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**QUIKRETE® CONCRETE PRODUCTS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM**

**ATLANTA (August 1, 2006)** – The QUIKRETE® Companies supplied 6 million pounds of mortar and grout in the construction of the Georgia Aquarium, located in downtown Atlanta, Ga. The Georgia Aquarium is the largest in the world and has welcomed more than two million visitors since opening in November 2005.

Bibler Masonry Inc. of Roswell, Ga. used 80-pound bags of QUIKRETE® Mason Mix Type S Mortar and QUIKRETE® Fine Core-fill Grout to construct block walls which went to form the Georgia Aquarium’s main atrium space and partitioning walls for five underwater-themed exhibit areas.

As the largest aquarium in the world in total square footage, number of fish – over 100,000 and in amount of water – more than 8 million gallons, the main atrium acts as the central hub of the Georgia Aquarium’s more than 505,000 square feet of fresh and salt water exhibits and educational centers as well as meeting, event and retail areas.

In completion, the masonry contractor laid roughly 400,000 blocks with QUIKRETE® products to construct interior dividing and load walls, exhibit build outs and supporting on-site structures. Given the nature of the masonry operation which required constant movement between multiple work stations and between floors, Bibler Masonry decided to use QUIKRETE® products due to the convenience and consistency of the 80-pound bags.



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“As opposed to using conventional loose sand and large mixing piles, QUIKRETE® mortar and grout allowed us to place materials wherever needed and spend more time laying block,” said Darrell Sik, vice president of operations, Bibler Masonry Inc. “Along with the added quality control offered by QUIKRETE® products, we were able maximize our output per man hour and reduce jobsite waste.”

Along with the World of Coca-Cola to be completed in 2007, the Georgia Aquarium continues to lead the ongoing urban and cultural development occurring around Centennial Olympic Park and within the downtown Atlanta community.

“The QUIKRETE® Companies were proud to have contributed to such an iconic Atlanta attraction,” said Dennis Winchester, QUIKRETE® executive vice president. “The Georgia Aquarium joins the long line of museums and cultural centers across the country that has been built using QUIKRETE® products.”

QUIKRETE® Mason Mix is a high-strength, commercial-grade blend of sand and cements specially selected for masonry applications including laying brick, concrete masonry units and stone. The pre-blended, sanded formulation of QUIKRETE® Mason Mix complies with ASTM C270 and ASTM C387 requirements.

QUIKRETE® Core-fill Grout is a properly proportioned mixture of Portland cement, graded sand and other ingredients to be used in the filling of masonry block, pumped or poured applications and when grout space is more than 4-inches. Available in fine and course, QUIKRETE® Core-fill Grout complies with ASTM C476 requirements.

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