

# Kennecott Land



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### **Kennecott Land Celebrates One Million Safe Work Hours**

Hundreds of Workers Recognized at Summer Event

(South Jordan, Utah) - Kennecott Land and its contractors at Daybreak are pleased to announce that more than one million hours have been worked without a lost time injury. Kennecott Land employees and contractors have worked these hours at Daybreak to prepare the infrastructure for the community and homebuilding. Kennecott Land has 17 contractors who support safety first including Harper Excavation, Sahara Construction, Inc., ValleyCrest, Nolte Engineering and Intermountain Cleaners.

“This milestone represents almost two years where everyone was able to come to work and return home without an injury that caused them to miss time from work,” said Russell Sanford, Vice President Land Development and Construction, Kennecott Land. “This is a substantial achievement for the entire team and we recognize the strong commitment to working safely in every trade on site.”

Kennecott Land operates under strict safety guidelines from our parent company Rio Tinto and is one of the safest business units in the global company. “The strong safety standards are the right thing to do because we value our employees and contractors, we know that all injuries are preventable and we believe nobody deserves going through the suffering associated with injury,” said Sanford.

To celebrate this accomplishment, Kennecott Land hosted a luncheon on Friday, July 20, where safety demonstrations and workshops were provided. “By providing training, proper tools, a strong safety culture and recognition, it means that employees are valued and we want them to be safe at work,” said Don Whyte, President, Kennecott Land. “There are

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great personal costs when someone is injured; we take great measures to provide a safe environment onsite.”

Kennecott Land was also recently recognized for a strong safety record. In 2006, The National Safety Council awarded Kennecott Land the Perfect Record Award for safe practices. For a full year between 2005 and 2006, neither Kennecott Land employees nor their contractors experienced a lost time injury. This is the first acknowledgement in a five-year safety program called the Safety Leadership Award. A Safety Leadership Award is awarded for five continuous years without a lost-time injury.

### **About Daybreak**

Daybreak is Kennecott Land’s first community and is located in South Jordan. Daybreak is situated on 4,126 acres where nearly 14,000 homes are planned. Daybreak offers several amenities such as Oquirrh Lake, the Daybreak Elementary School and Community Center. Daybreak is a walkable community with miles of trails, bike paths and a commitment to significant amounts of open space and parks. Homes at Daybreak represent the architectural history and variety of neighborhoods like Sugarhouse and the Avenues. [www.daybreakutah.com](http://www.daybreakutah.com)

### **About Kennecott Land**

Kennecott Land was established by parent company Rio Tinto in April 2001 to protect and develop Kennecott Utah Copper’s the 93,000 acres on Salt Lake Valley’s West Bench. Daybreak is the first testament to that vision. Daybreak is situated on 4,126 acres in South Jordan City where 20,000 homes are planned. At Kennecott Land, sustainable development is at the heart of every business decision by balancing the complex interaction of environmental, economic and social factors. Kennecott Land does this in a way that protects and strengthens what matters most to our community: strong and safe neighborhoods, quality education, a healthy and renewable environment, and a vibrant local economy. [www.kennecottland.com](http://www.kennecottland.com) and [www.daybreakutah.com](http://www.daybreakutah.com)

### **About Rio Tinto**

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