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Safety and Excellence in Environmental Reclamation Awards Given to Virginia's Mines

Charlottesville, Va. - Virginia's mineral mining industry was recently recognized for an exemplary safety record for 2016 and outstanding reclamation. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) and the Virginia Transportation and Construction Alliance (VTCA) award mines and miners annually for going above and beyond to ensure safe operations and for improving the environment during mining.

There are 246 mineral mines in Virginia that had no lost time accidents in 2016. The eight mines being recognized for their safety records in 2016 worked the highest number of production hours in their category for the year without a lost time accident for a total of 368,790 hours.

"DMME is proud to award so many of our mine sites for safety," said DMME's Mineral Mining Director, Phil Skorupa. "Our agency's top priority is safety and our goal is to have every miner in the Commonwealth home and uninjured after a hard day of work. We will continue our work with the VTCA and our mine sites to ensure the best work environment for our miners."

Top winners in each Quarry category included:

- Mountain Materials, Inc., Castlewood Plant, Russell County, 86,474 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation, Bull Run Plant, Loudoun County, 67,514 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation, Powhatan Plant, Powhatan County, 49,017 hours
- Rockbridge Stone Products, Inc., Glasgow, Rockbridge County, 24,540 hours

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Top winners in the Open Pit category included:

- USC Saltville Brine, LLC, Saltville Salt Company, Washington County, 99,746 hours
- Luck Sand and Gravel, LLC, Caroline Sand & Gravel, Caroline County, 26,877 hours
- Michael A. Gregg Construction, Inc., #2, Mathews County, 9,700 hours
- Adams Construction Company, Dan River Sand Plant, Halifax County, 4,922

Reclamation Award winners were also selected by the Orphan Land Advisory Committee at their annual meeting held in Midlothian in June. These mines are chosen for exemplary efforts in restoring the mine site to an environmentally friendly and usable land after mining is complete.

Receiving top honors was Gilles Creek Industrial Recycling, Bottoms Bridge site in Henrico County east of Richmond. The company also received the top reclamation award in the Non-Quarry category. The Best Quarry award went to Luck Stone Corporation's Boscobel Plant which is located in Goochland County west of Richmond.

Honorable mention awards were given in the Non-Quarry category to Art Ray's RPI Pit in Suffolk, Bardon's King George mine in King George, Campbell Trucking's #1 mine in Piney River, Hoover Color Corporation's mine in Hiwassee and to Titan Mid-Atlantic Aggregates LLC's Waverly Sand Plant in Sussex County. In the Quarry category, Aggregates USA's Abingdon Quarry and Luck Stone Corporation's Leesburg Plant received Honorable Mentions.

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