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Office of the President
September 11, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

NELSON BROTHERS, LLC GIFT AND PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$100,000 and pledge of \$400,000 from Nelson Brothers, LLC of Birmingham, Alabama, to establish the Nelson Brothers Graduate Fellowship Fund in the Department of Mining Engineering in the College of Engineering.

Background: Nelson Brothers, LLC is a leader in blasting technology and chemicals within the demolition and mining industry. The company prides itself on enhancing the safety and use of blasting technology as it applies to various applications worldwide. Dr. Braden Lusk, Associate Professor in the University of Kentucky College of Engineering Department of Mining Engineering, has had a long-standing relationship with Nelson Brothers, LLC and their leadership team dating back to his undergraduate and graduate education. Nelson Brothers, LLC wishes to continue their relationship with the University through Dr. Lusk's work and to enhance the graduate student experience by providing mining engineering students with real world application and experience to help broaden the scope of their education while attending the University of Kentucky. The Nelson Brothers Graduate Fellowship Fund will provide two annual fellowships to students in the College of Engineering under the supervision of a UK Department of Mining Engineering faculty member.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____