



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA  
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**Press release**

**On Competition Commission decision regarding the procedures of the indepth investigation in the market of manufacturing/import and wholesale of the cement**

The Competition Authority has followed the procedures of the indepth investigation in the market of cement based on the Competition Commission Decision No. 253, of 12.03.2012 "On the opening of the in-depth investigation in the market of manufacturing, import and wholesale of bulk and packaged cement 42.5".

Based on the investigation report, hearings were held with the parties, in which the Competition Commission heard the claims of the parties under investigation regarding the report of the Secretariat. The Working Group submitted its objections after hearing the parties claims on the report of indepth investigation in the market of bulk cement 42.5 R. claims

After hearing the parties under investigation and also the claims and objections of the Working Group on them, Competition Commission stated that it has not been proved the coordinated behavior between undertakings under investigation in the absence of direct evidences of communication between the parties and therefore this was not qualified as a prohibited agreement under Article 4 of the Law "On Competition Protection".

For this reason, Competition Commission decided to close the procedures of the in-depth investigation in the market of manufacturing, import and wholesale of bulk and packaged cement 42.5, to undertakings "Antea Cement" SHA, "FUSHE-KRUJE CEMENT FACTORY", SHPK, "ELBASAN FACTORY" SHPK, "EUROTECH CEMENT" SHPK and "COLACEM ALBANIA" LLC.

Competition commission decided to go on with the monitoring process in the market of manufacturing/import and wholesale of the cement 42.5 R.