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IMERYS Carbonates Receives the 2012 Sentinels of Safety Award

Sahuarita, AZ, September 5, 2013 – The Imerys Carbonates, Arizona facility was selected as the 2012 Sentinels of Safety award winner in the category of Small Metal/Non-Metal Mill Group. The annual Sentinels of Safety Award program recognizes achievement of outstanding safety records, to stimulate greater interest in safety and to encourage development of more effective accident prevention programs among the nation's mineral extractive industries. This program is co-sponsored by the U.S Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) division and the National Mining Association (NMA) industry association. The award was initiated in 1925 by then-Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover and remains the nation's most prestigious award recognizing mining safety.

To be eligible for the award, the requirements are to: (a) have reported employment to MSHA for each quarter in which it was active during the calendar year, (b) have not experienced a work injury in specific categories that resulted in a fatality, permanent disability, days away from work or days of restricted work activity, (c) have a No Days Lost (NDL) injury incident rate no greater than the national average for those same specific categories, and (d) have accumulated at least 4,000 employee hours in the same specific category.

The National Mining Association (NMA) will present the award to Imerys on October 30th in Washington, DC.

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