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Dear Shareholder,

By now you would have received the Explanatory Memorandum and Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting in relation to a restructuring involving the merger with The Rugby Group PLC's Australian cement and lime operation and the acquisition of the 49% in Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd.

Your Directors unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the restructuring. In our view, it is clearly in the long term interests of Adelaide Brighton Ltd and its shareholders.

As you are aware, the Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in Adelaide on 14 May. If you are unable to attend the meeting, I would urge you to exercise your rights as a shareholder on this important matter by returning your proxy form to Adelaide Brighton Ltd's registered office (Level 1, 157 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000) or the company's share registry (Computershare Registry Services, Level 11, 157 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000) by 11.00 am on 12 May.

The Explanatory Memorandum contains details of the proposed restructure. However you may have further questions. These can continue to be directed to the Adelaide Brighton Ltd Shareholders' Information Line (Tel: 1800 339 522).

Yours sincerely,

Richard Hammond  
Managing Director