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HECLA'S LUCKY FRIDAY MINE EARNS SENTINELS OF SAFETY AWARD

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MULLAN, IDAHO – Hecla Mining Company's Lucky Friday Mine has been named a 2018 Sentinels of Safety award winner by the National Mining Association (NMA) for their stellar safety record. The Lucky Friday was recognized along with only 19 other American mining operations—six coal and 14 mineral/non-metal mines.

The award is sponsored by the NMA and is presented annually to mines with the best safety records and those that have worked the most employee hours without experiencing a lost-time injury.

Sentinels of Safety winners received trophies at a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C. in 10 different categories -underground coal, surface coal, coals pressing facility, underground metal, underground nonmetal, open pit, quarry, dredge, bank or pit and mental/nonmetal mill. Lucky Friday won the small underground metal mine category for achieving 114,829 injury-free hours. It requires a minimum of 4,000 injury-free hours and is based on data provided to the Federal Mine Safety & Health Administration.

"It is not a coincidence that this award follows the changes we have made in our management and safety systems," said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., President and CEO of Hecla. "This honor is a testament to our Lucky Friday team embracing change and all of us at Hecla could not be prouder of their accomplishment."

The concept for the award began in 1925 by then Secretary of Commerce and future President Herbert Hoover, who was a mining engineer, and remains the nation's most prestigious award recognizing mine safety.

Clayr Alexander, General Manager at the Mine called the achievement "a team effort. Our employees' dedication and commitment to our continued journey of working safely each and every day paved the way for our success."

ABOUT THE LUCKY FRIDAY MINE

Hecla Mining Company's Lucky Friday Mine is a deep underground silver, lead and zinc mine located in the Coeur d'Alene Mining District in northern Idaho. The mine began operating in 1942 and celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2017 and could potentially have another 20-30 years of mine life.

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