

Vulcan Materials CO  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JAMES DONALD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE  
 (Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Vulcan Materials CO [VMC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/18/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/18/2008		M	4,600 A \$ 45.17	166,686	D	
Common Stock	09/18/2008		S	4,600 D \$ 79.9	162,086	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M	45,400 A \$ 45.17	207,486	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2008		S	45,400 D \$ 45.17	162,086	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M	50,000 A \$ 45.17	212,086	D	

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Common Stock	09/19/2008	S	50,000	D	\$ 81.9	162,086	D
Common Stock	09/19/2008	M	50,000	A	\$ 45.17	212,086	D
Common Stock	09/19/2008	S	50,000	D	\$ 84.9	162,086	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.17	09/18/2008		M	4,600	02/11/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/11/2009	Common Stock	4,600
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.17	09/19/2008		M	45,400	02/11/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/11/2009	Common Stock	45,400
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.17	09/19/2008		M	50,000	02/11/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/11/2009	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.17	09/19/2008		M	50,000	02/11/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/11/2009	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

JAMES DONALD M  
1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE    X    Chairman & CEO  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

## Signatures

By: Amy M. Tucker,  
Attorney-in-Fact    09/22/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares were sold on September 19, 2008 at prices ranging from \$80.28 to \$82.19 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request.
- (2) The option vests over five years in 20% increments each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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