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Tucson, AZ – An ASARCO employee died Sunday morning, June 20, 2010, at the Company's Ray Mine near Kearny, Arizona. The accident involved a mine haul truck and a pick-up truck. The cause of the accident is unknown at this time.

“Our prayers and sympathy go out to family members, friends and co-workers who are affected by this loss,” said Manuel E. Ramos, President and Chief Operating Officer. “ASARCO is cooperating fully with federal and state authorities in their investigation of this accident.”

ASARCO is an integrated copper mining, smelting and refining company with approximately 2500 employees. The Company operates a smelter, three mines, associated mills and solvent extraction-electrowinning plants in Arizona. It also operates a refinery complex in Texas, which includes plants that produce copper rod and cake, precious metals and by-products. For more information, visit <http://www.asarco.com>.

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