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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mining Academy™ Seminar held in Louisville, Kentucky**

Mining Academy™, an event created to provide attendees with a three-day forum to see, learn, and network with operators from the underground room and pillar limestone market, was held for the second time on October 29-31, in Louisville, Kentucky. It was organized by *Dyno Nobel*, a global leader in commercial explosives, in partnership with *Sandvik Mining and Rock Technology*, and a global leading supplier of equipment and tools, service and technical solutions for the mining and construction industries.

A variety of subject matter experts presented and led discussions and workshops on all aspects of room and pillar underground mining, with emphasis on drilling, blasting and production, but also extending to topics such as safety data analytics and community relations. While the participants reflected the focus on underground stone mining, there were also representatives from salt, coal and metals mines, which contributed to the diversity of discussions and information exchanged.

“This was my first exposure to the Mining Academy”, explained Mike Rispin, Dyno Nobel’s recently appointed VP Underground, “and I can understand why it has garnered its good reputation in such a short time. The preparation and presentation were truly first-class, and it was my honor to co-emcee the event. Based upon feedback from participants, the Mining Academy is a strong value experience for the industry.”

Paul Painter, Sandvik Mining and Rock Technology’s VP of U.S.A. says, “The Mining Academy this year was specifically targeted to room-and-Pillar stone production in the USA. This was not only a discussion about the end to end process from mine planning to product across the scale,

it was also a networking opportunity with known industry experts on best practice and new technology.”

Rounding out the program was the keynote speaker on the final evening, Colonel (Ret.) Mark W. Tillman, pilot and commander of Air Force One from 2001-2009, who delivered a patriotic, riveting, and sometimes humorous recounting of his experiences.

A highlight of the event was the visit to the Rogers Group’s nearby Bullitt County Mine, a cutting-edge example of room and pillar mining, where participants were treated to an underground experience complete with various technology demonstrations, as well as a surface demonstration of Electronic Initiation Systems’ capabilities.

We trust that the industry will stay tuned for the Mining Academy’s next incarnation, which is already in the planning stages.

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