



The Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum

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IMII to participate in the Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum's first **Mining Innovation Boot Camp** on Tuesday, April 4th.

The International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII) is pleased to announce it will participate in the 9th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum's first Mining Innovation Boot Camp. The Mining Innovation Boot Camp will feature presentations by those organizations and agencies able to assist in, and fund research and development in, the mining supply chain, and the commercialization of innovations arising out of R&D.

"IMII is pleased to contribute to the Mining Innovation Boot Camp. Technology and service providers, represented by the mining supply chain, are key to the success of the innovation ecosystem for Saskatchewan's minerals industry," says Al Shpyth, Executive Director of the International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII). "The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) and Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining Suppliers Association (SIMSA) are both members of IMII, and we welcome the opportunity to join the research and funding community in helping to advance innovation in the mining supply chain," he added.

SIMSA's Executive Director, Eric Anderson, stated that the Boot Camp "is the other half to the innovation formula." He positioned the event's relationship as, "The main portion of the 9th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum is about 'what is needed' while the Boot Camp is about 'how to do it' - both are critical to success."

This year is the 9th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum. It runs from April 4 to 5, 2017 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. For more information or to register, interested persons and companies are invited to go to: <https://www.picatic.com/2017miningsupplychainforum>.

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The Saskatchewan Industrial and Mining Suppliers Association, represents Saskatchewan based companies – totaling over \$3-billion in annual revenues – who provide goods and services to mining, oil and gas, and industrial projects.