

HANSON PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of
The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of August, 2007

HANSON PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

1 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7JH, England

(Address of principal executive office)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40F.]

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes No

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Recommended acquisition of Hanson PLC ("Hanson" or the "Company") - Court confirmation of Reduction of Capital

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Hanson announces that, at a hearing held earlier today, the High Court of Justice in England and Wales (the "Court") granted an order confirming the reduction in the share capital of Hanson by the cancellation of the Cancellation Shares (the "Reduction of Capital"). The Reduction of Capital has been confirmed under the terms of the Scheme of Arrangement (the "Scheme") in relation to the recommended acquisition of Hanson by Lehigh UK Limited ("Lehigh"), a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of HeidelbergCement AG, at a price of 1100 pence per share. As previously announced by Hanson, the Scheme was sanctioned by the Court at a hearing held on August 20, 2007. The Scheme was approved by the requisite majorities of Hanson shareholders at the Court Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting which were held on July 31, 2007.

It is expected that the Effective Date of the Scheme will now be August 23, 2007. A further announcement will be made by the Company to confirm when the Scheme has become effective.

Lehigh is required under the terms of the Scheme to despatch the consideration pursuant to the Scheme not more than 14 days after the Effective Date.

Capitalised terms used, but not defined, in this announcement have the same meaning given to them in the circular posted to shareholders on June 25, 2007 (the "Scheme Document").

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No other listing authority or equivalent has reviewed, approved or disapproved this announcement, the Proposals or the Loan Notes nor has it expressed a view on the accuracy or adequacy of this announcement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

HANSON PLC

By: /s/ Graham Dransfield

Graham Dransfield
Legal Director

Date: August 23, 2007