VULCAN MATERIALS CO
Reported by
NAPIER JAMES V

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  
NAPIER JAMES V  
1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)  
1/21/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)  
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Phantom Stock</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>11,752</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>D</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Deferred</td>
<td></td>
<td>(D)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>Amount or Number of Shares</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Compensation)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>21/2009</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>11,752</td>
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<td>$63,817</td>
<td>9859.535</td>
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<td>Price</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivate Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>$63,817</td>
<td>9859.535</td>
<td>D</td>
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Explanation of Responses:
(1) Convertible on a 1-for-1 basis.
(2) Director's fees credited to the reporting person's account in accordance with the Vulcan Materials Company Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
(3) The units are to be settled in Vulcan common stock commencing at the retirement of the reporting person.

Reporting Owners

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<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
<th>Relationships</th>
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<tr>
<td>NAPIER JAMES V</td>
<td>Director</td>
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<tr>
<td>1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE</td>
<td>10% Owner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242</td>
<td>Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>Other</td>
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Signatures
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
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