

## SIDCO MINERALS RECEIVES TOP MINE SAFETY AWARD

Texarkana, Texas (October 1, 2017) – Sidco Minerals, Inc. today announced that it has received the National Mining Association's (NMA) "Sentinels of Safety Award" in recognition of the company's outstanding mine safety achievements during 2016. The award will be presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 6, 2017.

Bill Fuerst, President of Sidco Minerals, Inc. commented on the award - "We are proud to have recently been recognized by The American Mining Association for an exemplary safety record. We are grateful to our entire team for their diligence in doing great work while keeping each other safe."

Twenty American mining operations - 10 coal mines and 10 mineral/metal mines - will be honored with the award.

"2016 was the safest year in mining's history," said Hal Quinn, NMA president and CEO. "These awards are an important reminder that modern mining has made great strides to ensure the safety of all of our miners and, to continue this progress, our vigilance is required through each and every shift."

Sponsored annually by NMA, the Sentinels awards recognize coal and mineral mining operations in 10 categories for recording the most hours in a calendar year without a single lost-time injury. A minimum of 4,000 hours is required for award consideration. The award categories reflect the safety accomplishments of both small and large mines, both surface and underground. All together in 2016, 86 percent of all U.S. coal and mineral mines operated without a single lost time injury.

Initiated in 1925 by then Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover, a former mining engineer, the Sentinels of Safety Award program remains the most prestigious recognition of mine safety and has helped foster a strong safety commitment on the part of U.S. mines

About Sidco Minerals, Inc.

SIDCO Minerals, Inc. is North America's premier iron carbonate (siderite) manufacturer. We mine our siderite from lenses of high-purity ore in East Texas, then distribute it to markets around the world. To learn more about Sidco Minerals, Inc. visit our website at [www.sidcominerals.com](http://www.sidcominerals.com).

About the National Mining Association

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is U.S. mining's advocate in Washington, D.C. and beyond. NMA is the only national trade organization that represents the interests of mining before Congress, the administration, federal agencies, the judiciary and the media-providing a clear voice for U.S. mining. NMA's mission is to build support for public policies that will help America fully and responsibly utilize its coal and mineral resources. [www.nma.org](http://www.nma.org)

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