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Kennecott Land Announces 2007 Sustainable Builder and Contractor Award Recipients

Rainey Homes, Nolte Engineering and ValleyCrest honored

(South Jordan, UT – Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007) – Kennecott Land, a leading builder of enduring, sustainable communities, announced Rainey Homes, Nolte Engineering and ValleyCrest Landscape Development as winners of the 2nd Annual Sustainability Awards. The awards recognize builders and contractors for outstanding achievement in practicing and following sustainable building practices. The winners were selected from 10 builders and 19 contractors working for Kennecott Land.

The awards were established to promote and foster sustainable practices for builders and contractors working in the Daybreak Community. Applicants are judged on their implementation and participation in sustainable practices, and employee and public sustainability education on and off site. Recipients were honored at events held on Nov. 7 and Nov. 15.

Sustainability is a process of meeting the needs of the present without compromising future generations, and it is based on three pillars: environment, social and economic. Kennecott Land strives to minimize harmful environmental factors associated with development while creating strong, healthy communities where people can live, work, recreate, shop and play.

“It is a pleasure to work with companies dedicated to sustainable practices like Rainey Homes, Nolte Engineering and ValleyCrest,” said Don Whyte, President, Kennecott Land Company. “These companies have shown that sustainability is at the core of their operations, and they have proven to be true leaders in implementing the vision at Daybreak.”

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Sustainable Home Builder Award

Rainey Homes is the 2007 sustainable home builder. Rainey Homes has been recognized for their excellence in the following areas:

- Participating in Build Green Utah, allowing Rainey to have third party home inspections certifying homes as “green built.”
- Implementing national best practices for Energy Star standards.
- Educating buyers on best home performance through homeowner orientation and sustainability section in homeowner’s manuals.
- Using water pump timers to conserve electricity, natural gas and water.
- Controlling waste and pollution through daily third-party lot inspections.
- Educating employees on sustainability practices.

"We are excited to receive the Daybreak Sustainable Builder Award and would like to recognize Kennecott Land for their support and encouragement to sustainable Building," said Justin Taylor, Vice President of Construction, Rainey Homes. "At Rainey Homes, we feel it is our responsibility to build sustainable homes that provide a safe and healthy environment for our children and help to preserve and protect the environment."

Sustainable Contractor Awards

Nolte Engineering is being recognized as one of the 2007 sustainable contractors. Nolte is being recognized for the second straight year for their excellence in the following areas:

- Integrating sustainable practices at corporate offices by recycling and using recycled building materials.
- Educating and encouraging sustainable practices through quarterly sustainability meetings.
- Participating in U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) study group using LEED building practices.
- Utilizing construction methods increasing sustainability of projects.
- Controlling pollution through hybrid vehicles and trash disposal.
- Integrating an in-house sustainable design award to recognize sustainable solutions in project design and encourage sustainability in design.

"The bottom line is you will not find a more passionate, involved and personable firm offering engineering services than ours to supply sustainable engineering efforts," said Linda Hansen, Business Development Coordinator, Nolte Engineering. "We learn about it; we live it; and we love it!"

ValleyCrest Landscape Development is also being recognized as one of the 2007 sustainable contractors. ValleyCrest is being recognized for their excellence in the following areas:

- Participating as a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and in LEED projects.
- Collaborating with academic groups to bring relevance to the building and landscaping industries.
- Adopting new strategies toward reducing documents on paper.
- Establishing business standards using videoconferencing, daylighting and office equipment to reduce energy usage.
- Controlling pollution through hybrid vehicles.
- Salvaging mature trees for preservation and reuse.

“It is an honor to be recognized as a sustainable contractor at Daybreak,” said Matt Mudek, Project Manager, ValleyCrest Landscape Development Inc. “With Kennecott Land leading the way, ValleyCrest is proud to be part of a team dedicated to responsible development and leaving positive impacts for today’s and future generations.”

Safety and Customer Service Awards

Liberty and Hearthside Homes were honored for excellence in customer service and safety. Liberty homes won the 2007 customer service award. The award is given based on the summation of homeowner surveys that measure builders in performance, product and service satisfaction, walk through and buying process, and the sales process.

Hearthside Homes was recognized for their excellence in safety. Builders are measured on establishing and implementing safety programs for employees and lost time work hours.

About Kennecott Land

Kennecott Land was established by parent company Rio Tinto in April 2001 to protect and develop Kennecott Utah Copper’s 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 and www.daybreakutah.com

About Rio Tinto

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