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### Slaton Named 2010 Mining Association of South Carolina (MASC) “Miner of the Year”



West Columbia, S.C. resident, Ron Slaton, was recently named **2010 Mining Association of South Carolina (MASC) “Miner of the Year.** Slaton serves as Chairman of the Safety & Health Committee for the MASC. Ron developed detailed statistics on all MSHA citations in South Carolina with supporting charts and priority lists. He also has become a respected state wide resource for Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decisions on contested MSHA citations and an expert on the resolution of citations in South Carolina. His data and charts are being used by mining companies’ state wide to determine which areas to concentrate on concerning MSHA findings. Slaton is employed by US Silica Company, Columbia Plant, as the Environmental, Health & Safety Coordinator. Slaton is known by his peers as a highly dedicated mine safety professional who will eagerly help anyone in the MASC or in the nationwide 13 plant US Silica Corporation family.

The Mining Association of South Carolina consists of individuals, firms and corporations whose common interest is the development of mineral resources, in an environmentally sound manner, in the State of South Carolina. They advise and safeguard the business interests of the members through regulatory, legislative, public relations and educational programs. The Association promotes harmony within the industry and with the general public consistent with high standards of responsibility, skill and integrity.