

Smoky Canyon Mine Receives National 'Best of the Best' Safety Award

Boise, IDAHO – The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Mining Association (NMA) recently recognized the J. R. Simplot Company's Smoky Canyon Mine near Afton, Wyo. for its extraordinary achievements in safety for calendar year 2013.

The Smoky Canyon Mine was selected as one of the "Best of the Best" in the Sentinels of Safety Award program, which recognizes mining companies for outstanding safety programs and dedication to safe operating practices.

Eligibility was dependent on five specific safety-reporting criteria, including no permanent disability or days away from work for the year.

During 2013, The Smoky Canyon Mine reported 374,757 employee-hours with zero injuries in the mining and maintenance operations.

About Simplot

The J.R. Simplot Company, a privately held agribusiness firm headquartered in Boise, Idaho, has an integrated portfolio that includes phosphate mining, fertilizer manufacturing, farming, ranching and cattle production, food processing, food brands, and other enterprises related to agriculture. Simplot's major operations are located in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia, and China, with products marketed in more than 40 countries worldwide. The company's mission statement is Bringing Earth's Resources to Life. For more information, visit www.simplot.com <<http://www.simplot.com>> .

NOTE: photos of Smoky Canyon mine are available. Please e-mail Ken Dey.

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