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## **Virginia's Mineral Mining Industry Recognized for Excellence in Reclamation**

**Charlottesville, Va.** – Vulcan Construction received top honors from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) for outstanding reclamation. The Royal Stone Quarry in Goochland County planted a wildlife seed mix and white pines for cover. Several game birds and a variety of songbirds now live on the once mined site. Vulcan Construction received the Overall Winner and Best Quarry award for their work. Eight other mine sites also received awards for exemplary reclamation of mined land.

“Reclamation, restoration and re-purposing of land disturbed by mining is a priority for DMME and the companies operating in the Commonwealth,” said **DMME Director of Mineral Mining, Phil Skorupa**. “DMME and the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance’s (VTCA) efforts along with the mine operators’ commitment to the environment is working. Mined land in Virginia is restored to a better use.”

The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee met on December 4, 2020 for its annual meeting and reviewed the 2020 reclamation award nominations submitted for Virginia’s mineral mining industry. The nominations recognized mining operations for their accomplishments of reclamation in two categories of mining operations, Quarry and Non-Quarry. DMME and VTCA present the awards annually.

In addition to Vulcan Construction Material’s Royal Stone Quarry receiving the Overall Winner and Best Quarry award, the following mine sites were chosen as the best examples of reclamation in their category.

**Honorable Mention – Quarry**

Austinville Limestone – Mine #1- Wythe County

Luck Stone – Leesburg Quarry – Loudon County

Mountain Materials, Inc. – Castlewood Plant – Russell County

Martin Marietta – Doswell Quarry – Hanover County

Ararat Rock Products – #1 Pittsylvania – Pittsylvania County

**Best Non Quarry**

Branscome Inc. – Dominion Pit – City of Chesapeake

**Honorable Mention – Non Quarry**

Clinch River Stone, LLC. – Clinch River Operation – Tazewell County

Gray and Sons Construction, Inc. – Gray and Sons – Southampton County

\*Pictures and details of individual winners are available upon request by contacting Tarah Kesterson at 276-356-3405 or [Tarah.Kesterson@dmme.virginia.gov](mailto:Tarah.Kesterson@dmme.virginia.gov)

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