

Cement Industry Honours Lehigh Hanson Canada Cement Plant for Community Outreach Programs

Ottawa, May 5, 2008 – The Cement Association of Canada (CAC), Portland Cement Association (PCA) and *Cement Americas* magazine acknowledged the achievements of the Lehigh Hanson Canada Cement Plant in Edmonton, Alberta, as part of the 2008 Cement Industry Energy and Environmental Awards. The plant was a runner-up in the Outreach category, which recognizes facilities that strive to enhance community, employee and government relations through innovative programs and communication efforts.

In 2003, Lehigh developed a Community Liaison Group as a required part of an approval process. After the process was complete, the plant continued to support the group, and it became a forum where surrounding communities could discuss any concerns they would like addressed, as well as the plant's own environmental objectives. Through this group's activities, Lehigh developed an annual Environmental Report Card that presents the plant's environmental performance for the previous year and compares it to provincial and federal objectives.

"Cement companies take very seriously their responsibilities to the towns where their employees and customers live," said Pierre Boucher, Cement Association of Canada President and CEO. "The award shows this commitment in action."

The Cement Industry Energy & Environmental Awards honour individual cement facilities that exemplify the spirit of continuous environmental improvement and support this spirit with action. These plants go beyond government regulations and local laws to ensure that their processes contribute to making their communities better places to live and work. Five categories are recognized: Outreach, Environmental Performance, Land Stewardship, Innovation, and Energy Efficiency. A special award is presented to plants demonstrating excellence in multiple categories. The awards program was created in 2000 by the Portland Cement Association as part of its renewed environment and energy strategic plan for the cement industry.

The Cement Association of Canada is the voice of Canada's cement industry. Canadian cement and concrete sales amount to more than \$8.0 billion annually, and support more than 27,000 jobs. Canada's cement industry works to ensure the reliable supply of cement required to build Canada's network of critical infrastructure of roads and bridges, buildings and homes, water and sewage works and dams. In addition, soil solidification/stabilization with cement is an increasingly common technology for the safe management, treatment and reuse of contaminated sites.

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