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GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH EARNS DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENDATION

Indio, CA (March 4, 2009) Granite Construction Company's Indio Hot Mix Asphalt Plant, has earned the National Asphalt Pavement Association's (NAPA) Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Hot-Mix Asphalt Plant/Site Operations.

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is a unique and respected program that encourages and recognizes responsible hot-mix asphalt (HMA) operation practices and cultivates good community relations. "The Diamond Achievement Commendation is an honor in which a company and a community can take great pride". "It clearly demonstrates a corporate commitment to excellence with a community focus" according to NAPA's Chairman James E. Weeks.

There are six essential facets of the program: appearance, operations, environmental practices, safety, permitting and regulatory compliance, and community relations. Earning the Commendation exemplifies the commitment to excellence in all aspects of HMA facilities, and symbolizes continuous improvement in operations and community relations.

This is the fourth year in a row that the Indio Asphalt Plant has joined the elite ranks of the HMA industry by earning the coveted Diamond Achievement Commendation.

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