



## Media Advisory

**WHAT:** Mining Day at the State Capitol

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 15, 2018  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Arizona State Capitol  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

### DESCRIPTION:

The Arizona Mining Association (AMA) and Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) are hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mining Day at the Arizona State Capitol. Members of the Legislature, regulatory agencies, 4<sup>th</sup> grade school children, boy scouts and girl scouts and the general public will be present or are welcome to come and learn more about this combined \$10 billion Arizona industry.

Participants of the event will learn more about mining's positive impact on our great state in terms of employment opportunities, economic impacts, and how uses of valuable minerals and materials add to the quality of their lives. The event will include large mining equipment, informational displays on the various mines in Arizona, equipment simulators, state regulatory agencies, university mining programs, and opportunities to learn more about where and how materials are mined in Arizona.

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## **INDUSTRY LEADER STATEMENTS:**

AMA Chairman Francis McAllister of Freeport McMoRan, Inc: *“Mining Day is the best opportunity for our elected leadership and the public to learn more about where and how materials are mined in Arizona, the economic impact, and their importance in our everyday life.”*

ARPA Chairman Toby Skinner of M.R. Tanner Mining: “Participants of the event will learn more about mining’s positive impact and our great state in terms of employment opportunities, economic impacts, and how uses of valuable minerals and materials add to the quality of their lives.”

**VISUALS:** Oversized mining trucks and equipment

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## “Mining . . . It’s Essential for Your Life”

*The Arizona Mining Association (AMA), established in 1965, is comprised of entities engaged in mining and mineral processing in Arizona and is the unified voice of responsible, sustainable and safe mining. The AMA acquires and disseminates scientific and business information essential to sound public policies affecting the mining industry in Arizona including the development of statutes and regulations affecting mining. AMA supports educational programs that demonstrate the importance and benefits of mining to the economy and our quality of life. Our members benefit from productive relationships and alliances with government, business associations, and natural resource industry groups. Through our advocacy, we help Arizona be the premier location for mining investment in the U.S. Visit [www.azmining.com](http://www.azmining.com) to learn more about AMA.*

*The Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) is the oldest mining related trade organization in Arizona and for 60 years has been providing representation for 45 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and Portland cement used in nearly every private and public construction project in Arizona. Arizona’s aggregate mining industry employs approximately 6,275 people directly and 9,450 indirectly for a total of 15,725 and has an estimated direct and indirect impact on the Arizona economy of \$3 billion. Our producer members are combined with over 64 associate members that provide related transportation, contracting, mining supplies and consulting services. More information is available at [www.azrockproducts.org](http://www.azrockproducts.org).*

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