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Margulies & Associates Completes Design of Holcim Corporate Headquarters at Waltham-Weston Corporate Center

BOSTON (February 2, 2004) – Margulies & Associates today announced the completion of the offices of Holcim (US) Inc., one of the nation’s leading manufacturers and suppliers of cement and mineral components. Holcim Ltd, the firm’s Zurich-based parent company and one of the world’s largest suppliers of cement and construction-related materials, selected Waltham to replace Dundee, Michigan as the location of the company’s United States headquarters.

To accommodate the client’s aggressive schedule for occupying its new office space, Margulies & Associates led the team that completed the entire design and construction process in just 12 weeks. Working electronically to facilitate communication between the client’s president, Holcim staff and consultants in Michigan, and the local landlord (Boston Properties) and contractor (Shawmut Construction & Design), Margulies & Associates was able to complete the project on an abbreviated schedule.

The new 14,000 square-foot executive office space has a contemporary look that reflects the international scope of the company. Marc Margulies, AIA, comments: “It’s a great thing for Boston when a global company like Holcim recognizes the benefits of locating in this area. We were thrilled to work with this sophisticated client to meet their

demanding schedule requirements and to come up with a design that represents the global nature of their business.”

About Margulies & Associates:

Celebrating its 15th year of operation, Margulies & Associates is a Boston-based design firm providing architecture and interior design services to the corporate, institutional and real estate communities. The firm’s corporate clients include Liberty Mutual, Fidelity Investments, Forrester Research, RSA Security, Akamai Technologies and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. More information is available at www.margulies.com.

About Holcim:

Holcim (US) Inc. operates 14 manufacturing plants and over 70 distribution facilities in the United States. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holcim Ltd, one of the largest cement producers in the world. Their vision is to provide foundations for society's future. With production capacity of more than 140 million tons of cement and a focus on their core products, Holcim continues to build on a position of strength. Holcim Ltd is active in more than 70 countries worldwide.