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**QUIKRETE® BEGINS NATIONWIDE MANUFACTURING
OF HARDSCAPES™ LINE**

Hardscaping Products Sold At Select Garden Centers, Home Improvement Stores

ATLANTA (Feb. 2, 2010) – The QUIKRETE® Companies is now manufacturing its new line of hardscape products nationwide and is available through select garden centers and home improvement stores.

The HardScapes™ by QUIKRETE® line, which was introduced in 2009, includes 13 core options with additional selections based on regional availability and style preference. The full line includes decorative stone, pebble and rock options, including All-Purpose Stone, Pea Pebbles, Pond Pebbles, Red Lava Rock, River Pebbles and Marble Chips. Additional aggregates include a variety of sands, such as Paver Jointing Sand, Paver Base Sand, Play Sand, General Purpose Sand and Pool Filter Sand.

Utilizing more than 90 manufacturing facilities across the United States and Canada, the new HardScapes™ by QUIKRETE® line is available through local retail distribution and is supported by the logistical and production expertise of The QUIKRETE® Companies. HardScapes™ by QUIKRETE® is available in .5-cubic-foot, heavy-duty plastic bags.

“We formally entered the hardscape category because we felt there was a need for a quality aggregate resource backed by a national brand consumers know and trust,” said Gary Bartlett, QUIKRETE® vice president of sales. “The initial success of HardScapes™ by QUIKRETE® is an indication that consumers and landscaping professionals appreciate the value of our national distribution network. They now have the option to pair the full line of QUIKRETE® products with our HardScapes™ line for easier procurement.”

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New for 2010, but not yet available for sale, is the latest addition to the HardScapes™ by QUIKRETE® lineup of products. A high-performance polymeric jointing sand, graded specially for sweeping into paving stone joints, including interlocking pavers, bricks, patio blocks and concrete slabs up to 2 inches wide, is designed for both commercial and residential applications.

Once placed and dampened, the non-staining sand hardens to lock pavers in place, providing a stable surface that is resistant to erosion, weed growth and insects while remaining pliable for naturally occurring freeze-thaw cycles.

The QUIKRETE® Companies

The QUIKRETE® Companies is the largest manufacturer of packaged concrete and cement mixes in the United States and Canada, and an innovative leader in the commercial building and home improvement industries. QUIKRETE® products are manufactured in more than 90 manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and South America, allowing for unsurpassed distribution and product depth. The QUIKRETE® Technical Center ensures that professionals and consumers alike are provided with the most innovative and highest quality products available on the market. For additional information on The QUIKRETE® Companies or its products, please visit www.quikrete.com or call (800) 282-5828.

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