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Cemstone receives the Producer Excellence in Quality Award for the 7th consecutive year by National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)

Cemstone Receives 2017 NRMCA Excellence in Quality Award

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Cemstone, the upper Midwest's leader in high performance concrete, has been chosen as a recipient in the 2017 National Ready Mixed Concrete Association Excellence in Quality Awards competition. This is the seventh year Cemstone has received this award. The NRMCA's Producer Excellence in Quality Award.

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's Producer Excellence in Quality Award recognizes the commitment to quality initiatives of ready mixed concrete producer members. A significant barrier to performance specifications versus prescription specifications for concrete, has been the qualification level of a concrete producer. This award provides a basis to recognize those that strive for continuous improvement through their quality initiatives. It provides reasonable goals for those concrete producers interested in elevating their own quality management systems. The criteria for this award are based on the guideline to develop a Quality Plan in Quality Management Systems for Ready Mixed Concrete Companies.

The NRMCA's Producer Excellence in Quality Award is based on the following categories: Management Commitment and Decision Process, Customer Focus, Human Resources, Production Facility and Equipment, Material Management and Testing, Specification and Mixture Review, and Measurement Analysis and Improvement.

A shift to performance-based specifications is the next logical step in the evolution of the ready mixed concrete industry. Performance-based specifications provide details of required results such as strength and other mechanical properties along with requirements for durability and serviceability. The results are verifiable through measurement or testing to assure the product meets the desired requirements. And finally, performance-based specifications are free of process limitations such as mixture proportions and construction methods. Performance-based specifications encourage innovative products and construction methods along with rigorous quality management systems that lead to superior products and satisfied customers.

"At Cemstone, we continually strive to refine our quality management practices, mix design development, raw material selection and operational procedures. We are pleased that our efforts are continually recognized by our national organization. This award helps to showcase Cemstone's ready mixed concrete as the ideal, sustainable building material for almost every type of construction project", said Lars Anderson, Cemstone's QA/QC Manager of Engineering Services.

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association was established in 1930 and operates through a partnership agreement with state associations. Its mission is to responsibly represent and serve the entire ready mixed concrete industry through leadership, promotion and education. With a goal of recognizing companies that demonstrate continuous improvement through their quality initiatives, and simultaneously setting attainable goals for concrete producer's intent on elevating their quality management systems. As an award-winning producer, Cemstone's exceptional quality management practices are acknowledged.

Founded in 1927, Cemstone operates ready-mix concrete plants in Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and northern Iowa. The company operates a fleet of blue Cemstone ready-mix trucks, offers a complete line of concrete pumping capabilities, aggregates, engineering services, concrete block and masonry products used in the construction of concrete structures. To learn more about Cemstone products and services, phone **1-800-CEMSTONE** or visit www.cemstone.com.

Photo Caption: Cemstone has been chosen as a Category "A" recipient in the 2017 National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) Excellence in Quality Awards competition.

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