

**Question for written answer E-001576/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Asphalt plant

The Regional Government of Asturias (Spain) plans to give the company Canteras Cárcaba permission to set up an asphalt plant and a concrete plant in the valley of Las Caldas (Asturias). Those projects should be subject in their entirety to an ordinary environmental impact assessment under the cumulation of projects criterion (asphalt mixtures plant, concrete-manufacturing and extractive industry plant), as the original assessment which covers the operation of a quarry is inadequate, given that the asphalt plant and the concrete-manufacturing plant are different activities with polluting effects which go beyond what the exploitation of sand and cement produces.

- 1) Is the Commission aware that the company is claiming that it is a 'beneficiary establishment', invoking – among other laws – the obsolete Law 22/1973 of 21 July on mines, which violates EU law?
- 2) Given that the projects are for two different activities, what measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the Regional Government of Asturias complies with the environmental impact assessment rules on cumulation of projects?