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**Vulcan's Midwest Division Nationally Recognized**  
*Five operations honored for beautification and improvement initiatives.*

**Lombard, Ill.** — Vulcan Materials Company announced its Midwest Division has been recognized as a national leader in facility improvements, receiving five 2006 National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA) About Face Showplace Awards. The Bartlett Plant (Bartlett, IL), Daugherty Sand & Gravel (Lafayette, IN), Kankakee Quarry (Kankakee, IL), Racine Quarry (Caledonia, WI) and Swisher Sand & Gravel (West Lafayette, IN) each received the honor for their commitment to continually improving their operations.

“As a socially responsible employer, we continue to raise the bar of excellence at all of our facilities,” said Rob Vogel, Vulcan’s Midwest Division President. “I congratulate all of our employees and the 2006 award winners for their dedication and commitment to their operation, local community and neighbors.”

The prestigious Showplace Award recognizes the highest level of achievement in beautification and improvement throughout the quarry, including entrance and approach, office and scale house, employee areas, screening areas, facility structures, operations area, dust, erosion and scrap control, trucks and reclamation. Since the award program’s inception, Midwest Division facilities have earned 19 About Face Showplace Awards.

Created in 1975, About Face is a nationally acclaimed program that recognizes and rewards aggregate producers who have made constructive and positive efforts to enhance the appearance of their quarrying operations. In 1987, About Face received a Special Merit Award from the private sector-sponsored Keep America Beautiful Program, and in 1990 it received the highest honor in the U. S. Department of Interior's Take Pride in America Program.

**ABOUT VULCAN MATERIALS:**

Vulcan Materials Company (NYSE: VMC), a member of the S&P 500 Index, is the nation’s foremost producer of construction aggregates (primarily crushed stone, sand and gravel), and a major producer of other construction materials required by the U.S. and local economies. The Midwest Division is headquartered in Lombard, Illinois, employs 650 people and operates 26 quarry and sand & gravel locations, and 11 other associated aggregate production, sales and distribution facilities in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. For additional information about Vulcan Materials Company, see [www.vulcanmaterials.com](http://www.vulcanmaterials.com).