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BHP and SIMSA – building a tradition

Over 200 SIMSA members met with over 30 BHP persons – for an entire day - at SIMSA's Roundtable event with BHP on November 5, 2026 in Saskatoon! These events have become a tradition and occur the first Thursday of November. And, these events are in addition to the monthly "Supply Chain Ready" webinar series, which are hosted by SIMSA with BHP.



The SIMSA BHP Roundtable

As with all SIMSA Roundtable events, attendees from the producer company (BHP) are assigned seating individually at a banquet table of 6-8 persons for the day. Upon entry, SIMSA members can choose with whom they sit. However, over half of the event time was spent in free-flow networking around the room, giving SIMSA members ample access to key BHP persons, and an opportunity to connect with fellow members.

Christina Aabye, Head of Commercial at BHP Potash opened the event with a Saskatchewan focused review of BHP historic, current, and planned activities.



Christina Aabye informs SIMSA members.

Following Christina, SIMSA's Executive Director Eric Anderson joined Christina Aabye, plus Daniele Reis - Manager Procurement Operation, Stacy Hezelwood - Manager Procurement Operation, Riaan de Beer –

Manager of projects Commercial and Brent Rayner - Lead Procurement Operations on stage; to answer pre-submitted questions from SIMSA members.



SIMSA BHP Panel

After the formal opening presentation and a panel session, this event also included concurrent pre-arranged 15-minute B2B meetings. At these sessions, SIMSA members could preregister for and attend 15-minuete meetings on specific topics – in addition to the free flow networking in the main speaking hall. Each topic had two tables for separate conversations.

The B2B meeting topics were:

- Enterprise & Tech
- Processing
- MRO
- Site Engineering
- Mining
- Tier 1 Contractor (Sandvik)
- Tier 1 Contractor (Cementation)

BHP also presented on their “Jansen’s Social Value Strategy.” The presenters were Christine Magneson, Principal Corporate Affairs, and Mathew Dunn, Principal Indigenous Engagement.



Christin Magneson and Mathew Dunn

The Roundtable also featured opening comments by the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence's CEO Sheldon Wuttunee, as well as an update on the SIMSA databases' AI search feature by event MC Eric Anderson.



Sheldon Wuttunee



Eric Anderson

The event's Agenda was:

8:00 AM Registration and networking
8:30 AM Opening Remarks - SIMSA
8:40 AM Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Sheldon Wuttunee, Centre of Excellence
8:50 AM Presentation - Christina Aabye, Head of Commercial at BHP Potash
9:15 AM Panel Discussion – Eric Anderson, SIMSA; Christina Aabye, BHP; Daniele Reis, BHP; Stacy Hezelwood, BHP; Riaan de Beer, BHP; Brent Rayner, BHP
10:00 AM Networking in main hall
11:00 AM B2B Meetings begin in breakout rooms (presentations continue in the main hall during B2B meetings)
11:00 AM Presentation: Jansen Social Value Strategy - Christine Magneson, Principal Corporate Affairs, and Mathew Dunn, Principal Indigenous Engagement BHP Potash
11:20 AM Presentation: New Features on Saskatchewan Suppliers Database - Eric Anderson, SIMSA
11:40 AM Presentation: New Features on SIMSA's Protecture Benefits Plan - Staci Newberry, Sutton Benefits & Pension
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM B2B Meetings resume in breakout rooms
1:00 PM Networking in main hall
3:00 PM Close

BHP persons who attended for the day included:

Last Name	First Name	Role	Company
Aabye	Christina	Head of Procurement	BHP Potash
Bear	Courage	Manager Indigenous Engagement	BHP Potash
Brandbury	Colin	Principal Maintenance Strategy Readiness	BHP Potash
Brown	Randi	Head of Health, Safety and Security	BHP Potash
Brown	Daisy	Principal Safety Operational Readiness	BHP Potash
Calayan	Vanessa	Principal Process Eng Surface Production	BHP Potash
Christopher	Alan	Principal Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Genest	Crystal	Lead Contractor Management	BHP Potash
Currie	Glen	Specialist Contractor Management	BHP Potash
De Beer	Riaan	Manager Projects Commercial	BHP Potash
Dunn	Matthew	Principal Indigenous Engagement	BHP Potash
Gale	Alyson	Manager Surface Production	BHP Potash
Herbers	Matt	Lead Emergency Management	BHP Potash
Heselwood	Stacy	Manager Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Joseph	Emily	Administrator	BHP Potash
Kierath	Tamahra	Manager Infrastructure and Services	BHP Potash
Lamoureux	Justin	Superintendent Mill Maintenance	BHP Potash
Lufi	Fabian	Principal Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Magneson	Christine	Principal Corporate Affairs	BHP Potash
Marcelino	Claudia	Specialist Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Mau	Lucila	Lead Project Procurement	BHP Potash

Patel	Keny	Specialist Contractor Management	BHP Potash
Ragupathy	Kavita	Principal Integration	BHP Potash
Rayner	Brent	Lead Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Reis	Daniele	Manager Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Rempel	Danielle	Principal Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Saraceni	Georgette	Contracts and Procurement Manager JS2	Fluor
Tapia	Alvaro	Lead Local & Indigenous Procurement	BHP Potash
Therres	Roxann	Specialist Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Uzoma	Uchenna	Specialist Procurement Operations	BHP Potash
Winterfield	Andrew	Manager Maintenance	BHP Potash

And here's a look behind the stage at the event's production centre.



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