

Media Release

Bringing Innovation to the Mining Industry

Five Mine Supply Companies Trot Out the “Next Big Thing” in Mining



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(Saskatoon SK:) On Tuesday, April 10th, and on the eve of the 10th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum, five innovations that matter to mining will be presented to a panel of representatives from Saskatchewan’s leading minerals companies in the International Minerals Innovation Institute’s inaugural DEMOday. They are:

- A radically new style of conveyor belt roller with the potential to improve maintenance, safety, and productivity on existing belts from a local inventor, Danny Lewis, P.Eng.;
- A new to mining in Canada type of conveyor drive motor with the potential to increase energy efficiency and lower maintenance and inventory costs from GMR Electric Motors Ltd.;
- A new tool for wear analysis of mineral processing equipment using portable scanners combined with advanced analytics with the potential to improve maintenance planning and reduce downtime in operations from Croatia Industries Ltd.;
- A new and improved replacement arm for underground bore miners in potash applications with the potential to reduce maintenance downtime and costs, and improve the productive capacity of the bore miner from Industrial Machine & Mfg. Inc.; and
- A new fall protective system that is portable and easy to move with the potential to improve safety in many maintenance applications from Northern Strands.

“The IMII organized DEMOday 2018 at the direction of our major industry members,” says Al Shpyth, IMII’s Executive Director. “The results are nothing short of highly impressive, demonstrating that the innovative talent with the Saskatchewan mining supply chain is second to none.”

Erin Anderson, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Industrial and Mining Suppliers Association (SIMSA), added, “DEMOday is a unique opportunity for supply chain companies to pitch their innovations directly to the industry’s leading companies. With the industry’s selection of these five innovations, we’ve met our goal of highlighting the best coming out of the supply chain.”

Look for more on IMII’s inaugural DEMOday at www.imii.ca and on Twitter @iminerals as the event unfolds.

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