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Lehigh Completes Glens Falls Acquisition

ALLENTOWN- Lehigh Cement Company has completed its acquisition of Dykerhoff/Buzzi's fifty percent ownership in the Glens Falls Lehigh Cement Company partnership on January 13, 2005. This transaction places Lehigh in a formidable position as a cement supplier in its New England and Mid-Atlantic markets. Customers from Maine to North Carolina will benefit from the flexible logistical options, a well-rounded product mix, improved production efficiency and technical support that is second to none.

As Helmut S. Erhard, President and CEO, explained, "This acquisition provides substantial synergies with our existing operations in the region. This move is in line with Lehigh and Heidelberg's long-term strategy to further expand into advanced and sustainable economies like the United States and Canada. The Glens Falls plant and terminal network will enhance our already strong position in the marketplace and broaden and secure the supply base for our customers. This acquisition will benefit our customers as well as Lehigh's bottom line."

The Glens Falls plant uses modern pre-heater technology and supplies cement by truck, rail and barge throughout eastern New York and New England. Grinding capacity in Greene County, New York, augments the plant's capacity and produces blended cement products. A network of terminals including locations near Syracuse, New York, in the mid-Hudson River Valley, the Port of New York City, Providence, Rhode Island, and the Boston metropolitan area serve customers throughout the area.

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, blended 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.