

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: When will the changes announced today take effect?

A: The Reclassification of the Company's Ordinary shares on the Irish Stock Exchange will take effect on 6th December 2011. Subject, amongst other things, to the Reclassification having taken effect, it is expected that the Company's Ordinary shares will be admitted to the FTSE 100 index at close of trading on Friday, 16th December 2011, with trading as an index constituent from 19th December 2011.

Q: At what level do you expect to enter the FTSE if inclusion is obtained?

A: We would expect on current market valuations and free float and based on the existing constituents of the FTSE100, to enter the FTSE100 around the middle / top half of the index.

Q: Why is this change being affected now?

A: The ongoing growth and development of CRH means that we now have the attributes of a secondary listed issuer in Ireland with a reduced proportion of our shareholders, turnover and employees in Ireland. Moreover, the volume of trading in CRH's Ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) has been steadily increasing in recent years to a position where approximately 55% of shares traded are traded on the LSE. A further 25% is traded "off-exchange" and only approximately 20% is traded on the Irish Stock Exchange. As an secondary listed issuer in Ireland, CRH is now able to be considered for FTSE 100 index inclusion which the Board of CRH believes would be in the best long term interests of shareholders.

Q: I deal with a broker based in Ireland. Will I have to set up a new account with a U.K. broker?

Your Irish broker will be able to continue to act for you and it will be possible for you to buy and sell in euro through that broker.

Q: How will I be able to monitor the value of my shareholding?

A: The CRH website, www.crh.com, will contain both the Sterling and euro prices, which will be updated regularly through the day.

Q: Will I need to surrender my share certificates?

A: No, there is no need for replacement share certificates to be issued.

Q: Will CRH's Registrars be changing?

A: The register of members will continue to be maintained by Capita Registrars (Ireland) Limited who are based in Dublin.

Q: I receive my dividends in the form of shares rather than cash. Will shareholders continue to be given a scrip alternative?

A: Yes, a scrip dividend alternative will continue to be offered in the normal way.

Q: I am resident in the United States. Will I still be able to receive my dividends in Dollars?

A: Yes, existing currency arrangements will remain in place, i.e. in order to avoid costs to shareholders, dividends are paid in Sterling and US Dollars to shareholders whose address, according to the Share Register, is in the UK and the United States respectively, unless they require otherwise.

As the above arrangements can be inflexible for institutional shareholders, where shares are held in CREST, dividends are automatically paid in euro unless a currency election is made. CREST members should use the facility in CREST to make currency elections. Such elections must be made in respect of entire holdings as partial elections are not permissible.

Q: Will CRH continue to be subject to the laws of Ireland?

A: CRH will remain incorporated and tax resident in Ireland and will be subject to Irish law. CRH will continue to be subject to the compliance regime of the Irish Central Bank for the purposes of EU-related legislation in areas such as market abuse, transparency and shareholder rights.

Q: Will shareholder approval be required for the listing changes announced today?

A: Under the Listing Rules of the Irish Stock Exchange (“ISE”), shareholder approval is not required to effect the Reclassification.

Q: I hold preference shares in the Company. As the Company is rationalising its listing arrangements will it also be taking the opportunity to redeem the preference shares?

A: There is no intention to make any changes to the share capital structure of the Company at this time.

Q: We hold CRH bonds which are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. Do the changes announced regarding CRH’s listing arrangements affected the listing status of those bonds?

A: There will be no change to the status of CRH bonds listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. The listing arrangement changes announced today will only affect the CRH’s Ordinary shares.