



U.S. Silica Attains Key Targets In Safety, Environmental Protection, Community Support And Business Strength

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Annual Sustainability Report highlights Company's 2014 accomplishments and future goals

FREDERICK, Md., June 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- U.S. Silica (NYSE: SLCA) today released its 2014 Sustainability Report, *Intersections*, detailing the accomplishments over the past year that contributed to the Company's success in reaching key targets in safety, environmental protection and community support.

The fifth annual Sustainability Report details how the Company's sustainability efforts intersect with every facet of its business, including U.S. Silica's commitment to community investment, employee safety and environmental stewardship. U.S. Silica reached significant milestones in 2014, cementing its status as an industry leader while paving the way for continued innovation and success.

"Our Company is rooted in tradition, but we never stop looking to the future. U.S. Silica's sustainability programs are central to our ability to constantly improve, innovate and remain competitive," said Bryan Shinn, president and chief executive officer. "Our success is the result of hard work and a strong commitment from our dedicated team, community partners and customers."

This year, U.S. Silica continued to raise the bar as an industry leader, achieving a number of goals earlier than initially targeted. Accomplishments highlighted in the 2014 report include:

- An overall reduction of 13 percent in greenhouse gas emissions; the installation of solar-powered technology and groundbreaking water recycling systems; and 2 million pounds of waste donated or recycled
- An investment in state-of-the-art technology and injury prevention programs aimed at ensuring employee safety
- The launch of new products that have introduced U.S. Silica to new customers and markets

The Sustainability Report also lays out strategies for the future, including its Bold Goals which are: achieving zero lost time incidents or employee injuries; growing its community outreach program; and reducing, reusing or recycling 90 percent of all waste materials Company-wide.

View the entire 2014 Sustainability Report, as well as archived reports, at USSilicaSustain.com.

"While it's important to recognize our successes, we're constantly finding new ways to build on our achievements," said Mike Winkler, vice president and chief operating officer. "We see tremendous opportunities ahead, and we'll continue to push ourselves to meet and exceed the needs of our employees, our communities and our customers."

For more than 115 years, U.S. Silica has been a leader in the silica mining industry. The company operates 16 facilities in 15 states that produce raw materials for use in domestic energy sources, including oil and natural gas, wind and solar power. The Company also provides processed and engineered materials for industrial and specialty products such as glass, durable paints and building materials.

ABOUT U.S. SILICA

U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc., a member of the Russell 2000, is a leading producer of commercial silica used in the oil and gas industry, and in a wide range of industrial applications. Over its 115-year history, U.S. Silica has developed core competencies in mining, processing, logistics and materials science that enable it to produce and cost-effectively deliver over 260 products to customers across our end markets. The company is headquartered in Frederick, Maryland and operates on a platform of ethics, safety and sustainability. U.S. Silica is a founding member of Wisconsin Industrial Sand Association and has been recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) as a partner in the WDNR Green Tier program for achieving superior environmental and economic performance.

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