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SME Foundation teams with AmazonSmile
The charitable mining organization will benefit from online purchases

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. Foundation (SMEF) is pleased to announce that it has teamed with AmazonSmile to provide even greater support for the Foundation's core programs.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that offers customers the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenience shopping features that Amazon.com provides. The difference is that when buyers shop on www.smile.amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5 percent of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization the customer has selected. There are no extra charges to the customer, and the donation is made directly from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

This convenient method of donating to the SME Foundation will benefit programs that serve the global mining industry. Scholarships are administered annually to students pursuing careers in fields as diverse as ground control, mining engineering and metallurgy. The Professional Engineer's (PE) Exam Committee works tirelessly to develop the questions for the PE exam, and is currently working on a reference guide to be used in a future, computerized exam. ABET accreditation is accomplished through the training of SME members to evaluate university programs related to geological, geophysical and mining engineering at institutions of higher learning in order to assure quality and stimulate innovation in the academic disciplines. The mission of SMEF's outreach program, Minerals Education Coalition (MEC), is to generate an enlightened and supportive public that appreciates the importance of mining and minerals in their lives and their lifestyles. MEC assisted with the development and launch of the Mining in Society merit badge with the Boy Scouts of America. This month MEC will be releasing the new "Iron in Our Electrical World" video, the second in a series of how minerals are used in our ever-expanding electrically dependent society.

"With the growth in member benefits through expanded programming, SMEF will be able to better serve our members throughout their entire career," said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy.

The mission of the SME Foundation is to support scientific, technical, educational and other activities that foster interchange and understanding concerning the responsible development of the world's mineral resources, and further the professional disciplines serving the minerals industry. For more information on how to set up an AmazonSmile account to benefit the SME Foundation, please contact Kochevar@smenet.org or 303-948-4239.

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SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose more than 15,000 members represent all professions serving the minerals industry in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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