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Compass Minerals International, Inc. Schedules First-Quarter Conference Call

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (April 13, 2004) – Compass Minerals International, Inc. (NYSE: CMP) will release its first-quarter financial results at 4:00 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 4 and will discuss its results on a conference call at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

To access the conference call, interested parties should visit the company's Web site at www.CompassMinerals.com or dial (877) 228-7138. Outside of the U.S. and Canada, callers should dial (706) 643-0377.

Replays of the call will be available on the company's Web site for two weeks. The replay can also be accessed by phone for seven days at (800) 642-1687, Conference ID 6683815. Outside of the U.S. and Canada, callers should dial (706) 645-9291.

About Compass Minerals International

Based in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Compass is the second-leading salt producer in North America and the largest in the United Kingdom. The company operates nine production facilities, including the largest rock salt mine in the world in Goderich, Ontario. The company's product lines include salt for highway deicing, consumer deicing, water conditioning, consumer and industrial food preparation, agriculture and industrial applications. In addition, Compass is North America's leading producer of sulfate of potash, which is used in the production of specialty fertilizers for high-value crops and turf.

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on the Company's current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially. The differences could be caused by a number of factors including those factors identified in Compass Minerals International's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission file no. 1-31921). The Company will not update any forward-looking statements made in this press release to reflect future events or developments.

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