



## The Golden Brick CHALLENGE

*Ash Grove Cement's (Midlothian, Texas) in-house crew challenges any in-house crew to beat 4.6 minutes a row!*

In 2005 utilizing Bricking Solutions' Mult-O-Ring double arch bricking machine and Port-a-Trac system, Mike Kelly of Ash Grove Cement reported their in-house crew bricked 35-38 rows per shift. That was only the beginning. During their November 2006 outage they reduced manpower from 12 to 7 and completed reinstallation within 48 hours over the previous 96 hours. In December of 2006, Mike reported that in 10.5 hours Derrick and his crew of 9 guys installed 70 rows of brick in their number one kiln. That included 4 change ups in brick with two guys constantly supplying brick. Derrick and his crew continued to improve by completing 13 rows of quality refractory installation in 60 minutes in January of 2007. That calculates to 4.6 minutes a row!

Bricking Solutions decided to award the Ash Grove Cement crew with the Golden Brick Award, which included crew t-shirts with **BRICK** (Best Refractory Installation Crew Known) on the back. Derrick and his crew have issued a challenge to any other in-house crew to beat their best time of 4.6 minutes a row. Is your in-house crew up to the challenge? If so, tell us about it. We'd love to hear how one of our bricking machines has improved your installation process. Send us an e-mail to [info@brickingsolutions.com](mailto:info@brickingsolutions.com) with your crew's top time and brick row numbers and include a picture of your crew. They could be the next recipients of the Golden Brick Award and be featured on our web site along with Mike, Derrick, and their crew.



Come by booth 714 at the IEEE-IAS/PCA Conference in Miami, Florida to learn more about the CHALLENGE and to test drive our Flat Deck bricking machine.