

## UEPG Sustainable Development Awards 2005

**Company:** Compañía General de Canteras, S.A.

**Location:** Sevilla, Spain

**The Taralpe Quarry Project**

**Award for Health & Safety Best Practice**

**Special Award for “Worker Participation”**



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In Compañía General de Canteras production, safety, quality and environment have always been a main concern. The idea of putting together these two main pillars led to the development in 2000 of the Prevention department, which aims for a different strategy in all the business levels, a new concept, a "safe and productive culture", which unifies the ideas of maximum production with minimum risk. Implication. We are looking for the implication of the maximum number of employers, giving their voice for their years of experience. Carrying out the safety and health legislation, we have workers' representatives in each of the quarries who are taking care of the right fulfilment of the law. The workers have the following implication tools: suggestions desk, implication in the selection process of the Personal Protection Equipments PPE's, safety meetings and committees. Training. For CGC, training begins with a total respect for the workers' years of experience. The training orientated talks are developed in the quarry so that there is not a waste of time in travel for the workers and making possible the maximum attendance. The training instructor is an expert in the matters to discuss and they use a clear language, favouring the implication of the workers. At the end of the talks the training instructor gives the workers an attendance list besides an anonymous evaluation sheet to help us know our employers' ideas. In this training we find: Electrical works, Defensive driving, Height works, Safety in mobile machinery operation, annual controlled fire simulation, resuscitation techniques and injured workers transfer and training days called "Living safety" Information. The worker has free access to H&S information through different stands: a poster signed by the president of Italcementi Group concerning the safety policies, a poster with the number of working days without accidents, safety related magazines, handbooks and publications, a safety board with main safety information, etc. The "safety and production culture" enforcement has led CGC to an overwhelming decrease in the number of accidents throughout the last few years. CGC makes all these efforts possible by a continuous technological renovation and by adapting its installations to the legal standards.