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### **TARMAC IS FIRST TO ACHIEVE BES 6001 CERTIFICATION WITH BSI**

*Quarrying and construction products market leader proves commitment to social responsibility and improving sustainability of the built environment*

Market leader Tarmac Limited, has become the first organisation to achieve certification to BES 6001 – Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products with BSI. This achievement covers Tarmac’s UK business, including its Tarmac Building Products Limited subsidiary. Certification to the standard will allow Tarmac to meet evolving customer requirements as well as support the Government and construction industry’s strategy for improving the sustainability of the built environment.

BES 6001 is the first detailed standard for responsible sourcing applicable to all construction products. In 2008, the Concrete Industry Sustainable Construction Forum also developed and published a sector guidance document to help interpret the requirements of the standard as they apply to the industry.

Dr Martyn Kenny, Head of Sustainability for Tarmac Limited explains: “For Tarmac, good practice is about striving for continual improvement and endeavouring to operate as responsibly as possible, for example improving energy efficiency, reducing waste and lessening transport impacts. We have both legal and moral duties to source responsibly but it also makes good business sense. Implementing BES 6001 has enhanced our corporate profile and reputation and resulted in positive commercial benefits.”

Dr Kenny continues, “The construction industry is often perceived as having potentially high environmental and social impact so we need to ensure that we manage our activities carefully and demonstrate our best practice performance to all interested parties. Responsible sourcing is a key part of this, particularly as defined in BES 6001, which covers a wider range of activities than simply sourcing raw materials.”

The increasing use of building environmental assessment methods such as BREEAM and the Code for Sustainable Homes is creating a greater demand for measurable evidence of responsible sourcing and supply chain traceability.

“As a commercial business it is good practice to be able to supply products that customers want, and feel are produced acceptably. Economic stability created by having steady demand for products and services is very important for maintaining a sustainable business. An additional benefit of certification has been to identify improvement opportunities in processes, data collection and analysis, as well as generating a greater general awareness and buy-in around the concept of developing a sustainable business,” Dr Kenny concludes.

Tarmac Limited’s UK operations comprises two main businesses: Tarmac Limited supplying crushed rock and gravel aggregates, cement and lime, ready mixed concrete and asphalt and subsidiary company, Tarmac Building Products Limited supplying precast concrete products, blocks, mortar and screed, industrial sands and packed aggregates and a range of packed specialist cementitious blends.

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