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OLDCASTLE MATERIALS FOCUSES ON SAFETY AWARENESS IN SEPTEMBER

ATLANTA—Oldcastle Materials kicks off its annual fall safety focus during the month of September. Although Mine Safety Awareness month is in March, Oldcastle historically focuses on the fall season as employees finish seasonal construction projects, while working in shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures, which often leads to increased risk and safety incidents.

Oldcastle companies heighten safety awareness by using a variety of proven methods. “Zero Week” and “Safety Stand Downs” are annual events focused on driving safe work practices. These campaigns essentially halt production for a period of time in order to deliver a powerful message from senior leadership emphasizing the goal of achieving a zero-incident culture. It has proven to serve as a unifying effort to make each employee accountable for his or her own safety, and for the safety of their co-workers.

These practices are aligned with Oldcastle Materials Safety Core Values, which were introduced earlier in the year to continue the momentum of outstanding safety performance in 2009. Last year, 74 percent of Oldcastle Materials companies operated without a lost-time incident.

The three values: 1) Zero Fatalities, 2) Zero Incidents and 3) Employee-Driven Safety Culture encompass adherence to 12 simple safety rules, a regimen of training and exercises, and commitment from management to provide uncompromised support and dedication to the safety program.

“Our mission is to adopt a safety culture that clearly values people, our most important asset, said Lee Cole, vice president of environmental health and safety (EHS) and a 30-year EHS professional. “Employees are encouraged to work as a team to accomplish our goal of zero incidents. They use the buddy system, mentor each other and communicate potential hazards and best practices.”

Participation in Safety Awareness Month includes attending meetings and practicing hazard awareness and mitigation every day in the workplace through specialized programs aimed at preventing incidents and cultivating a culture where safety becomes instinctive. While safety is the most important value at Oldcastle Materials, focusing on sustainable and safe work

practices creates a momentum during one of the busiest times of the year in the construction industry.

“An employee-driven safety culture holds employees accountable to each other,” said Cole. “We want all of our employees to be personal safety directors.”

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Oldcastle Materials 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. More information about the company can be found at www.oldcastlematerials.com.

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