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Subject: Surface Mine Safety – Public Awareness

KaMin maintains a strong safety program to prevent accidents for our employees and contractors. This is especially true of our surface mine operations due to the remote locations, unique hazards, and the appealing nature of mines. However, for the unauthorized explorer, hiker, off-roader or thrill seeker, the hazards are not always apparent. As a stark reminder, about 30 people die in the U.S. each year at mines, and more than 60 percent of those fatalities are due to drowning. In addition, numerous incidents are recorded each year at mine sites resulting in injuries. These fatalities and injuries typically occur when individuals do not understand the risks associated with mines and mining operations. Some of the hazards associated with surface mines are:

- Excavated highwalls in surface mines can be unstable and prone to collapse.
- Hills of loose material in stockpiles can collapse upon an unsuspecting biker, ATV rider, or climber.
- Water-filled pits hide rock ledges, mud, old machinery and other hazards. The water can be deceptively deep, or shallow, and dangerously cold. Steep, slippery walls make exiting these pits extremely difficult.

KaMin is working to promote public awareness of the hazards associated with surface mines. As a reminder, and to protect the public, KaMin's policy is to prosecute trespassers to the fullest extent. We will continue to utilize security measures to prevent access, and to monitor unauthorized entry on our mine sites.

We will also continue to reach out to local schools and the community to promote our "Stay Out / Stay Alive" policy, and warn of the physical and legal dangers of trespassing on mine properties. Please help us in communicating the hazards of surface mines to family and friends.