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VULCAN CHRISTENS *M/V H.A. SKLENAR*
Third Vessel Will Transport Increased Production from Yucatán Quarry

Birmingham, Ala. – Vulcan Materials Company (NYSE: VMC) today announced that it has christened the *M/V H.A. Sklenar* at the Company's Blakely Island sales yard in the Port of Mobile. With the addition of the *Sklenar*, Vulcan owns and operates three Panamax-class self unloading vessels.

The *Sklenar* and its sister vessels, the *M/V W.H. Blount* and the *M/V Bernardo Quintana*, transport high quality limestone aggregates from Vulcan's Sac Tun quarry on Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula to markets along the U.S. Gulf Coast, the east coast of Florida and the Caribbean.

Vulcan acquired and converted the *Sklenar* to transport an additional volume of aggregates being produced from a major expansion and upgrade of the Company's processing facility in Mexico. The increased production and transportation capacity will allow Vulcan to meet strong market growth and demand for construction materials along the U.S. Gulf Coast and the east coast of Florida.

The plant expansion increased annual production capacity at the quarry from approximately 9 million tons to approximately 12 million tons. The new ship increases annual shipping capacity by over 3 million tons. Additional information on the ship and markets served can be found at <http://www.vulcanmaterials.com/ship.asp>

"We are pleased to honor our former Chairman and CEO, Herb Sklenar, by naming our third vessel after him. With our plant expansion completed and the *Sklenar* in service, Vulcan is able to increase its shipments to attractive markets along the Gulf and South Atlantic Coasts," said Don James, Vulcan's chairman and chief executive officer. "Over the long term, population growth and market demand in this region are expected to continue to increase at levels above the national averages, while the availability of local, quality aggregates continues to decline. Over time, we expect to continue to increase production and shipping capacity from our Sac Tun quarry so that Vulcan will be positioned to serve expected growth in markets throughout this region."

Vulcan Materials Company, a member of the S&P 500 index, is the nation's foremost producer of construction aggregates and a major producer of other construction materials.

For additional information about Vulcan Materials Company, see www.vulcanmaterials.com