

LAFARGE
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For the month of: December, 2004

Commission File Number : 001-15218

LAFARGE

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

61, rue des Belles Feuilles

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France

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

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Yes

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Enclosures:

Press Release, dated December 22, 2004, relating to Sale of Carmeuse North America Dec. 04

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PRESS RELEASE

Euronext: LG, NYSE: LR

Paris, December 22, 2004

Lafarge announces sale of its 40% minority stake in Carmeuse North America BV

Lafarge today announces that it has completed the sale of all its 40% stake in Carmeuse North America BV to Carmeuse, for US\$ 140M. Lafarge had been a minority shareholder within Carmeuse North America since 1998.

Carmeuse North America is a producer of lime and limestone products serving the United States and Canada.

Lafarge, the world leader in building materials, holds top-ranking positions in all four of its Divisions: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete, Roofing and Gypsum. Lafarge employs 75,000 people in 75 countries. In 2003, the Group posted sales of €13.6 billion and operating profit on ordinary activities of €1.9 billion.

Further information is available on the web site at www.lafarge.com.

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Statements made in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions ("Factors"), which are difficult to predict. Some of the Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: the cyclical nature of the Company's business; national and regional economic conditions in the countries in which the Group does business; currency fluctuations; seasonal nature of the Company's operations; levels of construction spending in major markets; supply/demand structure of the industry; competition from new or existing competitors; unfavorable weather conditions during peak construction periods; changes in and implementation of environmental and other governmental regulations; our ability to successfully identify, complete and efficiently integrate acquisitions; our ability to successfully penetrate new markets; and other Factors disclosed in the Company's public filings with the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers and the US Securities and Exchange Commission including its Reference Document and annual report on Form 20-F. In general, the Company is subject to the risks and uncertainties of the construction industry and of doing business throughout the world. The forward-looking statements are made as of this date and the Company undertakes no obligation to update them, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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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 authorized.

Date December 22, 2004

Lafarge
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jean-Pierre Cloiseau

Name: Jean-Pierre Cloiseau

Title: Senior Vice President, Finance

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