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Shuster Congratulates Pennsylvania Companies for their Contribution in Helping to Free Chilean Miners

Washington, DC – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to congratulate the men and women from Center Rock, Inc. and Kennametal, Inc. for their participation in the rescue effort that successfully freed the Chilean miners earlier this week:

“The world watched an utterly amazing effort this week as the Chilean miners were lifted up to freedom from a half mile underground. The rescue effort was complex and involved experts and specialized equipment from around the world, including our own backyard here in Pennsylvania.

Those miners would still be awaiting rescue if not for the drill supplied Center Rock, Inc. of Berlin.

Also, Kennametal Inc. headquartered in Latrobe, PA assisted in the relief efforts by manufacturing and supplying, in record time, the custom solution diamond substrates and carbide compacts/inserts to customers, who in turn used these products in the cutting edge of their drill bits.

Pennsylvania has a long and proud mining history that blankets the state. We have a skilled, talented and productive workforce that has adapted to challenges and learned from disasters like Quecreek to make mining safer and more technologically efficient. I congratulate everyone involved in rescuing the Chilean miners for putting their experience to task in a rescue effort that will go down in history as a monumental achievement of the human spirit and determination.”

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