IAAP Sustainability Award to VCNA Prairie Material

The IAAP's Sustainability Committee developed this award to recognize a member mining or processing facility or an associate member company that has identified ways and implemented solutions to increase product, service and vendor efficiency, and/or reduce energy demands and negative environmental impact and improve employee and community satisfaction.

Prairie Material was recognized at the IAAP Convention in December for demonstrating a commitment to building a sustainable future and fostering positive, responsible relationships with the stakeholders that surround their locations. The company, and its leaders, believe in the transformative power of people and products playing an important role in the communities where they operate.

Prairie, as part of VCNA, established targets to monitor and track progress with nineteen key performance indicators for each year through 2030. Results are tracked three times a year and publicly disclosed in conjunction with the publication of the company's Integrated Sustainability Report.

VCNA Prairie has committed to a full range of sustainability goals aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development goals and Global Reporting Initiative definitions of Sustainability. The company actively participates in a wide range of industry associations and forums on the need for initiatives such as this and encouraging others, including industry associations and members, to adopt similar practices.

A most noteworthy, public endeavor was to recently partner with local communities, schools, libraries, Chambers of Commerce and other North American businesses to plant seven thousand trees. This effort contributed to improving our environment and high-

lighting environmental issues, while educating youth and attracting young people to our industry.

Employees here in Illinois actively participate in IAAP committees pursuing industry goals for improving health, safety, environmental responsibility, sustainability, and community relations, resulting in numerous Rock Solid Safety, Environmental Excellence, and Community Relations awards through the years. And the company goes beyond just paying wages

by encouraging and awarding its employees for dedicating time to unique social causes.

VCNA Prairie Materials is demonstrating a sustainable commitment to its employees, the environment in which we all live, and the communities where they mine and produce products benefiting society.