

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of	)	
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<b>OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION,</b>	)	<b>Docket No. C-</b>
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a corporation,	)	
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and	)	
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<b>VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY</b>	)	
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a corporation.	)	
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**AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS**

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by Occidental Petroleum Corporation (“Proposed Respondent Oxy”), of three chemical plants and related assets from Vulcan Chloralkali, LLC and Vulcan Materials Company (collectively “Proposed Respondent Vulcan”), and it now appearing that Proposed Respondent Oxy and Proposed Respondent Vulcan, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Proposed Respondents, are willing to enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) to divest certain assets and providing for other relief:

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by and between Proposed Respondents, by their duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Occidental Petroleum Corporation is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the of the State of Delaware, with its office and principal place of business located at 10889 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90024-4201.

2. Vulcan Materials Company is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey with its office and principal place of business located at 1200 Urban Center Dr., Birmingham, AL 35242.
3. Proposed Respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of Complaint attached hereto.
4. Proposed Respondents waive:
  - a. any further procedural steps;
  - b. the requirement that the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
  - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
  - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
5. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue its Complaint and an Order to Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.
6. Each Proposed Respondent shall submit an initial report within ten (10) days of the date on which it executes this Consent Agreement and every thirty (30) days thereafter until the Decision and Order becomes final, pursuant to Section 2.33 of the Commission's Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33. Each such report shall be signed by the respective Proposed Respondent and shall set forth in detail the manner in which the Proposed Respondent has to date complied or has prepared to comply, is complying, and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets. Such reports will not become part of the public record unless and until the Consent Agreement and the accompanying Decision and Order are accepted by the Commission for public comment.
7. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission, it, together with the Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify Proposed Respondents, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue or amend its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and issue its Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
8. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft

of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft of Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

9. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents: (1) issue and serve its Complaint corresponding in form with the draft of Complaint here attached, (2) issue and serve its Order to Maintain Assets, and (3) make information public with respect thereto.
10. When final, the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondents by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. Proposed Respondents waive any right they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any right they may otherwise have to service of any Appendices incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets, and agree that they are bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets to the same extent as if they had been served with copies of the Appendices, where Proposed Respondents are already in possession of copies of such Appendices.
11. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets.
12. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that they can accomplish the full relief contemplated by the attached Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets (including effectuating all required divestitures, assignments, and transfers and obtaining all necessary approvals from governmental authorities, leaseholders, and other third parties to effectuate the divestitures, assignments, and transfers) and that all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement are parties to this Consent Agreement and are bound thereby as if they had signed this Consent Agreement and were made parties to this proceeding and to the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets.
13. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that the Divestiture Agreement, as defined in Paragraph I.J. of the Decision and Order, requires Proposed Respondents to divest all assets required to be divested pursuant to the Decision and Order and requires Proposed Respondents to comply with Paragraphs II and V of the Decision and Order.

14. Proposed Respondents have read the draft of Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets contemplated hereby. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets have been issued, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that they have fully complied with the Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents agree to comply with the proposed Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and of the Order to Maintain Assets after they become final.

**OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen I. Chazen,  
Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mark R. Merley  
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Corporation

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

**VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[name]  
[title]  
Vulcan Materials Company

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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