VULCAN MATERIALS CO
Reported by
JAMES DONALD M

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol VMC
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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
(Ch eck all applicable)
__ X __ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__ X __ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)
1/25/2008

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
_ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
_ ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</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>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1/25/2008</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>20000</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>$32.95</td>
<td>276720</td>
<td>D</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1/25/2008</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>9281 (1)</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>$71.00</td>
<td>267439</td>
<td>D</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1/25/2008</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>3460 (2)</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>$71.00</td>
<td>263979</td>
<td>D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stock Options (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$32.95</td>
<td>1/25/2008</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>20000</td>
<td>2/12/1999 (3)</td>
<td>2/12/2008</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>20000</td>
<td>$71.00</td>
<td>55000</td>
<td>D</td>
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Explanation of Responses:
(1) Mature VMC shares deemed tendered for option exercise price.
(2) Shares withheld by Company for tax withholding.
(3) The option vests over five years in 20% increments each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address
JAMES DONALD M
1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE

Relationships
Director 10% Owner Officer Other
X Chairman & CEO
Signatures

By: Amy M. Tucker, Attorney-in-Fact  
1/28/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person  
Date

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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