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LYTAG lightweight aggregate now available in the Middle East

Lytag Ltd has signed an agreement with Bulk Materials International (BMI) for the merchandising of LYTAG lightweight aggregate in the Middle East. LYTAG lightweight aggregate has enhanced the design flexibility and sustainability credentials of some of the UK's highest profile construction projects such as the Gherkin and Heathrow T5, and the new agreement will increase the material's availability in the Middle East.

BMI Middle East will market LYTAG lightweight aggregate in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the Yemen. BMI will also manage sales of the product and provide technical support for its use across these regions.

Gareth Moores, Executive Chairman of Lytag Ltd, comments: "Putting this process in place is an exciting step for Lytag Ltd in our expansion throughout the Middle East. LYTAG lightweight aggregate has already been used in projects in the region such as H.H. Sheikh Rashid Al Maktoum Terminal in Dubai international Airport and The Emirates Aluminum Smelter Complex in Abu Dhabi. This merchandising agreement with BMI will facilitate a far greater availability of the material across the Middle East."

Dr Vassiem Sheikh, Regional Director at Bulk Materials International (Asia/Middle East), says: "This merchandising agreement is a decisive opportunity to accelerate our development strategy in Cementitious based products in the Middle East and allows us to explore new market segments with Lytag Ltd."

LYTAG lightweight aggregate is a secondary material that is commonly used in a range of construction applications including structural and precast concrete, floor and roof screeds, fills, green roofs, and as a drainage medium. Its weight is approximately 50% of the weight of natural aggregate, resulting in a saving in density of around 25% over normal weight concrete, however, retaining the same structural integrity. This offers clients, engineers and architects significant advantages in terms of design flexibility, logistics and handling, and savings in terms of labour, time and costs.

A truly environmentally friendly material, using LYTAG lightweight aggregate enhances the sustainability credentials of a construction project. Manufactured from the by-product of coal-fired power stations its use reduces demand on quarried aggregate and also diverts waste material from landfill.

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Lytag[®] is a unique brand that has been on the market for more than 40 years. In that time it has proven itself as ideal for use in structural concrete, floor and roof screed, precast concrete, land drainage and geotechnical fill.

It offers its users many performance benefits:

- 50% lighter than natural aggregates
- 25% lighter than natural aggregate concrete, which allows designers to be more flexible in design and achieve greater floor and roof spans.
- Concrete has same structural strength
- Enhanced durability
- Easier placing, compacting and finishing
- Improved insulating properties
- Logistical benefits

To find out more about LYTAG lightweight aggregate, visit www.lytag.net or call 01904 727922.

Bulk Materials International (BMI) is one of the leading suppliers of products and services to the cement and construction industry. Since our inception, BMI have enjoyed steady growth and expansion, fuelled by a focus on the needs of the construction industry. Today, BMI is one of the leading global suppliers of raw materials, shipping more than four million tons per year and are also one of the industry's primary sources of market information, technical support and services, with full logistics capabilities, including shipping, rail, barge transportation and trucking. BMI offers more than 20 products, ranging from iron oxide, to alumina products, to coal ashes and gypsum, and is one of the largest global suppliers of granulated blast furnace slag (GBFS).

BMI is serving customers around the world from several U.S. regional offices, including our headquarters in Newtown, Connecticut, and a growing network of offices in Italy, the Middle East, and Singapore.

Additional information is available on the website at: www.bulkmaterials.net