



/CORRECTION -- Eagle Materials Inc./

DALLAS, July 21, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- In the news release, Eagle Materials Inc. (NYSE: EXP) Reports First Quarter Earnings, issued earlier today by Eagle Materials Inc. over PR Newswire, in the table with the heading "Consolidated Balance Sheet," first column of the "Assets" section, "Accounts and Notes Receivable, net" should read "72,350" rather than "2,350" as incorrectly transmitted by PR Newswire. Complete, corrected release follows:

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Continued weak residential activity and low wallboard utilization rates during the quarter put downward pressure on wallboard sales volumes and prices. Industry wallboard shipments for the quarter were down 17% compared to the same period in the prior year and industry utilization rates continued to decline during the quarter. In addition, higher transportation and natural gas costs also put downward pressure on wallboard mill nets and margins. During the first 5 months of the calendar year, construction industry spending amounted to \$417 billion, 5% below the \$439 billion for the same period last year. Through the same time period, U.S. cement consumption is approximately 11% below last year's levels. Domestic manufacturers have reacted to the decline in demand by reducing foreign imported product.

GYPSUM WALLBOARD AND PAPERBOARD

Gypsum Wallboard and Paperboard revenues for the first quarter totaled \$100.9 million, a 20% decrease from the \$125.5 million for the same quarter a year ago. Gypsum Wallboard and Paperboard's first quarter net operating loss was \$2.2 million compared with operating earnings of \$31.5 million for the same quarter last year. Lower sales prices combined with higher energy, transportation and raw material costs, which increased approximately \$20 per msf from the same period in the prior year, were the primary driver of the earnings decline. The average net sales price for this fiscal year's first quarter was \$89.27 per MSF, 30% less than the \$128.21 per MSF for the same quarter last year. Gypsum Wallboard sales volume of 646 million square feet (MMSF) for the quarter increased 1% from the prior year's first quarter. Excluding shipments from our new Georgetown wallboard plant, our gypsum wallboard volumes were down 15% from the prior year's first quarter.

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Revenues from Concrete and Aggregates were \$18.9 million for this year's first quarter, 21% less than the \$24.1 million for the first quarter a year ago. Concrete and Aggregates reported a \$2.1 million operating profit for this year's first quarter, down 48% from the same quarter last year, due primarily to lower sales volumes for both products. Concrete sales volume declined 16% for the first quarter this year to 177,000 cubic yards from 210,000 cubic yards for the same quarter last year. Our Concrete quarterly average net sales price of \$74.29 per cubic yard for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was 1% lower than the \$75.19 per cubic yard for the first quarter a year ago. Our Aggregates operation reported sales volume of 798,000 tons for the current quarter, 31% less than the 1.2 million tons reported in the first quarter last year. Our Aggregates quarterly average net sales

price was a record high \$7.27 per ton during the first quarter and was 2% above last year's first quarter Aggregates average net sales price.

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Forward-Looking Statements. This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the context of the statement and generally arise when the Company is discussing its beliefs, estimates or expectations. These statements are not historical facts or guarantees of future performance but instead represent only the Company's belief at the time the statements were made regarding future events which are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors many of which are outside the Company's control. Actual results and outcomes may differ materially from what is expressed or forecast in such forward-looking statements. The principal risks and uncertainties that may affect the Company's actual performance include the following: the cyclical and seasonal nature of the Company's business; public infrastructure expenditures; adverse weather conditions; availability of raw materials; changes in energy costs including, without limitation, natural gas and oil; changes in the cost and availability of transportation; unexpected operational difficulties; inability to timely execute announced capacity expansions; governmental regulation and changes in governmental and public policy (including, without limitation, climate change regulation); changes in economic conditions specific to any one or more of the Company's markets; competition; announced increases in capacity in the gypsum wallboard and cement industries; changes in the demand for residential housing construction or commercial construction; general economic conditions; and interest rates. For example, increases in interest rates, decreases in demand for construction materials or increases in the cost of energy (including, without limitation, natural gas and oil) could affect the revenues and operating earnings of our operations. In addition, changes in national or regional economic conditions and levels of infrastructure and construction spending could also adversely affect the Company's result of operations. These and other factors are described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. This report is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements made herein are made as of the date hereof, and the risk that actual results will differ materially from expectations expressed herein will increase with the passage of time. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement to reflect future events or changes in the Company's expectations.

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(dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

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Average Shares Outstanding:			
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	-10%	50%	
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Wholly Owned	14,754	21,418	-31%
Joint Venture	7,886	6,176	28%
	22,640	27,594	-18%
	99%	43%	
Concrete & Aggregates	2,113	4,049	-48%
	9%	6%	
Other, net	400	522	-23%
	2%	1%	
Total Operating Earnings	22,978	63,657	-64%
	100%	100%	

Corporate General Expenses	(4,055)	(4,347)	
Interest Expense, net	(7,991)	(3,594)	
Earnings Before Income Taxes	\$10,932	\$55,716	-80%

*Net of Intersegment and Joint Venture Revenues listed on Attachment 3.

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Cement (Ton)	\$97.52	\$96.27	1%
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Aggregates (Ton)	\$7.27	\$7.15	2%

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Intersegment and Cement
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Intersegment Revenues:		
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Paperboard	14,270	14,139
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Property, Plant and Equipment -	1,087,375	1,017,790	1,079,742
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(386,558)	(343,875)	(374,186)
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	700,817	673,915	705,556
Investments in Joint Venture	38,981	42,039	40,095
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Goodwill and Intangibles	153,290	70,058	153,449
Other Assets	26,801	101,460	27,835
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities -			
Accounts Payable	\$53,091	\$48,412	\$50,961
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Long-term Liabilities	85,134	-	84,342
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Deferred Income Taxes	115,314	188,630	117,542
Stockholders' Equity -			
Preferred Stock, Par Value \$0.01; Authorized 5,000,000 Shares; None Issued	-	-	-
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Capital in Excess of Par Value	1,512	4,003	-
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses	(1,368)	(850)	(1,368)
Retained Earnings	405,754	540,912	406,621

Total Stockholders' Equity	406,333	544,545	405,687
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