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Calling All Innovators: IMII looking for ideas to help Saskatchewan's minerals industry sustainably feed and fuel the world

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(Saskatoon, SK. Canada) - The International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII) has released its sixth DEMOday list of technology needs requiring innovative solutions on behalf of its minerals industry members – BHP, Cameco, Fission Uranium, the Mosaic Company and Nutrien.

"IMII's minerals industry members' interest in the technology development opportunities afforded by DEMOday continues to grow year after year," says IMII's Executive Director Al Shpyth. "In 2022, we released a list of 18 technology needs. In 2023, 26 needs were identified. This year, we are inviting potential solutions providers of all sizes and stages to propose their solutions to this year's list of 42 innovation needs."

Selected applicants will be provided the opportunity to pitch their innovations to teams of industry subject matter experts, and gain access to resources and potential investments from IMII and its member companies to support the further development, demonstration, or deployment of their technology in the minerals industry.

The call for submissions will open in January 2024. The deadline for submissions will be February 23, 2024. Those being invited to pitch to DEMOday 2024 will be notified in March. DEMOday 2024 is scheduled to be held in association with the annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum on April 16th in Saskatoon, SK.

IMII and its industry members will choose an <u>Innovation Award</u> winner from among DEMOday 2024 applicants and consider others to apply for funding under its <u>Demonstrating Innovations</u> program. Those who qualify for funding may receive funding from IMII to support a collaborative project to further develop, demonstrate or deploy their innovative solution.

IMII again thanks SIMSA, SREDA and Saskatchewan Trade and Export Development for their support in promoting DEMOday across the province and the world.

For more information, visit www.imii.ca/demoday.

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About IMII:

IMII is a non-profit organization jointly funded by industry and government and is committed to developing and implementing innovative education, training, research and development partnerships for supporting a world-class minerals industry.

IMII serves as an Innovation Steward to strengthen the Saskatchewan minerals industry's competitiveness and growth through Research, Development & Demonstration and Education & Training to drive the future's Qualified & Representative Workforce.