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MEDIA ADVISORY

LACMA TO BEGIN TRANSPORT OF BOULDER FOR MAJOR ARTWORK, LEVITATED MASS, BY ARTIST MICHAEL HEIZER

340-TON MEGALITH SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL 105-MILE JOURNEY FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO LOS ANGELES OVER COURSE OF ELEVEN NIGHTS, BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

WHAT: The 340-ton megalith that is to be part of artist Michael Heizer's monumental artwork, *Levitated Mass*, is scheduled to begin its journey to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) on the night of **Tuesday, February 28**.

Due to its massive size, the boulder requires a complex and thoroughly reviewed transportation process from the quarry in Riverside County to the museum. Its transportation, made possible by Hanjin Shipping, will take place over the course of roughly eleven nights, traveling through four counties (Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles) and twenty-two cities. The transporter carrying the boulder, specially designed for maximum safety, will travel on a predetermined route with movement happening only at night. **For the route map and most up-to-date information regarding the transport, visit lacma.org/levitatedmass**

The boulder is one component of the greater artwork, *Levitated Mass*, which features a 456-foot-long concrete slot constructed on LACMA's campus, over which the boulder sits. As visitors walk along the slot, it gradually descends to fifteen feet deep, running underneath the megalith, before ascending back up. **For more information on *Levitated Mass*, download the backgrounder document online at lacma.org/press**

WHEN: The transport is scheduled for departure **February 28, 2012**.

WHERE: Transportation begins in Jurupa Valley (Riverside County) and ends with the boulder's arrival at LACMA (5905 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036).

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