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**OLDCASTLE MATERIALS STARTS WORK ON
FIRST IN NATION STIMULUS-FUNDED BRIDGE PROJECT**

Kansas City – APAC-Kansas City, a division of Oldcastle Materials, Inc., started construction of a new bridge on Route 17 over the Osage River. The \$9 million dollar project was awarded today to APAC-Kansas City by the Missouri Department of Transportation. Missouri is the first state in the nation to start construction of an infrastructure project after the passage of the Economic Stimulus Package.

The Stimulus Package includes funding for infrastructure projects: \$27.5 billion for highways and bridges, \$8.4 billion for mass transit, \$1.1 billion for aviation improvements, \$8 billion for passenger rail and \$1.5 billion for a new discretionary multi-modal grants program.

The Missouri Department of Transportation, through its foresight and proactive management, is ready to go with as many as 34 transportation projects that could be awarded within the next 180 days. These projects may have an estimated \$2.4 billion positive impact on the state's economy and create or preserve 14,000 jobs.

“Investing in our infrastructure is essential for our economy's recovery. This, and many similar projects funded by the federal stimulus through MoDOT, will help create the jobs that our country desperately needs,” says David Guillaume, president of APAC-Kansas City. “Rebuilding our nation's infrastructure will bolster the entire economy by improving

our ability to efficiently move goods and services. A long-term investment in highways and bridges improves safety for each one of us and enhances our quality of life. And, this funding will allow us to put people back to work at APAC-Kansas City. We would like to thank the Missouri Department of Transportation, the leadership in Missouri, and the US Congress for helping us create jobs in the construction industry!"

During the past year unemployment in the highway construction sector has risen dramatically. In January more than 1.7 million construction workers were jobless. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics the unemployment rate for construction workers is 18.2 percent, more than double the national jobless rate.

In October 2008, Oldcastle Materials, Inc. CEO Doug Black testified before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on the benefits of infrastructure funding. The hearing was held to address how investing in our nation's infrastructure is a fundamental key to economic stability and prosperity.

Commenting on the newly passed stimulus package and MoDOT's project, Mr. Black says: "The materials and construction industries are shrinking at a time when our nation's infrastructure needs are growing. I can't think of a better, more robust way to add jobs, good-paying American jobs, than to invest in infrastructure, particularly road and highway construction and maintenance. We at Oldcastle Materials stand ready to support MoDOT in rebuilding our infrastructure and putting our people back to work. The Economic Stimulus Package makes this bridge project, and many other infrastructure projects like it possible."

APAC-Kansas City is an aggregate and asphalt materials supplier and a leader in road and bridge construction and paving services in the greater Kansas City area. APAC-Kansas City is one of two Oldcastle Materials companies operating in Missouri.

Oldcastle Materials, Inc. is based in Atlanta, Georgia and is the leading vertically integrated supplier of aggregates, asphalt, ready mixed concrete, and paving services in the United States with operations at 1,400 locations nationwide.

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