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## Executive Director's Message

SMRs (small modular reactors) are lining-up to be a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity for SIMSA members. Therefore, just as SIMSA aligned with BHP over 4-years ago to have our database become a key element of their purchasing, SIMSA has aligned itself with potential SMR vendors and the sector in general. In short, SIMSA's member database will be a key resource for SMR development in Saskatchewan.

Our recently announced MOUs with the [Organisation of Canadian Nuclear Industries \(OCNI\)](#) as well as [GEH SMR \(GE Hitachi\)](#), will see our member database become a central fixture within the development of SMRs in Saskatchewan. We will eventually add some categories to it, such as:

- Are interested in participating in SMR projects
- Are developing accreditations for nuclear-related work
- Are accredited for nuclear related work

In addition to the GEH MOU, SIMSA has presented an event with another vendor – X-Energy. They have also toured our member database and presented to SIMSA members. We will continue to work with and support them, as well as they us.

As we stated last month, to effectively tell our story, and to have them follow our requests, the Federal and Provincial governments need to be told how many voters and dollars we represent. We have not completed a thorough survey of this since 2019 and our membership has grown by 50% since then. As such, we will be conducting a member survey commencing June 23<sup>rd</sup> (only the primary contact from each member company will be emailed the survey).

In an update of the Industrial Concierge initiative that was mentioned in the April newsletter, we brought together multiple industries, including mining (BHP, Cameco, Mosaic, and Nutrien), COSIA (Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance), and crown corporations to speak to their decarbonization and energy reduction needs, and what they may be willing to collaborate on. The event was producer-only, with the purpose to help uncover widespread problems that are not easily solved by any one company and that could benefit from innovation and open learning. From this event we fashioned a short list of innovation needs and opportunities required of SIMSA members, that we will further refine and eventually disseminate.

The discovery event was initiated by SIMSA and the IMII as a further commitment to promoting innovation and decarbonization within Saskatchewan and mining through the role of the Industrial

Concierge. If you would more information, please contact James Bulmer at [james.bulmer@simsa.ca](mailto:james.bulmer@simsa.ca).  
More to follow.

At SIMSA's May 25th AGM we welcomed two new Board members; Kevin Chute of Norseman Structures and Tabetha Stirrett of RESPEC Consulting Inc.



*Minister Eyre speaks as SIMSA's 2022 AGM*

Eric

# Advocacy

SIMSA's Executive Director – Eric Anderson – is now Vice Chair of the Saskatchewan Business Council. This role will enable SIMSA's voice to be stronger with Government.

The Saskatchewan Business Council is an informal coalition of Saskatchewan's top 20 Associations, such as; the Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, and Regina Chambers of Commerce, ACEC, CFA Society, Mining Association, WESK, Saskatchewan Trucking Association, MERIT, etc. Prior to COVID, this group met quarterly to discuss items of common concerns and look for synergies. Then during COVID, we met weekly – sometimes daily – with persons such as Minister Jeremy Harrison – to discuss items such as “what do we do?”

After a 1-year term as Vice-Chair, Eric will become Chair.

## Members' News

[Andrea Hansen, Business Advisor and President of Sutton Benefits & Pension, awarded the WESK Celebration of Achievement Award](#)

[Combined Strength Podcast: Episode 2 – JNE Welding's Podcast for Fans of Heavy Fabrication in Saskatchewan](#)

[IMII's DEMOday 2022 celebrates a record number of innovation pitches!](#)

[Haztech Safety Training is offering multiple courses in June at our Safety Training Centres](#)

[MacLean Innovation breakfast on June 15](#)

[PAMI: Benefits of Simulating Granular Material Flow Using DEM](#)

[RAYHAWK Receives Its First Purchase Order from Saskatchewan Potash Mining Company](#)

[SRC Celebrates 75 Years of Technology and Innovation in Saskatchewan and Beyond](#)

[Team Power Solutions Employees Receive Their Connex Size 1-6s Factory Certification](#)

# Sector News

During our potash market update with Larry Long - Senior VP and Interim Co-CEO of Nutrien's Potash division – referenced an “investor event” several times. This event is called “[Nutrien's 2022 Virtual Investor Update](#)” and it will be held:

- Start Date: 9 Jun 2022 at 10:30am ET
- End Date: 9 Jun 2022 at 01:00pm ET

At this event, Nutrien's Executive Leadership team will provide an update on the company's strategic initiatives, ESG performance and capital allocation priorities.

SIMSA will attend the event and report back any items worth noting.

# Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **An Introduction to GE Hitachi – June 2, 2022**  
This SIMSA members-only event will be an introduction to GE Hitachi and their SMR technology.
- **Kelly Strong, Mosaic's VP Mining - North America; a Saskatchewan Mining Week Breakfast – June 3, 2022**  
Saskatchewan Mining Association, The Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, and SIMSA are hosting a breakfast for Saskatchewan Mining Week. The keynote address will be from Kelly Strong, Mosaic's Vice President of Mining - North America. Kelly will present on Mosaic's K3 project and give a potash market update.
- **Speed Networking Event at Global Petroleum Show (Calgary) – June 8, 2022**  
At the event, a group of energy producer and/or pipeline company procurement persons will be positioned around a room. You will have 5-minutes with a procurement person to make your pitch, ask questions, and then you must move onto the next company/procurement person. Crescent Point and TC Energy are already confirmed as attendees, more are expected.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum – June 20 & 21, 2022**  
Tradeshaw is now sold out! This event is going back to its original format including tradeshow and attendance from outside of Saskatchewan.
- **Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum – September 28, 2022**  
Save the date for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum at the Delta Hotel in Regina, SK. Crescent Point and TC Energy are already confirmed as attendees, more are expected. Tickets on sale to SIMSA members on June 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

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