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GRANITE LAB EARNS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS TOP RANKING

Indio, CA (August 18, 2009) – Granite Construction Company, Southern California Branch Engineering Services Manager Layne Richins has announced that the materials testing lab located at the Indio Branch has been awarded a 5 from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). This ranking meets the stringent requirements of the organization and is the highest ranking that can be achieved.

AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It represents all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system.

A Marshall Mix Asphalt Design produced by Granite Construction was tested. This asphalt mix is a typical specification that the Federal Aviation Administration will use for airports and was recently used at the Imperial County Airport.

Layne credits Greg Gracia, Southern California Branch Engineering Services Lab Manager and Brandon Ritz, Supervising Technician for this recognition.

The Engineering Services Lab is located in Indio and regularly tests various asphalt mixes and construction aggregate materials to assure that products meet the specifications that are outlined by the different agencies and owners throughout Southern California.

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