

Media Statement

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Holcim celebrates new terminal

Holcim New Zealand is celebrating the completion of its \$100 million investment in state-of-the-art cement storage and distribution facilities with the opening of its Auckland terminal by Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, earlier today. The facility is one of two terminals across the country that will support Holcim's business strategy of global sourcing of cement for the New Zealand market.

The 30,000 tonne dome style storage structures, used both here and at the Timaru terminal, are the first of their kind in New Zealand. The Timaru terminal has been operational since January 2016 and now the Auckland terminal opening completes the three year-long project.

"This is an historic day for our company and what was a vision and plan on paper in 2013 is now a reality," says Holcim New Zealand Country Manager, Glenda Harvey.

Along with the global sourcing capability, Holcim New Zealand has comprehensive supply chain management expertise that is critical to the construction and infrastructure sectors.

"The significant investment that this project represents in our supply chain and supply partnerships will ensure the New Zealand construction industry continues to have uninterrupted access to high quality cement and associated technical support," adds Ms Harvey.

Most of Holcim New Zealand's South Island customers are now being supplied through the Timaru terminal, and the supply of cement from the new Auckland terminal to the greater Auckland market along with other parts of the North Island has commenced.

The Auckland terminal will receive a shipment of cement around once a month, with most of the cement going to supply the local Auckland market. Holcim's two full-time terminal employees have been working onsite for a number of months to ensure they were involved in the commissioning. Another 14 staff (sales, technical and laboratory) are also based at the new terminal.

Ms Harvey said Holcim has worked closely with Ports of Auckland Ltd and the local community throughout the project and principal contractor Downers. Both terminals were completed on time and within budget.

“We had over 50 people working on this site to get it ready and all our contractors and suppliers delivered quality work and equipment.”

Ms Harvey said the company had a strong commitment not only to the local markets but also to the local community, with the company sponsoring various groups in the region for many years, including the environmental initiative in schools Paper4Trees in which Holcim has sponsored 50 schools in the Auckland area for 2016.

Attached: photo of the Auckland Cement Terminal

About Holcim New Zealand

Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd is a leading supplier of cement, aggregates, and ready mixed concrete in New Zealand. Its involvement in the New Zealand building industry dates back to 1888. It is part of the regional Holcim Australia/New Zealand business and the global LafargeHolcim Group, the world’s leading supplier of cement, aggregates and construction-related services represented in 90 countries on all continents.

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