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Regina: The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) is supportive of the Government of Saskatchewan's Climate Change Plan which was released earlier today. While the *Saskatchewan Plan* has a lower emissions threshold than the Federal Climate Change Plan, the sector-based, multi-faceted approach will ensure the '*Made in Saskatchewan Plan*' is effective in reducing GHG emissions while ensuring the sustainability of Saskatchewan communities.

As Canada transitions to a low-carbon economy, the *Saskatchewan Climate Change Plan* features flexible compliance mechanisms, including adoption of innovative and best in class technology that will allow mining to continue to be a pillar of Saskatchewan's economy while continuing to provide clean energy and food to the world.

The Saskatchewan mining sector is particularly sensitive to a price on carbon as it represents an additional direct cost for producers that international competitors aren't paying. "Ensuring the mining sector remains globally competitive is vitally important to Saskatchewan, particularly in this period of low commodity prices," said Pam Schwann, SMA President. "We need to be mindful that, as we work to reduce GHG emissions, mining investments and jobs are not being exported to other international jurisdictions that don't have the robust environment and safety regulatory framework that exists in Saskatchewan and Canada."

Saskatchewan's mining operations account for 3% of provincial GHG emissions. "Our members are committed to bringing our expertise to the table and working with the province to reduce GHG emissions from the mining sector," said Schwann.

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About SMA

Saskatchewan Mining Association is an industry-driven organization representing the mining and mineral exploration industry with over 25 mining operations in the province.

SMA advocates on behalf of members on issues related to provincial and federal regulatory changes, develops and supports educational outreach programs, organizes and hosts public outreach and membership events. Please visit <http://saskmining.ca/>

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