

SOUTHERN STAR CONCRETE, INC. EXPANDS OPERATIONS IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

IRVING, TEXAS – July 1, 2006 – Southern Star Concrete, Inc. (“Southern Star”) announces the purchase of Cabot Concrete of Little Rock, Arkansas. This purchase positions the company to be more responsive to customer service needs and strengthens Southern Star’s commitment to being the supplier of choice in the Little Rock market.

Gary Bullock, Southern Star President and CEO, says, “We are very excited about our expansion in the Little Rock area. We recognize the growth potential in this market and want to increase market share by being closer and more responsive to our customer base. The acquisition of the Cabot plant will allow us to capitalize on our ability to be the low-cost producer with the best customer service in the industry”.

Dan Davis, General Manager of Southern Star’s Little Rock Division observed, “We look forward to this expansion and the strengthening of our market position in the greater Little Rock area. This new plant will place us in position to continue being the supplier of choice in this market”.

Southern Star (www.southernstarconcrete.com) is a subsidiary of Cementos Argos of Colombia, South America (www.grupoargos.com). Argos acquired full ownership of Southern Star Concrete in November 2005 in a purchase agreement with the former owners, Texas Growth Fund (“TGF”) and Austin Ventures, both based in Austin, Texas.