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Virginia Mines Recognized for Safety and Reclamation

Charlottesville, Va. - Virginia's mineral mining industry recently recognized mining operations for an exemplary safety record and for outstanding reclamation of mined land during 2017. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) and the Virginia Transportation and Construction Alliance (VTCA) award mines and miners annually for outstanding work in these areas.

“Safety is our first priority at DMME and for the companies operating in the Commonwealth,” said DMME’s Director of Mineral Mining, Phil Skorupa. “Our efforts combined with the VTCA, and the safety culture instilled at each of these mines works. Mine operators and employees deserve recognition for working safely and returning home safely every day without injury.”

In 2017, Virginia’s mines employed 3,841 production employees and 5,427 contract employees. Production employees worked 6,851,699 hours and contract employees worked 741,809 hours producing 68,939,408 tons. During 2017, 307 mineral mines in Virginia worked without having a lost time accident. Our Mine Safety Program is recognizing the top eight mines for their safety records in 2018 having worked with zero accidents and the highest number of production hours in their category for the year without a lost time accident. The eight mines worked for a total of 777,917 hours.

Top winners in each Quarry category included:

- Chantilly Crushed Stone, Inc., Chantilly Quarry, Loudoun County, 123,450 hours
- Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC., Graham Quarry, Fairfax County, 73,302 hours
- Pounding Mill Quarry Group, Bluefield Quarry, Tazwell County, 47,718 hours
- BWI Abingdon, LLC., Abingdon Quarry, Washington County, 22,722 hours

Top winners in the Open Pit category included:

- Nestle Purina Petcare, Nestler Purina Mine, King William County, 471,207 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation, Caroline Sand and Gravel, Caroline County, 25,618 hours

- King William Sand and Gravel, Inc., King William Mine, King William County, 9,426 hours
- Old River Land Company, LLC., New Kent # 1 Mine, 4,474 hours

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Safety awards to mine operators are presented at the Annual VTCA conference in Virginia Beach on July 14, 2018. DMME received 36 nominations this year for individual employees who have worked in the mining industry for a minimum of 15 years up to 35 years without a lost time accident year. Those awards will be presented later this year.

The Orphan Land Advisory Committee at their annual meeting June 13, 2018 selected mines for their exemplary efforts in restoring land disturbed by mining to an environmentally friendly and usable state after mining is complete.

Receiving honors are:

Overall Winner and Winner of Best Non-quarry Category

- Luck Stone Corporation, Caroline Sand and Gravel, Caroline County.

Best Quarry category

- Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC. , Jack Quarry, Dinwiddie County

Honorable Mentions were:

- Mountain Materials, Inc. Glade Spring # 2 Quarry, Washington County
- Bardon, Inc., Mataponi Sand and Gravel, King William County
- RT Armistead and L Hanson, Armistead Hanson Pit, James City County

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