lafarge issued today Euro 500 Million of 15 year bonds, with a coupon of 4.75% and a yield to maturity of 4.80% . This refinancing of existing debt will extend the average maturity of Lafarge debt to 5 years, at a lower cost than the average cost of Lafarge's outstanding public debt.

**Notes to Editors :**

The average interest rate on our debt was 5.3% on December 31, 2004 and the average maturity was 4 years and 2 months.

**Lafarge**, the world leader in building materials, holds top-ranking positions in all four of its divisions: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete, Roofing and Gypsum. Lafarge employs 77,000 people in 75 countries and posted sales of €14.4 billion in 2004. Additional information is available on the web site at [www.lafarge.com](http://www.lafarge.com).

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