

On Friday 26th February 1999, an article appeared in the *Financial Times* of London speculating on the rationalisation in the Australian cement industry. As a result of this, Rugby Group plc issued a statement saying they are in discussions with Adelaide Brighton Ltd, but a transaction has not yet been concluded.

Adelaide Brighton Ltd confirms that Rugby Group plc is one of the parties referred to in the company's statement dated 12th February, when we said we were in an advanced state of negotiations with two parties.

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Company Secretary

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