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LAFARGE SUGAR CREEK CEMENT PLANT PARTNERS WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REPUBLIC SERVICES ON LANDFILL GAS PROJECT

Using landfill gas to eliminate the equivalent of the emissions from 5,500 vehicles

Sugar Creek, Missouri – April 17, 2009 – Lafarge North America, Inc., and Waste Management, Inc. and Republic Services today officially commenced the flow of landfill gas to the Lafarge cement facility.

Lafarge, the largest supplier of cement products in the U.S. and Canada, now uses landfill gas to replace nearly 20% of its coal at its cement plant in Sugar Creek, Missouri. The plant burns landfill gas to reduce coal use by nearly 20% and reduce CO₂ emissions by 33,000 tons per year. Using this renewable fuel is the equivalent of planting over 8,000 acres of forest or removing emissions from over 5,500 motor vehicles. Waste Management and Republic Services landfills located close to the cement facility are supplying the landfill gas.

“Using landfill gas is positive for the environment, for the community, and for our business partners, Waste Management and Republic Services,” said Jarrod Huntley, Lafarge Plant Manager. “What was once wasted will now reduce our emissions, reduce local truck traffic, and provide economic benefit to all of us. The plant already uses non-recyclable shredded paper, plastics, textiles, and rubber as fuel. Along with landfill gas, we’re proud to report that our renewable fuels use has increased from 7% last year to nearly 30% of the total energy needed to produce high quality cements used in the central Midwest. This is a great example of Lafarge’s efforts to improve our industry’s sustainability.”

“Waste Management pioneered landfill gas-to-energy technology over two decades ago, and we operate more of these facilities than any other company in North America,” said Kent Harrell, area vice-president of Waste Management. “As the largest operator of landfills, we understand how landfills operate and how best to leverage this valuable resource. Our goal is to put a project like this at every landfill we own or operate”

“I will take great pride in sharing news of this project with my colleagues in Washington, said U.S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, who serves on the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. “Lafarge is at the forefront of creating opportunities for sustainability.”

“It is inspirational to learn about private sector projects like this one with its many environmental benefits,” added William Rice, Acting Administrator for the U.S. EPA Region VII.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has endorsed landfill gas as an environmentally wise alternative energy resource that reduces the country’s reliance on fossil fuels like coal and oil. Landfill gas is also an important source of waste-based, renewable energy that can generate distributed base load power.

In 2007, Waste Management set an ambitious goal to develop up to 60 LFGTE projects at its landfills by 2012. Waste Management is North America’s largest operator of LFGTE facilities, with renewable energy projects at 112 of its landfills. Upon completion of the 60-project expansion begun in 2007, Waste Management expects to generate over 700 megawatts of energy from its landfills, enough to power 700,000 homes.

Together with Waste Management’s other renewable energy initiatives, the Rolling Meadows facility will move Waste Management toward meeting one of its sustainability goals, to double its renewable energy production to provide enough power for the equivalent of two million homes by 2020.

About Waste Management, Inc.

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

About Lafarge

The Lafarge Group is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete and Gypsum. With 83,000 employees in 78 countries, the Group posted sales of 19.0 billion Euros in 2008. Lafarge North America Inc. (“Lafarge North America” or “Lafarge”), a Lafarge Group company, is the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in the United States and Canada.