VULCAN MATERIALS CO
Reported by
SMITH ORIN R

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SMITH ORIN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Vulcan Materials CO [ VMC ]

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

5/9/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

___ X __ Director

_____ 10% Owner

_____ Officer (give title below)

_____ Other (specify below)

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

___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</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 (Deferred Compensation)</td>
<td>5/9/2008</td>
<td>A (2)</td>
<td>(A)</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>$68.46</td>
<td>D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable</th>
<th>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>
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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>SMITH ORIN R 1200 URBAN CENTER DRIVE</td>
<td>X</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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