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IMII Announces Finalists for DEMOday 2020

Five Promising Suppliers to Saskatchewan's Leading Minerals Producers

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Saskatoon, SK (Canada) – The International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII) is pleased to announce the five finalists who will pitch their innovative solutions to Saskatchewan's leading minerals producers at **DEMOday 2020** on December 1st. Participating in **DEMOday 2020** gives supply chain companies the chance to present their technologies to a panel of experts from IMII member companies BHP, Cameco, K+S Potash, Mosaic and Nutrien and gain support for their further development, demonstration and, if successful, deployment.

For 2020, applications for innovations were accepted in three categories:

- Safety innovation - applying technology or improving processes in innovative ways, above and beyond mandatory requirements, to improve mine worker safety and health
- Technical innovation – improving productivity through advances in automation, digitalization, electrification, drones and smart sensors
- Green innovation – technologies for increasing efficiency of assets, strengthening recovery rates, reducing releases of wastes, lessening consumption of energy and water

The selected finalists for 2020 are:

- EECOL Electric & SafeBox - SafeBox Systems (safety innovation)
- Noble Construction Corp. - NobleVR Safety Experience (safety innovation)
- OXO Valve Inc. / Westlund (safety innovation)
- RESPEC & Automodality, Inc. - Autonomous UAV (technical innovation)
- EECOL Electric & Phoenix Contact – PLCnext Open Controller (technical innovation)

DEMOday 2020 will be hosted by IMII on the eve of the 12th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum – which is proceeding this year as a virtual event on December 2nd.

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About IMII:

International Minerals Innovation Institute is a unique innovation supporting network of mining companies, government departments and agencies, and post-secondary and research institutions, jointly funded by industry and government. It exists to deliver innovations that matter to mining in Saskatchewan.

About DEMOday 2020:

DEMOday 2020 builds on the success of past years' events in which selected supply chain companies presented their innovations directly to Saskatchewan's major mining companies and had them considered for further review and potentially financial and in-kind support, to help move them down the path to commercialization. IMII and its minerals company members believe that innovations aren't innovations if they are not put into use, and supply chain companies are invited to pitch their innovations in equipment, technologies, products or processes to industry experts.

<https://www.imii.ca/initiatives/demoday/>

About the Mining Supply Chain Forum:

The **Virtual 2020 Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum** will continue to feature keynote speakers, presentations, networking and tradeshow. While many things have changed around us, the tradeshow component remains an important and rewarding networking opportunity for delegates and exhibitors alike. With geographic location no longer a consideration, the virtual format will facilitate broader participation of both vendors and mining company representatives, including personnel at remote and rural mine sites. <https://mscf.ca/>