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**Lehigh Cement Company Earmarks  
\$100,000 for Hurricane Katrina Relief**

ALLENTOWN- Lehigh Cement Company will donate \$100,000 to charities supplying relief for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Helmut Erhard, President and CEO, announced the donation on August 31. "We have all been greatly moved by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and the plight of the people who have lost their loved ones, homes and possessions." Lehigh donations will include \$50,000 to the American Red Cross and \$25,000 to the Salvation Army.

Mr. Erhard further elaborated, "I encourage our employees to support the relief organizations of their choice by contributing directly to those charities. By working together during this challenging time, we can help people recover from the impact of this terrible storm and rebuild their communities."

Lehigh produces and distributes cement, ready mixed concrete and concrete products in many areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. All Lehigh employees are safe and the company sustained no damage to its facilities.

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Lehigh, along with its associated companies, is a major North American manufacturer of cement, concrete and construction materials that employs about 6,000 people in the United States and Canada. Lehigh is a member of the HeidelbergCement Group, one of the largest cement and construction materials manufacturers in the world. Lehigh has served the construction industry in North America for over 100 years as a producer of high quality portland and specialty cements for use in concrete products. Lehigh and its related companies produce and supply gray and white portland cements, masonry cements, custom color portland and masonry cements, aggregates, lightweight aggregates, ready mix concrete, concrete pipe, cement block, pre-cut and pre-stressed cement products, fly ash and other pozzolanic materials. Lehigh's products are widely used by ready mix suppliers and for numerous highway, architectural, industrial and marine applications. Visit Lehigh's website at [www.lehighcement.com](http://www.lehighcement.com).