

December 1, 2022

## Executive Director's Message

Over 200 SIMSA members met with BHP and Hatch/Bantrel JV persons at SIMSA's "Supply to BHP" event on November 17. This was an in-person event on the Jansen potash project and procurement and included presentations, Q&A, and networking opportunities.



*The attending group*

As with all major SIMSA events, this was a SIMSA members-only event. Over half of the event time was spent in free-flow networking around the room, giving SIMSA members ample access to key BHP and Hatch/Bantrel JV persons, and an opportunity to connect with fellow members.

The event began with opening remarks from James Agar, BHP's Group Procurement Officer – he oversees all of BHP's procurement in all sectors, for the world.



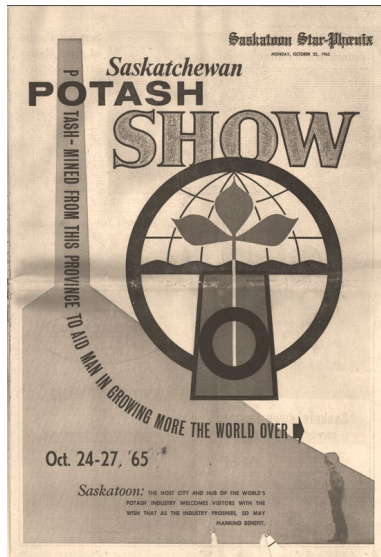
*James Agar addresses SIMSA members*

Following James were several persons;

- Clint Dempsey, Bantrel - on Jansen Stage 1 project and supply update
- Carin Jacobs, Manager Potash Operational Readiness, Project Contracts and Procurement, Potash - on Minimum requirements for suppliers and bringing Jansen into operations
- Dr. Michelle Gardiner, Head of Project Contracts and Procurement, Potash - on Creating social value through the supply chain
- Navinderan Govender, Manager JS1 Contracts & Governance, PC&P - on Sustainability at BHP - building the world's most sustainable potash mine

Concluding the event, SIMSA presented on the dozens of carbon reduction resources that SIMSA's Industrial Concierge – James Bulmer – had created and are now posted on the SIMSA's database. Also posted are several carbon calculators, funding sources, and an updated list of project opportunities for SIMSA members.

At the beginning of the event, SIMSA presented the BHP and Hatch/Bantrel JV persons with reproduction copies of a special feature to the Saskatoon StarPhoenix newspaper, from Monday, October 25, 1965. The 32-page large-format special-edition item was for the Saskatchewan Potash Show. The document includes the 1965 forecasts for what potash will mean to Saskatchewan and descriptions of challenges in building mines. As an example, then Premier Ross Thatcher states, "In what has always been a wheat province, a new economic era is beginning." SIMSA noted the efforts of Deca Industries to help recreate the item.



*Cover of 1965 document*

You can find a PDF version of the item [HERE](#).

SIMSA Future Mines event was well attended and saw members network with persons from GenSource Potash, NexGen Energy, and Karnalyte Resources. Former Mosaic VP and EuroChem Executive – Lawrence Berthelet – was also in attendance.

Finally, in an effort to build public support and understanding for our resource and heavy industrial sectors, as well as strengthen SIMSA’s relationships, the Prosperity Saskatchewan radio commentary has been relaunched. [Prosperity Saskatchewan](#) is a daily 60-second radio commentary on Saskatchewan’s mining, energy, and industrial sectors, as well as its economy. The items are researched, written, and voiced by SIMSA’s Executive Director - Eric Anderson.



The current program is actually version 2.0, as Prosperity Saskatchewan originally ran from 2008 – 2014 inclusive (let’s call that version 1.0). At that time, what began as a radio commentary, grew into a lecture series at the University of Saskatchewan’s Edwards School of Business (the WISER series), blog, consulting, and professional speaking. 1,575 episodes of Prosperity Saskatchewan aired during its original run, accompanied by over 4,000 blog postings. The current Prosperity Saskatchewan (version 2.0) was relaunched today (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022) with Cameco, Nutrien, the Government of Saskatchewan, and SIMSA as sponsors.

Prosperity Saskatchewan airs weekdays at 10:30 am during the John Gormley show (the most listened-to item on Saskatchewan radio), and also on weekends at 10:30 am. In addition to these, it is also heard

several times per day, seven days per week. All of this is on Rawlco Radio's [CKOM NewsTalk 650](#) in Saskatoon and [CJME NewsTalk 980](#) in Regina.

Prosperity Saskatchewan's content may not always reflect the opinions of the sponsors, given it is independent of them and is 100% created by Eric Anderson.

## Members' News

[Anchor 3rd year in a row Consumer Choice Awards Winner](#)

[Haztech Rolls Out Occupational Health Services in Yorkton](#)

[Industrial Machine Supports the Fight for Life](#)

[Industrial Machine's President & CEO Tom Foster, Accepts a National Philanthropy Day Award](#)

[SRC Geoanalytical Laboratories Celebrates 50 Years](#)

[Strike Group provides sponsorship and support to the Digital Transformation in Potash training program.](#)

[Sutton hosting a "Compensation Webinar" in December](#)

[Team Power Solutions Celebrates Thanksgiving in the North](#)

# Sector News

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced The Saskatchewan First Act to “confirm Saskatchewan's autonomy and exclusive jurisdiction over its natural resources.”

This Act directly impacts our sectors and has been a subject of much discussion; in particular, the impact on Treaty Rights has received considerable scrutiny.

SIMSA has begun a dialogue with Government to better understand the issues.

At the time of the Act’s announcement, the Government [released](#):

"This historic legislation will help protect our economic growth and prosperity from intrusive federal policies that encroach upon our legislative sovereignty," Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "It is time to draw the line and assert our constitutional rights."

The Act amends the Constitution of Saskatchewan to clearly confirm Saskatchewan's sovereign autonomy and asserts Saskatchewan's exclusive legislative jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada over a number of areas, including:

- the exploration for non-renewable natural resources;
- the development, conservation and management of non-renewable natural and forestry resources; and,
- the operation of sites and facilities for the generation and production of electrical energy.

"A strong Saskatchewan means a strong Canada," Eyre said. "This legislation asserts that the constitutional doctrine of interjurisdictional immunity applies to exclusive provincial legislative jurisdiction the same way it applies to exclusive federal jurisdiction."

This Act will also create an Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal that will define, quantify, and report on the economic repercussions of federal initiatives on provincial investment and Saskatchewan projects, businesses and people.

The Act itself can be seen [here](#).

# Advocacy

In an effort to create more global-potash-related work for SIMSA's members, SIMSA is putting together an event at PDAC 2023 in Toronto. At the event, we will have various countries who want their potash deposits developed, meet with SIMSA members and Saskatchewan-based junior potash mining companies. The target countries are near the Caspian Sea. The event will occur in partnership with the Canada Eurasia Chamber of Commerce. SIMSA has been contacted by a few countries asking for assistance in this.

To facilitate this request, prior to the event, the countries will distribute geological and financial-support information for review. At the event, the countries will present information and answer questions. The rest of the time will be set aside for networking and meetings.

The event will likely happen on March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 pm in Toronto.

On the SMR front, SIMSA has a seat on the SMR Supply Chain Working Group, with VPs and Deputy Ministers from SaskPower, CIC, FNPA, PrairiesCan, OCNI, Ministry of Energy and Resources, Ministry of Trade and Export Development, and SaskBuilds.

SIMSA has asked via this group (and side communications) to see the MoU between the provinces, so we fully understand the opportunities available to us. We also stated that SIMSA members require assurances from Government as to spending intentions and the likelihood of SMRs being built, before they will make significant investments into preparing for SMRs. We made it clear that SIMSA members are the only group putting personal money into the project.

We also stated that SIMSA requires significant funding to support supply chain development – build more horsepower within SIMSA - on the SMR manufacturing, assembly, and fuel fabrication front. We have begun discussions with several agencies. The goal is to allow SIMSA to maintain its work in its traditional sectors, while adding persons to work on the SMR sector

# Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **WCB Event with SIMSA – December 6, 2022**  
WCB will provide overview of a multi-year program designed to improve outcomes and customer service as well as opportunities for employers to help improve the system. And answer questions!
- **How To Use Your SIMSA Membership – December 15, 2022**  
Learn how to utilize the benefits of your SIMSA membership.
- **Lunch & Learn: Canada Digital Adoption Program – January 12, 2023**  
Are you ready to grow your business? Join the Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP) for an info-session to learn how this grant can help you boost your online presence and modernize your operations.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum – April 18 & 19, 2023**  
Save the date! The 15th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will be on April 18 & 19, 2023 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon, SK.
- **SIMSA's 2023 AGM – May 16, 2023**  
Save the date!
- **Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum – NEW DATE – October 4, 2023**  
Save the Date! The 9th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum will be on October 4, 2023 at the Delta Hotel in Regina, SK.

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