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**IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY SELECTS
IDAHO SAND & GRAVEL/IDAHO CONCRETE
FOR ITS 2009 ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Coeur d'Alene -- The Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI) presented Idaho Sand & Gravel/Idaho Concrete with its 2009 Environmental Excellence Award during IACI's 35th Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene.

First presented in 1997, the IACI Environmental Excellence Award provides recognition to businesses which, through innovative environmental leadership and accomplishment, have achieved outstanding results in environmental protection and enhancement. All businesses operating in Idaho are eligible for the award including non-IACI members.

This year Idaho Sand & Gravel/Idaho Concrete is recognized for its remarkable innovation in energy savings. Idaho Sand & Gravel/Idaho Concrete environmental sustainability projects completed in 2007-2008 have netted savings of over 3000 kilowatts per year for asphalt plants and fuel savings of 20% per year for converted concrete plants.

Their conversion from incandescent lights to high-efficiency systems have saved 420,000 kilowatt-hours per year. The overall savings from 2006-2008 projects are nearly a gigawatt hour per year, with an annual reduction of 750 tons of CO₂ in equivalent emissions.

Idaho Sand & Gravel/Idaho Concrete has also made water conservation a top priority, and many facilities have been converted to zero-discharge of storm water. Many concrete and aggregate washing operations have systems that reclaim and recycle process water. Annually 80% of all asphalt pavement waste is reused in road construction. In 2007, over 75,000 tons of materials were diverted from disposal and recycled to conserve increasingly scarce mineral and petroleum resources.

Presenting the award in front of Idaho's business leaders, elected officials and over 35 legislators attending the IACI conference, IACI Chairman Trent Clark commended Idaho Sand & Gravel for being "focused on environmentally responsible business practices."

Speaking about the award, Scott W. Parson, CEO, stated: "Staker Parson Companies and its Idaho subsidiaries, Idaho Sand & Gravel Co. and Idaho Concrete Company, are committed to leadership in sustainable business practices. Many do not realize that the construction industry recycles a large share of products and our businesses are at the forefront of advocating for increased recycling opportunities. Each of our sites (more than 50) undergoes a rigorous sustainability evaluation each year. We have found this practice to drive significant

improvement year after year. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved with IACI and are very honored and humbled to be recognized with this prestigious Environmental Excellence Award.”

Nominated for the award by Staker & Parson Companies, Idaho Sand & Gravel/Idaho Concrete was selected by an independent committee chaired by **Paul Kjellander**, Administrator of the Idaho Office of Energy Resources. Other selection committee members were **Robbin Finch**, Water Quality Manager for the City of Boise; **Orville Green**, Administrator of the Waste Remediation Program at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; and State **Representative Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum)**, member of the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee and former House Minority Leader.

Also nominated for the 2009 award were: Melaleuca Inc., and Union Pacific Railroad. Noted Clark, “This year, our selection committee had the daunting task of selecting the best of the best. We had three excellent companies nominated, and all their accomplishments in the environmental area are commendable.”

Jayson Ronk, Vice President of IACI, said the purpose of the award is to “provide recognition of businesses which, through innovative environmental leadership and accomplishment, have achieved outstanding results in environmental protections and enhancement.”

Past recipients of the IACI Environmental Excellence Award include: **Agri Beef Co., Twin Falls Canal Company, Micron Technology, Zilog, Rycair Inc., Albertson’s, Basic American Foods** (Shelley Plant), **Melaleuca Inc., Monsanto, Hewlett-Packard**, and the **Flying M Ranch** of Ashton.

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