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VAN RIPPS RECEIVES RCMA'S HIGHEST HONOR

Martin A. Davis RCMA Industry Leadership Award

[Washington, DC] – The Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association [RCMA] named Van Ripps, President, Palmer Asphalt Company, Bayonne, New Jersey, as the recipient of the RCMA's prestigious Martin A. Davis RCMA Industry Leadership Award for 2007.

This award, the highest tribute bestowed by the RCMA, is presented on an annual basis to that individual, selected by his or her peers, who has exemplified outstanding service and made significant contributions to the roof coatings industry. The announcement of Ripps as this year's honoree and the presentation of the award were made during the RCMA 2008 Annual Conference & Expo, February 2-5, at the Condado Plaza Resort, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Van Ripps is a third generation member of the founding family of the Palmer Asphalt Company. "Van Ripps has shown extraordinary leadership in this industry," said RCMA Communications Director Joe Hobson. "He has consistently confronted the challenges facing our industry and increased the role of roof coatings in extending the life cycles of

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roofing systems,” Hobson continued. “This award signifies an individual’s leadership, excellence and service commitment to the roof coatings industry, and Van certainly has demonstrated this through his involvement in the industry ... we are proud to have his name associated with the other 23 recipients of this prestigious award.”

Van Ripps is the 24th industry leader designated to receive the RCMA's award. The award was first presented in 1985 posthumously to Martin A. Davis. The award was subsequently designated in honor and memory of Davis, a visionary founding member of the RCMA, who served both the Association and the industry with distinction and exceptional service. "Van Ripps continues this record of recognition honoring those same attributes," commented RCMA Executive Director Reed Hitchcock. "His loyalty to RCMA and to the roof coatings industry has been consistent and is appreciated."

The permanent Martin A. Davis Award plaque, now engraved with Ripps name designated as the 2007 recipient, is displayed at the RCMA headquarters office in Washington, DC. A personal plaque of the award was presented to Ripps during the ceremonies at the Annual Conference.

For additional information on RCMA and its members, please visit www.roofcoatings.org.

About RCMA

The Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association is the national trade association representing the manufacturers of cold-applied protective roof coatings and cements, and the suppliers of products, equipment, and/or services to and for the industry. RCMA is committed to continually improving performance and quality of roofing. For additional information, contact RCMA at: (202) 207-0919; Fax: (202) 223-9741; or visit the RCMA website at www.roofcoatings.org.

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