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Hand Receives 2009 Mining Association of South Carolina “Community Citizenship Award”

Richard S. Hand recently received the **2009 Mining Association of South Carolina (MASC) “Community Citizenship Award”**. Hand is Plant Manager for Vulcan Materials Company, Pacolet Quarry in Pacolet, S.C. He was born in Graceville Fla., grew up in Bonifay, Fla. and graduated from Holmes County High School. He attended Chipola Jr. College for two years where he studied Pre-Pharmacy. Hand also studied Medical Technology for two years at the University of West Florida.

Prior to working with Vulcan Materials, Hand was Plant Manager for Georgia Marble in North Georgia. Hand won the 2008 President’s Award, Vulcan Materials Southeast Division, for best overall operation. He was selected for this honor from thirty six crushed stone quarries in South Carolina and Georgia. Hand resides in Pacolet, SC and has two children, Andrew and Leanna.

The Mining Association of South Carolina consists of individuals, firms and corporations whose common interest is the development of mineral resources, in an environmentally sound manner, in the State of South Carolina. They advise and safeguard the business interests of the members through regulatory, legislative, public relations and educational programs. The Association promotes harmony within the industry and with the general public consistent with high standards of responsibility, skill and integrity.