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Lehigh Cement Company to Modernize Mitchell, Indiana Cement Plant

ALLENTOWN – Lehigh Cement Company, a subsidiary of the German building materials company, HeidelbergCement, today announced plans to expand and upgrade its cement manufacturing plant in Mitchell, Indiana. The modernized plant will use the latest technology and equipment to significantly reduce energy usage, fuel consumption and emissions per ton of cement produced. Lehigh Cement Company will work closely and cooperatively with the responsible government and permitting agencies to meet air quality standards and other requirements. Lehigh Cement Company has served customers in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and the entire midwest with high quality cement made at the Mitchell, Indiana location since 1902.

“This major investment in the Mitchell plant is an important part of HeidelbergCement’s effort to bring quality building materials products to our customers in fifty countries worldwide,” said Lehigh Cement President and CEO, Helmut Erhard. Executive Vice President, Albert Scheuer, who will succeed Mr. Erhard as North American CEO in January 2008, stressed the benefits of advanced technical design. “We have built new plants and expanded existing facilities from the United States to Turkey and from Canada to China. We have the technical ability and experience to manufacture cement in a manner which is environmentally sustainable, while maintaining the highest quality standards,” said Dr. Scheuer.

Daniel Harrington, President of Lehigh Cement’s North Division, emphasized the need for close cooperation between Lehigh Cement and local and state officials, customers, employees and the community. “We have played a key role in the community for generations,” stated Mr. Harrington. “We look forward to open dialogue with the state of Indiana and the city of Mitchell as we move through the permitting process.” “Southern Indiana continues to be a leader in manufacturing,” said Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “This project in my home county proves we can bring about economic growth in Indiana while continuing to be good stewards of our environment.” City of Mitchell Mayor Butch Chastain said, “Lehigh Cement has been a major employer in our city and has always been a good neighbor. We are confident that the plant expansion will be a big boost for our town.”

Cement is the key ingredient for the production of concrete, the most widely used construction material in the world. Lehigh Cement Company remains committed to supplying cement for the continued growth of the Midwest U.S. market.

Lehigh Cement Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, one of the largest cement and construction materials manufacturers in the world. HeidelbergCement is a founding member of the Cement Sustainability Initiative under the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. All HeidelbergCement business units, including Lehigh Cement Company, are built on the three pillars of sustainable development: economy, ecology and social responsibility. Lehigh creates added value for its customers, employees, suppliers and shareholders. The company preserves natural resources – the basis of its economic activity, and recognize its social responsibility towards its neighbors and employees.

Lehigh Cement Company, along with its associated companies, is a major North American manufacturer of cement, concrete and construction materials. Lehigh has served the construction industry in North America for 110 years as a producer of high quality portland and specialty cements for use in concrete products. Lehigh operates 13 cement plants and employs about 6135 people in North America. Lehigh's parent, HeidelbergCement, recently acquired Hanson, plc, a major global supplier of aggregates, ready mixed concrete and construction products. With half of Hanson's assets located in the United States and Canada, Lehigh and Hanson provide customers a wide range of 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 mixed concrete, concrete pipe, cement block, pre-cast and pre-stressed cement products, fly ash and other pozzolanic materials. Lehigh's products are widely used by ready mixed concrete suppliers and for numerous highway, architectural, industrial and marine applications. Visit Lehigh Cement Company's website at www.lehighcement.com.

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