



SIMSA

Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining
Suppliers Association Inc

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Executive Director's Message

Over 260 SIMSA members met with over 60-Nutrien persons – for an entire day - at SIMSA's Roundtable event with Nutrien on September 16, 2025! This is a new record for a SIMSA event (other than the annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum). There is a full event summary [HERE](#).



Trevor Berg at 2025 Nutrien Roundtable



Jaime Aamodt answers SIMSA member questions

The 11th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SEEF) will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at Delta Hotel in downtown Regina, SK. This event is co-hosted by SIMSA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development.

At this one-day event, there will be a small vendor tradeshow, presentations by energy company procurement persons, and networking sessions. Confirmed presenters include CAPP, Cenovus, FCL, Saturn Oil + Gas Inc., Strathcona Resources Ltd., Prairie Lithium, and SaskPower.

This year's event is on track to be at least 25% larger than last year's and will be one of the largest ever.

Planning for the BHP Roundtable on November 6 is well underway. As part of this event, **BHP has asked for pre-submitted questions from the SIMSA membership by October 6. The questions will be answered during the session and/or used by BHP to plan their presentations that day. Please submit them to Eric Anderson eric.anderson@simsa.ca**

Planning is also underway for a K+S Potash event on November 17.

Planning for the 2026 Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum seems to have begun before the 2025 was even over. Here are the dates for sponsorship, ticket, and booth sales:

- Monday, October 20 – sponsorship package sent out to SIMSA members

- Tuesday, October 28 – For SIMSA members only, all submissions of interest for sponsorships must be submitted to SIMSA by noon
- Thursday, October 30 – SIMSA will host the sponsorship lottery at SIMSA’s office (virtually for those not in Saskatoon). If there are any sponsorships remaining (which is highly unlikely), we will send a notification to the Forum’s broader email list
- Tuesday, November 25 – booths and tickets will go on sale to SIMSA members
- Tuesday, December 2 – all sales are opened up to the general public

SIMSA is running a social media campaign on our mining roots in the near future.



In conjunction with CNA West in Saskatoon (Oct 19 – 23), SIMSA is launching a media campaign to attract nuclear work to its members. You will notice ads on the screens in the airport (mid month), a billboard, and geotargeted social media ads in Saskatoon’s downtown. Funding for this work is from government sources. The items will be variations of this:



SIMSA participated in the WimWin “Mine Your Potential” event as well as the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce’s ABEX Awards.

Member’s News

[SRC is Sparking Progress in Rare Earth Processing](#)

[Multicrete Honoured with the Northern Innovators Award at the 2025 Cen-Can Resource Expo Gala Dinner](#)

[North Fringe Industrial Technologies earns ABEX Growth & Expansion Award as a leader in mining dewatering solutions across Canada](#)

[Sherwin-Williams Announces New Facility Opening, Expands Offerings in Central Canada](#)

Advocacy

SIMSA hosted members of the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus for a tour of Prairie Machine and then a reception with our Board on September 3. The MPs learned a lot about what we do, how we innovate, and the scale of things.

They also gathered more details on our funding request for accreditations, discussed the impacts of tariffs, and the like.

Further conversations were also planned.



After touring members Pro Metal and DynaIndustrial, SIMSA's Eric Anderson and Nuclear Specialist Grant Cherkas met with Crown Investments Corporation's (CIC) CEO Kent Campbell and VP Energy David Brock; and then the Minister of SaskPower, SaskEnergy and SaskWater and the CIC - Jeremy Harrison - on September 25. We discussed nuclear procurement, coal refurbishments, timelines, prompt payment, and other SIMSA related activities.



Grant Cherkas, Minister Harrison, Eric Anderson

Nuclear

Nuclear Update - October

During the month of September, we were focused on delivering our SIMSA cohort program “Supplying the Nuclear Industry”, member tours in support of understanding the capabilities and capacity that can be utilized in the nuclear industry, supporting the execution of the NRCAN project “Enabling SMRs” and attendance at the OCNI nuclear supply chain meetings in Toronto.

Nuclear related activities – Month of September:

- 1) NRCAN Funded – Enabling SMRs Project – Project is focused on developing the nuclear supply chain in Saskatchewan in 4 key areas:
 - a. Fabrication and Manufacturing
 - b. Fuel Cycle
 - c. Deployment and Construction
 - d. Operations and Maintenance

- 2) Delivery started on the 12-week cohort-based program focused on introducing SIMSA members on how to supply items and services to the Nuclear Industry. Modules 1, “Overview”, Module 2 “Regulatory Standards and Frameworks”, and Module 3 “Fundamentals of Nuclear Quality” were delivered in 3 successive weeks.
- 3) Participated in the planning meetings for the SaskPoly & SIMSA Workshop on Nuclear Supply Chain and Workforce Development scheduled post CNA West in Saskatoon on October 23
- 4) Attended OCNI nuclear supply chain event in Toronto “Industry Day” – September 10 and 11
- 5) Manitoba Chamber of Commerce meeting on SMR deployment – September 16
- 6) Meeting with CIC – Regina – September 25
- 7) Meeting with Minister Harrison – Regina – September 25
- 8) Invited speaker at the SMR Forum – Edmonton – September 26
- 9) ABEX Awards Dinner – Saskatoon – September 27
- 10) Meetings and tours with SIMSA members including:
 - a. Pro Metal – Regina
 - b. DynalIndustrial – Regina
 - c. Venables Machine Works – Saskatoon
 - d. Frisch Engineered Products - Battleford

Up coming planned events for October:

- 1) NRCAN Funded – Enabling SMRs Project meetings & report development
- 2) SIMSA Member Tours – Saskatoon and Regina
- 3) Continuation of SIMSAs 12-week Nuclear Cohort Program – Supplying the Nuclear Industry
- 4) Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum – October 8
- 5) Meeting and tour of CNLs Whiteshell Nuclear Laboratories – Pinawa MB, - October 16
- 6) CNA West – Nuclear Conference in Saskatoon – October 20 to 22
- 7) SaskPoly & SIMSA Workshop on Nuclear Supply Chain and Workforce Development October 23



SIMSA's First Nuclear Cohort



Grant Cherkas and Alan Ritchie at Frisch Engineered Products in Battleford

Member Services

SIMSA Advances Pan-Canadian Innovation MOU and Leads Critical Nuclear Supply Chain Study

SIMSA is pleased to share two major developments that we believe will create member value.

1) Partnership in Mission Decarbonization with MISA, Corem & National Collaborators

SIMSA has joined as a strategic collaborator in **Mission Decarbonization**, an initiative led by Québec's MISA Group and Corem, to accelerate decarbonization in Canada's mining sector. [Groupe MISA](#)

Through this collaboration, SIMSA (and its members) becomes part of a pan-Canadian network alongside Foresight Canada, InnoTech Alberta, Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC), and ReThink Mining. These organizations will pool regional strengths in innovation, clean technologies, and sustainable development to support the mining industry's transition to lower-carbon operations across Canada.

The alliance will focus on:

- Reducing carbon footprints of mining operations through new technologies and practices
- Strengthening regional innovation ecosystems
- Promoting knowledge sharing and joint project development across provinces
- Positioning Canada and Saskatchewan as a leader in responsible, low-carbon mining globally

SIMSA's involvement helps ensure that Saskatchewan's suppliers, technologies, and industrial capacity are plugged into national clean-mining and decarbonization efforts.

2) SIMSA to Lead Major SMR Supply Chain Study in Saskatchewan

In parallel, SIMSA has been awarded a significant contract by Natural Resources Canada to lead a province-level study aiming to strengthen Saskatchewan's Small Modular Reactor (SMR) supply chain.

Project Overview & Objectives

- Total funding for the project is **\$4,015,636**, composed of contributions from NRCan, Cameco, and in-kind support from project partners. [Pipeline Online+2Simsa+2](#)
- SIMSA will partner with technical lead **March Consulting Associates Inc.**, the **Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence** (as Indigenous lead), and **Westinghouse Electric Canada** providing nuclear domain expertise.
- The study will examine key dimensions of SMR supply chain development: manufacturing, nuclear fuel cycle, deployment & construction, operations & maintenance.

- It will assess Saskatchewan’s current supplier capabilities, identify gaps, and propose strategies to increase local and Indigenous supplier participation in nuclear.
- The project includes three detailed case studies to deliver actionable insights for local suppliers and investment decisions.

Strategic Significance

This initiative represents an important stepping stone in positioning Saskatchewan as a competitive hub in Canada’s emerging SMR industry. The findings are expected to guide both private and public sector stakeholders in understanding where capacity exists, where development is needed, and how to coordinate for maximum economic impact.

Furthermore, the emphasis on Indigenous participation aims to embed economic reconciliation into the expanding nuclear ecosystem.

What This Means for SIMSA Members

- **Access to new networks & innovation platforms:** Through Mission Decarbonization, SIMSA members may gain exposure to cross-province clean technology initiatives and partnerships.
- **Opportunities in nuclear supply chain:** The SMR study may uncover new supplier roles, gaps to fill, and pathways for qualification in future projects.
- **Strategic insights & capacity building:** The delivered study and collaborations will provide actionable guidance for investment and capability development.

We look forward to keeping you informed on milestones, collaboration calls, and opportunities that emerge from both of these initiatives.

New Members

New members to SIMSA from the month of September were:

- [PSI Mining Inc.](#)
- [Clark Roofing \(1964\) Ltd.](#)
- [Sabre Machining \(SK\) Ltd.](#)
- [Cam Field Solutions Canada LP](#)

Upcoming Events

Register for Upcoming Events [HERE](#)

- **Saskatchewan Supplier Energy Forum (SSEF) – October 8, 2025**
The 11th Annual Saskatchewan Suppliers Energy Forum (SSEF) will be on October 8, 2025 at Delta Hotel in downtown Regina.
- **GEMs and Priority Saskatchewan virtual event with SIMSA – October 14, 2025**
The Government of Saskatchewan is launching a new system called GEM that will modernize and streamline procurement processes.
- **Workshop on Nuclear Supply Chain and Workforce Training – October 23, 2025**
Join SIMSA, its Enabling SMRs Project delivery partners and Saskatchewan Polytechnic for two parallel workshops on nuclear supply chain and workforce training respectively.
- **SIMSA & BHP Roundtable – November 6, 2025**
SIMSA & BHP Roundtable will be on November 6, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **SIMSA & K+S Roundtable – November 17, 2025**
Save the Date! SIMSA & K+S Roundtable will be on November 17, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.
- **Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum (MSCF) – April 15 & 16, 2026**
Save the Date! Co-hosted by SIMSA, the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade & Export Development, the 18th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum will take place on April 15 and 16, 2026 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

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