

SOUTHERN STAR CONCRETE, INC. EXPANDS OPERATIONS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

IRVING, TEXAS – November 8, 2007 – Southern Star Concrete, Inc. (“Southern Star”) announces the purchase of the assets of Houston Ready Mix Concrete (HRM) of Houston, Texas. HRM’s assets include 4 concrete batching plants and approximately 60 ready mix concrete trucks and other rolling stock. This purchase gives Southern Star increased capacity and expands the company’s market share position in the Houston market area. With the addition and strategic locations of the HRM plants, Southern Star will increase its ability to be more responsive to customer service needs.

Tommy Abbott, President of Southern Star observed, “We look forward to this expansion and the strengthening of our market position in the greater Houston area. The new HRM facilities complement our existing footprint and will place Southern Star in a position to continue as the supplier of choice in this market”.

Tom Sechelski, Southern Star’s Houston General Manager, says, “We are very excited about this expansion of our capacity in the Houston market area. We see this as a great opportunity to be more responsive to our current customers and to bring new business partners into our customer base. The acquisition of the HRM will allow us to capitalize on our ability to be the low-cost producer with the best customer service in the industry”.

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