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## Arizona Rock Products Association News Release

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### Peoria, Arizona – ARPA Members Host Sun City Community Plant Tour

Industry members hosted an aggregate plant tour for the Sun City, Ventana Lakes and Coyote Lakes Communities on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Cemex, Lafarge and Vulcan Materials opened their Sun City facilities for this informative event. Company employees gathered with community residents at the

Ventana Lakes Yacht Club for breakfast, introductions and an overview of the day before boarding two tour buses. Educational materials were available on display tables at the breakfast, along with safety, environmental and civic accolades achieved by industry members.

Each bus visited the Cemex Sun City East Facility, the Lafarge Sun City Plant and the Vulcan Sun City Facility, providing attendees the opportunity to see where and how the building materials were produced for each of their communities and adding to the quality of their lives. Mike Dillon, Concrete Manager with Cemex, proudly shared that, “In fact, my Mother is a Sun City “Pioneer”, or one of the first 100 residents of the area.”



*Mike Dillon, CEMEX*

During the tour local residents received quite an education, each company guided attendees through the process of producing aggregates, ready mixed concrete and asphalt and answered questions while the bus made its way through each plant. In addition,



*Eric Weech, Vulcan Materials*

attendees also had the opportunity to watch two industry related videos from The National Asphalt Paving and the National Stone Sand and Gravel Associations.

Representatives such as Vulcan’s Eric Weech, Lafarge’s Arturo Acosta and Cemex’s Jamey Brown did an amazing job explaining production methods and the industry’s stringent

environmental and safety practices.



*Arturo Acosta, Lafarge*

After the tour, everyone gathered for a delicious lunch back at the Ventana Lakes Yacht Club as representatives answered additional questions for participants. Association Director Steve Trussell stated, “The tour went a long way to further develop positive relations with the community, and we will continue to strive to

be great neighbors. We encourage residents to contact us with any questions as we will continue to maintain an open door policy.”



*Joe McCord  
Ventana Lakes*

ARPA would like to thank Tina Dunn and the Ventana Lakes Board for use of the wonderful meeting facility and Mr. Joe McCord, Ventana Lakes resident for assisting with the advertising and organization of the event. “We could not have done it without the community’s help and Joe was a major contributor”, said Trussell

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