VULCAN MATERIALS CO
Reported by
JAMES DONALD M

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address 1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE
          BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242
Telephone 2052983000
CIK 0001396009
Symbol VMC
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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

JAMES DONALD M

1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Vulcan Materials CO [ VMC ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Chairman & CEO

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Performance Share Units</td>
<td>$0 (1)</td>
<td>2/12/2009</td>
<td>A 29890</td>
<td>29890</td>
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<td>Stock Appreciation Right</td>
<td>$47.47</td>
<td>2/12/2009</td>
<td>A 235390</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Performance Share Units vest at December 31 following a three-year award period. At the end of the award period, the Compensation Committee determines the payment amount based on Company performance. The payment is made 100% in stock on a payment date determined by the Compensation Committee. The fair market value of the award is not determinable until the payment date.

Reporting Owners

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<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
<th>Relationships</th>
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<tr>
<td>JAMES DONALD M</td>
<td>Director</td>
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<td>1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE</td>
<td>10% Owner</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242</td>
<td>Officer</td>
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<td>Chairman &amp; CEO</td>
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Signatures
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).


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