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## St. Lawrence Cement sets EPA Climate Leaders CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goal

St. Lawrence Cement announced today that the Company has set an additional ambitious goal of reducing its net carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 15% per tonne of cementitious product manufactured between 2000 and 2010 under the Climate Leaders program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This goal follows its 9% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions achieved between 1990 and 2000.

The announcement was made today in Washington, DC, at a Climate Leaders Workshop where EPA Administrator, Christine Whitman, welcomed 11 new Climate Leaders Partners and recognized three Partners including St. Lawrence Cement for setting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Climate Leaders, a voluntary government/industry partnership, challenges businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions through a comprehensive climate change strategy. St. Lawrence Cement joined Climate Leaders last October and worked in collaboration with the EPA to set this aggressive, long-term emission reduction goal. Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is key to St. Lawrence Cement and is consistent with its parent company, Holcim Ltd, commitment to sustainable development. St. Lawrence Cement is achieving CO<sub>2</sub> reductions by improving energy efficiency and using mineral components such as GranCem<sup>®</sup>, fly ash, and silica fume as cement and clinker substitutes.

“Further CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions can be achieved through the permitting and building of newer, energy efficient facilities such as our proposed plant in Greenport, NY, that will replace the Company’s nearby Catskill plant”, said Philippe Arto, President and CEO.

St. Lawrence Cement will measure and report progress towards this goal periodically. Climate Leaders Partners work with EPA to develop their greenhouse gas inventory using the Climate Leaders’ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Protocol. A customized emission reduction target which exceeds business-as-usual performance for the Partner’s sector is then set.

St. Lawrence Cement is a leading producer and supplier of products and services for the construction industry, namely cement, concrete, aggregates and construction. St. Lawrence Cement has an annual cement production capacity of 3.7 million metric tonnes and 700,000 metric tonnes of mineral components. The Company operates in Canada and on the eastern seaboard of the United States and employs a total of 2,800 people. St. Lawrence Cement is a subsidiary of Holcim Ltd, one of the world’s leading suppliers of cement, aggregates, concrete and construction-related services.

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