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President & CEO

September 10, 2012

Shauna Kreger
Mgr. of Corp. Health & Safety
The Belden Brick Company
P.O. Box 430
Sugarcreek, OH 44681

Dear Shauna:

I am very pleased to inform you that Sugarcreek Operations has fulfilled the requirements for consideration in the Large Open Pit Group for the 2011 Sentinels of Safety Program, sponsored by the National Mining Association.

As one of the top five finishers, I am pleased to present Sugarcreek Operations with this Certificate of Achievement in Safety for its outstanding safety performance during the year.

In receiving this recognition, your operation was considered along with all similar operations that reported in 2011 at least 4,000 employee hours of exposure without a work injury that resulted in lost workdays and a no-days-lost injury rate no greater than the national average for these same subunits.

We congratulate everyone who participated in the exemplary group achievement in the prevention of injuries at Sugarcreek Operations. The commitment and dedication you have shown through your outstanding safety performance presents a shining example to all of us. Please extend our best wishes to your colleagues for their continued success in the promotion of safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hal Quinn".

Hal Quinn
President & CEO
National Mining Association

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Sentinels of Safety Award

Certificate of Achievement in Safety
awarded to

Sugarcreek Operations

The Belden Brick Company
Sugarcreek, OH

recognized in the category
Large Open Pit
for its outstanding safety record in 2011

66,400 employee hours worked
without a lost workday injury

