Michigan Am Op**la**ations, Inc.

United State Nuclear Regulatory commission Region III 801 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Ref: Name Change Permit Number 21 267547 01

Dear Sirs

Michigan Limestone Operations Inc., Calcite Operations is changing its' name to O-N Minerals (Michigan) Company.

Attached is a description of why the change is being made.

Please advise as to what forms need to be changed to accommodate the name change for the following permits:

Thank you

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Debbie Counterman Secretary/AP for HQ 1035 Calcite Road Rogers City Mi 49779

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## OGLEBAY NORTON TO UNIFY ITS GLOBAL STONE AND MICHIGAN LIMESTONE OPERATIONS UNDER THE NAME 'O-N MINERALS'

**CLEVELAND, April 5, 2005** – Oglebay Norton Company (OTCBB: OGBY) today announced that, effective May 1, 2005, it will unify all of its limestone and lime operations under the name O-N Minerals. The new name will apply to all the company's Michigan Limestone Operations and Global Stone locations. The change will not affect the company's segment reporting of financial results.

"We are making this change in order to represent our limestone operations as an integrated portfolio of assets that can serve markets and customers across the Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions," said Michael D. Lundin, president and chief executive officer.

"We believe this move to a single name will help increase market awareness of our collective strategic focus," he continued. "We want companies in our markets to look beyond individual locations to see a network of strategically located high-quality, longlife limestone reserves supported by processing facilities, docks and terminals, and the unique logistics capability of a pooled fleet of 23 Great Lakes bulk carriers."

Oglebay Norton Company, a Cleveland, Ohio-based company with a 150-year tradition of service, provides essential minerals and aggregates to a broad range of markets, from building materials and environmental remediation to the energy and metallurgical industries. For more information, see <u>www.oglebaynorton.com</u>

## Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this release are "forward-looking" in that they reflect management's expectations and beliefs regarding the future performance of the Company and its operating segments. Such forward-looking statements are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to the Company's operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of the Company. The Company believes that the following factors, among others, could affect its future performance and cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company: (1) risks associated with the Company's substantial indebtedness, including whether the restructuring accomplished through the bankruptcy proceedings provided sufficient improvement to the Company's financial position and provided adequate liquidity; (2) the Company's ability to maintain its cost reduction initiatives; (3) weather conditions, particularly in the Great Lakes region, flooding, and/or water levels; (4) natural disasters, equipment failures or other unexpected events; (5) fluctuations in the price or availability of energy, fuel, oil and freight transportation; (6) fluctuations in integrated steel production in the Great Lakes region; (7) the development or acquisition of additional industrial mineral reserves; (8) costs associated with maintenance of the Company's vessels; (9) fluctuations in Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic construction activity; (10) economic conditions in California or population growth rates in the Southwestern United States; (11) the outcome of periodic negotiations of labor agreements; (12) changes in the demand for the Company's products due to changes in technology; (13) the Company's ability to compete effectively in its markets; (14) the loss, insolvency or bankruptcy of major customers or debtors; (15) changes in law adverse to the Company, including laws relating to asbestos litigation; (16) an increase in the number and cost of asbestos and silica product liability claims filed against the Company and its subsidiaries and determinations by a court or jury against the Company's interest; (17) current and future regulations imposed on the Company and its customers' businesses; (18) difficulty in hiring sufficient staff that is appropriately skilled and licensed, particularly for the Company's vessel operations; (19) the insolvency of insurers, the effects of any coverage litigation with insurers or adequacy of insurance; (20) additional risk factors that may affect the Company's results identified under the caption "Risk Factors" in the S-1 Registration Statement of the Company originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 27, 2005.

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