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**Johns Manville Recognized as a Climate Action Leader
by the California Climate Action Registry**

By certifying its greenhouse gas emissions, global building products manufacturer Johns Manville joins the ranks of U.S. companies recognized for their commitment to reducing those emissions that contribute to climate change.

DENVER, June 20, 2008 – Johns Manville (JM), a leading global manufacturer of energy-efficient building products, announced it has verified its California greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and has been named a Climate Action Leader by the California Climate Action Registry. Climate Action Leader distinction is awarded to California Registry members that have voluntarily calculated, verified and publicly reported their GHG emissions. The California Registry commended JM for its participation in its rigorous voluntary GHG reporting program.

“Johns Manville has long been committed to the sustainability of our products and operations from sourcing to manufacturing and throughout the entire product life cycle,” said Mike Lawrence, vice president and general manager of JM’s Insulation Systems business. “Our goal is to be a leader in the manufacturing of environmentally responsible building products while raising awareness of the beneficial impact these materials have on the energy efficiency and indoor air quality of a home or building. We’re proud to be the first building insulation manufacturer to achieve Climate Action Leader status.”

The California Climate Action Registry is a private non-profit organization that supports organizations with operations in California in voluntarily reporting greenhouse gas emissions. California Registry reporters conduct emission inventories in California or across the US to protect early actions prior to mandatory greenhouse gas reporting requirements. Organizations that meet the accounting standards and third party verification requirements of the Registry show their serious intent to address climate change.

In addition to Climate Action Leader status, Johns Manville is partnering with ENERGY STAR for its manufacturing facilities, as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Building and Plants Partner Program. ENERGY STAR Building and Plants Partner status is earned by committing to measure, track and benchmark the energy performance of manufacturing facilities. Partners are expected to adopt the ENERGY STAR strategy to develop and implement plans to improve energy performance and to educate their staff and the public on their achievements.

“Johns Manville is committed to the efficient, cost-effective and environmentally responsible use of energy throughout its worldwide operations,” said Todd Raba, president and CEO. “As a part of our ENERGY STAR commitment, JM has established internal goals of reducing our energy usage and is working on innovative ways to meet these goals. The energy goals are focused on procurement savings, reductions in usage, and optimization of operations toward greater energy efficiency.”

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In 2002, Johns Manville became the first manufacturer of the industry's only complete line of Formaldehyde-free™ fiber glass building insulation. As a result of its use of an alternative acrylic binder, EPA determined that Johns Manville manufacturing facilities are no longer subject to the Clean Air Act Hazardous Air Pollutant regulation (40 CFR Part 63, subpart NNN).

JM has received previous recognition across North America for its environmentally responsible products. In 2005, JM was awarded exclusive use of the *EcoLogo* by Environment Canada's Environmental Choice Program (ECP) for JM's use of recycled content and the technological and environmental advances in the materials used to produce fiber glass batt insulation. Johns Manville also is committed to reducing waste during its manufacturing process. The company incorporates an average of 20 percent post-consumer recycled content into its building insulation. This is the highest level of certified post-consumer recycled content in the industry. In addition, JM incorporates an average of 5 percent post-industrial recycled content.

The California Climate Action Registry is a private non-profit that provides leadership on climate change by developing and promoting credible, accurate, and consistent GHG reporting standards and tools for organizations to calculate, monitor, third-party verify and reduce their GHG emissions consistently across industry sectors and geographical borders. More than 320 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the California Registry.

Johns Manville's certified GHG emission report for is available through the Registry's Web site at <http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/public/reports.aspx>.

About Johns Manville

Johns Manville, a Berkshire Hathaway company (NYSE: BRK.A, BRK.B), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of premium-quality building and specialty products. In business since 1858, the Denver-based company has annual sales in excess of \$2 billion and holds leadership positions in all of the key markets that it serves. Johns Manville employs approximately 7,800 people and operates 41 manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and China.

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