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ADELAIDE BRIGHTON REFUTES CUSTOMS FINDINGS

The Customs Department today released its Statement of Essential Facts into the Cement Dumping Inquiry.

While finding significant dumping by exporters in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand the Customs Statement contains two key findings. The first that cement exports from China to Australia have not been dumped and the second that the injury caused by dumped imports is not material.

In commenting on the Statement of Essential Facts the Chief Executive of Adelaide Brighton Limited, Mr Phil Wright said "Having suffered considerable direct damage from dumped imports and the threat of dumped imports, I personally find this Statement extraordinary."

"The China finding is also extraordinary."

"I understand that Customs officials with no Chinese language skills or background in the industry have gone to China."

"They appear to have accepted documentation at face value despite evidence presented to the contrary" Mr Wright said.

Adelaide Brighton is calling on the Government to review this inquiry.

"We cannot see that the inquiry has dealt effectively with this issue" Mr Wright said.

The Company has indicated that it is going through the report in detail and will be raising objections to the methods and findings of this inquiry.

Adelaide Brighton Ltd is Australia's leading producer of cement and lime with operations in all mainland States and trades under the symbol ABC on the Australian Stock Exchange.

The RMC Group p.l.c. is Adelaide Brighton's major shareholder holding 55% of its shares. RMC are the world's largest producers of ready mixed concrete, No. 5 in the world in aggregates and No. 12 in cement.

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