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Chemical Lime to Construct New Hydration Facility in Calera, Alabama

FORT WORTH, TX – May 20- Chemical Lime has announced the construction of a hydration facility at its O’Neal plant located in Calera, Alabama. The project is in response to a growing market demand in the Southeastern U.S. for both traditional hydrated lime products and specialty high reactivity hydrated lime products.

The appropriate permit applications have been submitted and project design is moving into the construction phase. “We are excited about the development of this facility as it will position Chemical Lime to increase our ability to supply optimized hydrated lime products to a rapidly expanding market. We fully expect this increased production will strengthen our market leadership position in this area,” Mike Schantz, Chemical Lime’s Director of New Business Development, said.

The facility will be designed to produce Sorbacal® H, Chemical Lime’s proprietary emission control reagent. In use at numerous utilities and smaller industrial facilities, Sorbacal® H is a proven economical solution for a wide variety of acid gas control applications. These applications include utility sulfuric emission control, municipal solid waste incinerator emission control and small industrial boiler emission control applications. “These optimized hydrated lime products have been developed and proven in the field by CLC’s Flue Gas Solutions team to address utility and industrial sector acid gas control needs,” Schantz said. The facility will also be capable of producing standard hydrated lime products for the traditional construction and water treatment markets.

The quicklime feed for the hydration facility will come from the two kilns on site at the O’Neal plant. With three plants and eight kilns in Alabama, the installation of the new facility further strengthens Chemical Lime’s commitment to the Southern U.S. calcium products market. Chemical Lime anticipates the facility to be operational by Spring 2009.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, Chemical Lime is one of the largest producers of calcium products in North America.

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