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**VULCAN ANNOUNCES RECORD THIRD QUARTER
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

Birmingham, Alabama – October 29, 2007 – Vulcan Materials Company (NYSE:VMC) today announced record third quarter earnings from continuing operations of \$144 million, or \$1.47 per diluted share. Earnings from continuing operations in the third quarter of 2007 include expenses of \$3 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, related to the pending acquisition of Florida Rock Industries. Earnings from continuing operations in the third quarter of 2006 were \$1.44 per diluted share and included a gain of \$0.03 per share resulting from an increase in the carrying value of the ECU earn-out. Net earnings, including a \$0.09 per diluted share loss referable to discontinued operations, were \$1.38 per diluted share compared to \$1.39 per diluted share in the prior year's third quarter.

Don James, Vulcan's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Our aggregates-focused business demonstrated remarkable resiliency in the face of a sharp downturn in residential construction. We achieved record earnings from continuing operations for the third quarter and for the year-to-date, and we are on track to report record earnings for the full year 2007. Our cash generation continues to be strong with record cash flows from operations up 16 percent year-to-date.

"The attractive long-term attributes of the aggregates business have added value for our shareholders through different economic cycles. Our strategic geographic footprint and diverse end-use markets, in conjunction with the recognition of the increasing value of permitted reserves in fast-growing metropolitan markets, have enabled us to grow earnings even as aggregates volumes have declined due to reduced levels of residential construction activity."

Operating Results – Third Quarter

Gross profit and operating earnings increased from the prior year due to higher earnings from aggregates and asphalt. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased to 33 percent from 32 percent in the prior year despite lower shipments and production levels in all major product lines. Third quarter net sales approximated the prior year's third quarter net sales as higher aggregates and asphalt sales were offset by lower concrete sales.

Aggregates revenues and earnings increased from the prior year's levels due to higher pricing. Aggregates prices increased 12 percent from the prior year's third quarter, more than offsetting the earnings effects of an 8 percent decline in aggregates shipments. In

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response to lower demand, inventory levels in the third quarter were reduced from the previous quarter by lowering production levels. Costs of sales during the quarter were higher due mostly to the effects of lower production levels and increased costs for energy, parts and supplies.

Asphalt earnings increased significantly from the prior year. Third quarter asphalt earnings benefited from higher selling prices, which increased 8 percent from the prior year's third quarter levels, as well as lower unit costs for liquid asphalt. Asphalt shipments in the third quarter of 2007 declined 5 percent from last year's third quarter level. Third quarter 2007 concrete earnings declined from the prior year as a 4 percent increase in concrete prices was more than offset by the earnings effect of a 37 percent decrease in concrete shipments.

The quarter's results include approximately \$0.03 per diluted share in charges associated with the closure of two former production sites and provisions for outstanding legal matters at two facilities. As previously mentioned, the quarter's results also include approximately \$0.02 per diluted share referable to the pending Florida Rock acquisition.

Discontinued operations posted a loss of \$9 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share in the third quarter, related to the settlement of claims against the Company's former chloralkali chemicals business unit which was divested in June 2005. Discontinued operations in the prior year's third quarter recorded a loss of \$5 million, or \$0.05 per diluted share. During the third quarter of 2007, the Company received the final payment under the ECU earn-out of \$22 million, bringing the cumulative cash receipts to the \$150 million cap.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$58 million to \$421 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

All results are unaudited.

Outlook

Commenting on the outlook for the remainder of 2007, Mr. James stated, "We now expect to close the pending merger with Florida Rock Industries during the fourth quarter of 2007. With respect to Vulcan's legacy business, pricing for our products remains strong. We expect aggregates prices will increase 12 to 13 percent for the full year. Spending for private nonresidential and public infrastructure construction continues to grow, somewhat mitigating the steep decline in residential construction. Predicting the timing of a stable level for residential construction activity continues to be a challenge. We believe aggregates volumes in the fourth quarter of 2007 will continue to be hampered by weak residential construction activity resulting in a full year decline of approximately 9 to 10 percent as compared with shipments in 2006.

"Our projected record earnings from continuing operations in 2007 will cap a remarkable year for Vulcan and our shareholders, and the pending acquisition of Florida Rock Industries makes us even more optimistic about the future of our business. Although the

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weakness in residential construction will continue to affect shipments into that end use market, we believe that price trends in aggregates will continue to be favorable. Moreover, the broad use of aggregates throughout the nation's economy should continue to contribute to relatively stable growth in demand over the long term.

“We expect our fourth quarter financial results to include Florida Rock for the post-closing portion of the quarter. However, to date, access to Florida Rock's financial and operational information has been limited and we are unable to project the financial results from Florida Rock for this stub period. Accordingly, we are not issuing specific earnings guidance for the remainder of the year. We expect to provide annual earnings guidance for 2008 for Vulcan, including Florida Rock, when we issue fourth quarter 2007 earnings in February 2008.”

Conference Call

Vulcan will host a conference call at 10:00 a.m. CDT on October 30, 2007. Investors and other interested parties in the U.S. may access the teleconference live by calling (800) 435-1398 approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled start. International participants can dial (617) 614-4078. The access code is 64084983. A live webcast will be available via the Internet through Vulcan's home page at vulcanmaterials.com. The conference call will be recorded and available for replay approximately two hours after the call through November 6, 2007.

Vulcan Materials Company, a member of the S&P 500 index, is the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates and a major producer of asphalt and concrete.

Certain matters discussed in this release, including expectations regarding future performance, contain forward-looking statements that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These assumptions, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those associated with general economic and business conditions; changes in interest rates; the timing and amount of federal, state and local funding for infrastructure; changes in the level of spending for residential and private nonresidential construction; the highly competitive nature of the construction materials industry; pricing; weather and other natural phenomena; energy costs; costs of hydrocarbon-based raw materials; increasing healthcare costs; the timing and amount of any future payments to be received under the SCP earn-out contained in the agreement for the divestiture of the Company's Chemicals business; the Company's ability to manage and successfully integrate acquisitions; risks and uncertainties related to the proposed transaction with Florida Rock Industries, Inc. including the ability to close the transaction, successfully integrate the operations of Florida Rock and to achieve the anticipated cost savings and operational synergies following the closing of the proposed transaction with Florida Rock; and other assumptions, risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the report on Form 10-K for the year. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and Vulcan assumes no obligation to publicly update such statements.

Vulcan Materials Company and Subsidiary Companies

(Amounts and shares in thousands, except per share data)

Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Condensed and unaudited)	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 844,938	\$ 848,296	\$ 2,282,943	\$ 2,298,349
Delivery revenues	59,928	81,025	187,954	227,822
Total revenues	904,866	929,321	2,470,897	2,526,171
Cost of goods sold	567,546	575,404	1,553,123	1,603,681
Delivery costs	59,928	81,025	187,954	227,822
Cost of revenues	627,474	656,429	1,741,077	1,831,503
Gross profit	277,392	272,892	729,820	694,668
Selling, administrative and general expenses	66,398	67,824	212,108	197,986
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment, net	5,543	1,610	56,782	3,671
Other operating expense (income), net	2,236	326	5,814	(23,137)
Operating earnings	214,301	206,352	568,680	523,490
Other (expense) income, net	(1,590)	4,810	(502)	27,659
Interest income	645	914	3,084	5,034
Interest expense	6,499	7,713	21,224	19,689
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	206,857	204,363	550,038	536,494
Provision for income taxes	62,929	63,433	173,091	171,311
Earnings from continuing operations	143,928	140,930	376,947	365,183
Loss on discontinued operations, net of tax	(8,515)	(5,243)	(10,650)	(8,777)
Net earnings	\$ 135,413	\$ 135,687	\$ 366,297	\$ 356,406
Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.47	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.71
Discontinued operations	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.09)
Net earnings per share	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.42	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.62
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.44	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.63
Discontinued operations	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.09)
Net earnings per share	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.39	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.54
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	95,763	95,708	95,507	98,546
Assuming dilution	97,888	97,679	97,988	100,671
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.11
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization from continuing operations	\$ 66,366	\$ 58,026	\$ 191,071	\$ 166,869
Effective tax rate from continuing operations	30.4%	31.0%	31.5%	31.9%

Vulcan Materials Company and Subsidiary Companies

(Amounts in thousands)

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Condensed and unaudited)	September 30 2007	December 31 2006	September 30 2006
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,079	\$ 55,230	\$ 68,651
Accounts and notes receivable:			
Accounts and notes receivable, gross	457,325	394,815	483,356
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,302)	(3,355)	(4,572)
Accounts and notes receivable, net	454,023	391,460	478,784
Inventories:			
Finished products	232,250	214,508	209,216
Raw materials	10,835	9,967	10,300
Products in process	1,747	1,619	1,876
Operating supplies and other	21,690	17,443	16,705
Inventories	266,522	243,537	238,097
Deferred income taxes	30,402	25,579	18,562
Prepaid expenses	39,364	15,388	27,070
Total current assets	821,390	731,194	831,164
Investments and long-term receivables	5,069	6,664	6,985
Property, plant and equipment:			
Property, plant and equipment, cost	4,203,952	3,897,618	3,758,480
Less: Reserve for depr., depl., & amort.	(2,151,182)	(2,028,504)	(1,992,564)
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,052,770	1,869,114	1,765,916
Goodwill	650,205	620,189	625,076
Other assets	205,074	200,673	185,122
Total assets	\$ 3,734,508	\$ 3,427,834	\$ 3,414,263
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 562	\$ 630	\$ 32,547
Short-term borrowings	147,775	198,900	236,750
Trade payables and accruals	161,385	154,215	174,510
Other current liabilities	145,850	133,763	125,259
Total current liabilities	455,572	487,508	569,066
Long-term debt	321,227	322,064	322,267
Deferred income taxes	299,611	287,905	297,191
Other noncurrent liabilities	358,430	319,458	302,801
Total liabilities	1,434,840	1,416,935	1,491,325
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock, \$1 par value	139,705	139,705	139,705
Capital in excess of par value	254,271	191,695	181,002
Retained earnings	3,215,846	2,982,526	2,903,698
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(17,995)	(4,953)	(2,233)
Treasury stock at cost	(1,292,159)	(1,298,074)	(1,299,234)
Shareholders' equity	2,299,668	2,010,899	1,922,938
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity ..	\$ 3,734,508	\$ 3,427,834	\$ 3,414,263

Vulcan Materials Company and Subsidiary Companies

(Amounts in thousands)

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Condensed and unaudited)

**Nine Months Ended
September 30**

2007 2006

Operating Activities

Net earnings	\$ 366,297	\$ 356,406
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	191,071	166,888
Net gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(56,782)	(3,672)
Net gain on sale of contractual rights	-	(24,850)
Contributions to pension plans	(1,262)	(1,112)
Share-based compensation	12,595	11,249
Increase in assets before initial effects of business acquisitions and dispositions	(154,195)	(159,236)
Increase in liabilities before initial effects of business acquisitions and dispositions	48,663	15,060
Change in asset retirement obligations due to settlements	7,259	1,526
Other, net	7,667	1,359
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>421,313</u>	<u>363,618</u>

Investing Activities

Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(351,486)	(299,147)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	61,114	5,909
Proceeds from sale of contractual rights, net of cash transaction fees	-	24,850
Proceeds from sale of Chemicals business	30,560	141,916
Payment for businesses acquired, net of acquired cash	(58,861)	(20,498)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of medium-term investments	-	175,140
Decrease in investments and long-term receivables	1,595	172
Other, net	1,706	(13)
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	<u>(315,372)</u>	<u>28,329</u>

Financing Activities

Net short-term borrowings (payments)	(51,125)	236,750
Payment of short-term debt and current maturities	(552)	(240,470)
Purchases of common stock	(4,800)	(521,632)
Dividends paid	(131,559)	(109,109)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	33,804	23,036
Excess tax benefits from exercise of stock options	24,140	12,991
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(130,092)</u>	<u>(598,434)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(24,151)	(206,487)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	55,230	275,138
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 31,079</u>	<u>\$ 68,651</u>

1. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Supplemental information referable to the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30 is summarized below (amounts in thousands):

	2007	2006
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest, net of amount capitalized	\$ 15,664	\$ 19,678
Income taxes	145,013	172,126
Supplemental Schedule of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities		
Accrued liabilities for purchases of property, plant and equipment	26,340	16,540
Debt issued for purchases of property, plant and equipment	15	-
Proceeds receivable from exercise of stock options	16	676
Accrued liabilities for purchases of treasury stock	-	310

2. Net Sales and Unit Shipments

(Amounts in thousands)

Net Sales by Product - Customer	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Aggregates	\$ 608,890	\$ 580,861	\$ 1,653,768	\$ 1,610,439
Asphalt mix	161,369	155,448	384,230	366,760
Concrete	45,879	69,700	149,475	206,784
Other products	28,800	42,287	95,470	114,366
Total net sales	<u>\$ 844,938</u>	<u>\$ 848,296</u>	<u>\$ 2,282,943</u>	<u>\$ 2,298,349</u>

Unit Shipments

Aggregates				
Customer tons	60,330	65,272	166,358	185,187
Internal tons (a)	<u>3,173</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>8,291</u>	<u>9,960</u>
Aggregates - tons	<u>63,503</u>	<u>68,873</u>	<u>174,649</u>	<u>195,147</u>
Asphalt mix - tons	3,247	3,427	7,892	8,732
Concrete - cubic yards	475	752	1,565	2,319

(a) Represents tons shipped primarily to our other operations (e.g., asphalt mix and concrete). Revenue from internal shipments is not included in net sales as presented in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Average Unit Sales Price (including internal sales)

Aggregates (freight adjusted) (b)	\$ 9.43	\$ 8.42	\$ 9.34	\$ 8.19
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(b) Freight adjusted sales price is calculated as total sales dollars less freight to remote distribution sites divided by sales units.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Performance Measures

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
GAAP Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 206,857	\$ 204,363	\$ 550,038	\$ 536,494
Gain on sale of contractual rights (1)	-	(1)	-	(24,850)
Gain on sale of California real estate, net (2)	943	-	(40,966)	-
Gain from adjustment in the carrying value of the ECU earn-out (3)	-	(4,734)	(1,929)	(27,720)
Retrospective adjustment related to a change in accounting principle (4)	-	366	-	(71)
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, as adjusted (5)	<u>\$ 207,800</u>	<u>\$ 199,994</u>	<u>\$ 507,143</u>	<u>\$ 483,853</u>
GAAP Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.44	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.63
After-tax gain per diluted share resulting from the sale of contractual rights (1)	-	-	-	(0.15)
After-tax gain per diluted share resulting from sale of California real estate, net (2)	0.01	-	(0.25)	-
After-tax gain per diluted share resulting from the adjustment in the carrying value of the ECU earn-out (3)	-	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.17)
After-tax gain per diluted share resulting from the retrospective adjustment related to a change in accounting principle (4)	-	0.01	-	(0.03)
Earnings per share from continuing operations, net of tax, as adjusted (5)	<u>\$ 1.48</u>	<u>\$ 1.42</u>	<u>\$ 3.59</u>	<u>\$ 3.28</u>

(1) During the second quarter of 2006, the Company recognized a \$25 million pretax gain from the sale of its contractual rights to mine the Bellwood quarry in Atlanta, Georgia. The City of Atlanta plans to convert the property into a city park and greenspace as part of a larger economic growth and development project around the city's perimeter. The Company worked with city and county officials to achieve this mutually beneficial transaction. The Company will continue operating the site for approximately two years subsequent to the sale as it transitions customers to its existing 12 quarries in the greater Atlanta area and to a new, zoned site purchased in 2004 in anticipation of the Bellwood sale.

(2) In January 2007, the Company sold approximately 125 acres of vacant land located in San Bernardino County, California resulting in a pretax gain of \$43.8 million. The amounts shown above are net of the related incentives ratably applied in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

(3) In June 2005, the Company sold substantially all the assets of its Chemicals business, known as Vulcan Chemicals, to a subsidiary of Occidental Chemical Corporation, Basic Chemicals. Subject to certain conditions as defined in a separate earn-out agreement, Basic Chemicals was required to make payments based on ECU and natural gas prices during the five-year period beginning July 1, 2005. In September 2007, the company received the final payment under the ECU earn-out of \$22.1 million, bringing cumulative cash receipts to the \$150 million cap. The ECU earn-out was accounted for as a derivative instrument; accordingly, it was reported at fair value. Changes to the fair value of the ECU derivative were recorded within continuing operations pursuant to SAB Topic 5:Z:5.

(4) On January 1, 2007 the Company adopted FSP AUG AIR-1 "Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities" and retrospectively adjusted prior year financial statements as required under the FSP. One result of the retrospective application of this change in accounting principle was an increase in the cumulative undistributed earnings at a certain wholly owned foreign subsidiary, and an increase in the associated deferred tax liability. During the second quarter of 2006, we determined that the cumulative undistributed earnings at this foreign subsidiary would be indefinitely reinvested offshore, and accordingly reversed the associated deferred tax liability pursuant to Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 23, "Accounting for Income Taxes - Special Areas." Consistent with our prior determination that the cumulative undistributed earnings would be indefinitely reinvested offshore, the deferred tax liability arising from the retrospective adjustments was reversed, resulting in a favorable adjustment to the provision for income taxes during the second quarter of 2006.

(5) The Company prepares and reports its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Internally, management monitors the operating performance of its Construction Materials business using non-GAAP metrics similar to those above. These non-GAAP measures exclude the effects of the items described more fully above.

In Management's opinion, these non-GAAP measures are important indicators of the ongoing operations of our Construction Materials business and provide better comparability between reporting periods because they exclude items that may not be indicative of or are unrelated to our core business and provide a better baseline for analyzing trends in our core operations. The Company does not, nor does it suggest that investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes the disclosure of the effects of these items increases the reader's understanding of the underlying performance of the business and that such non-GAAP financial measures provide investors with an additional tool to evaluate our financial results and assess our prospects for future performance.