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### **Press Release**

#### **Republic Services Issues Statement in Response to Waste Management's HSR Filing**

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (BUSINESS WIRE) Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG News) today issued the following statement in response to the announcement from Waste Management that it had filed Notification and Report Form under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 relating to purchases of shares of Republic Services:

Waste Management's stated intention to acquire Republic Services common stock, through open market purchases or other transactions, is in support of Waste Management's proposal of July 14, 2008 to acquire Republic at \$34 per share subject to various conditions. That proposal was rejected by the Republic Board of Directors for the reasons set forth in our press release of July 18, 2008. Republic continues to believe that the merger between Republic and Allied will create significant value generating opportunities, including significant cost saving synergies, and is in the best interests of Republic stockholders. Republic notes that Waste can only acquire up to \$63.1 million worth of Republic common stock without first receiving antitrust clearance from the federal government. While Republic is aware of our fiduciary duties and will respond to Waste's antitrust notices as appropriate, Republic will continue to guard against opportunistic attempts to disrupt our strategic plans through open market activity or otherwise.

#### ***About Republic Services, Inc.***

Republic Services, Inc. is a leading provider of environmental services including solid waste collection, transfer and disposal services in the United States. The company's operating units are focused on providing solid waste services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers.

#### ***Additional Information and Where to Find It***

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed business combination involving Republic and Allied. In connection with the proposed transaction, Republic plans to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and each of Republic and Allied plan to file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of Republic and Allied. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF REPUBLIC AND ALLIED ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Republic and Allied through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Free copies of the Registration Statement and the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC can also be obtained by directing a request to Republic Services, Inc., 110 SE 6th Street, 28th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301 Attention: Investor Relations or by directing a request to Allied Waste Industries, Inc., 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85054, Attention: Investor Relations.

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***Participants in Solicitation***

Republic, Allied and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Republic's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, which was filed with the SEC on February 21, 2008, and its proxy statement for its 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 2, 2008, and information regarding Allied's directors and executive officers is available in Allied's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2007, which was filed with the SEC on February 21, 2008 and its proxy statement for its 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 10, 2008. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

***Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements***

Certain statements and information included herein constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Federal Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are identified by words such as will, expects, intends, and similar words. Any such forward-looking statements contained herein are based on current expectations, but are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond the control of Republic or Allied. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include: regulatory and litigation matters and risks, legislative developments, changes in tax and other laws, the effect of changes in general economic conditions, the risk that a condition to closing of the transaction may not be satisfied, the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated and other risks to consummation of the transaction, risks that the combined company may not achieve anticipated synergies, risks that the acquisition may not be accretive to earnings in the anticipated time frame, or at all, risks that the combined company may not generate expected cash flows, risks that the anticipated financing may not be secured, as well as risks relating to the business and operations of both Republic and Allied included in their respective filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating our forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are only made as of the date of this press release and the parties hereto undertake no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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