



TEXAS INDUSTRIES, INC

Riskmetrics - ISS Joins Proxy Governance in Reaffirming Support for Texas Industries Nominees for Board of Directors

Dallas, Texas - October 20, 2008 - Texas Industries, Inc. (NYSE: TXI) today announced that Riskmetrics Group (formerly known as ISS) has reaffirmed its recommendation that Texas Industries' shareholders vote FOR Texas Industries' slate of directors. Texas Industries, Inc. announced last week that PROXY Governance, Inc., another major independent proxy advisory firm, likewise reaffirmed its recommendation to vote **FOR** the Texas Industries director nominees standing for re-election.

In its report released October 17, 2008, RiskMetrics Group stated: "We maintain our FOR vote recommendation for the election of the two incumbent directors."

Mel Brekhus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Industries, said, "We are very pleased that both RiskMetrics and PROXY Governance - after hearing from both the Company and from the shareholder opposing our directors - reaffirmed their support for the Board's two nominees following their careful review of the situation."

Texas Industries strongly encourages shareholders to vote **FOR** Sam Coats and Thomas Ransdell. Shareholders who have questions, or need assistance in voting their shares, should call Texas Industries' proxy solicitor, Morrow & Co., LLC at 1-800-662-5200.

TXI is the largest producer of cement in Texas and a major cement producer in California. TXI is also a major supplier of construction aggregate, ready-mix concrete and concrete products.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this document are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the impact of competitive pressures and changing economic and financial conditions on Texas Industries' business; changes in economic conditions specific to any one or more of Texas Industries' markets; the cyclical and seasonal nature of Texas Industries' business; construction activity in Texas Industries' markets; changes in demand; abnormal periods of inclement weather; unexpected periods of equipment downtime; changes in costs of raw materials, fuel and energy; changes in the cost or availability of transportation; unexpected operational difficulties; changes in interest rates; the timing and amount of federal, state and local funding for infrastructure; inability to timely execute announced capacity expansions; ongoing volatility and uncertainty in the capital markets; the impact of environmental laws, regulations and claims, and changes in governmental and public policy; and other risks and uncertainties described in Texas Industries' reports on SEC Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and Texas Industries assumes no obligation to publicly update such statements.

Important Additional Information

Texas Industries and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Texas Industries in connection with the matters described herein. Information regarding the special interests of the directors and executive officers of Texas Industries are available in the definitive proxy statement filed by Texas Industries on August 29, 2008, in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on October 21, 2008. Texas Industries shareholders are strongly encouraged to read the definitive proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card, and any amendments as they contain important information, including information relating to the participants in Texas Industries solicitation of proxies. In addition, Texas Industries files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy and information statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders can obtain the definitive proxy statement, the proxy card, any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement and other documents filed by Texas Industries with the Securities and Exchange Commission for free at the Internet website maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. Copies of the proxy statement, the proxy card, any amendments and supplements to the proxy statement and any other document filed by Texas Industries with the Securities and Exchange Commission are also available for free at Texas Industries' Internet website at www.txi.com or by writing to Texas Industries at 1341 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 700W, Dallas, TX 75247. In addition, copies of the proxy materials may be requested by contacting our proxy solicitor, Morrow & Co., LLC., at (800) 662-5200.