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## Mining: Supporting Local and Global Communities

Saskatoon: The Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Energy & Resources along with Tammy Van Lambalgen, Chair of the Saskatchewan Mining Association and Susan Jones, Executive Vice President and CEO of Potash, Nutrien launched 'Mining Week in Saskatchewan' today at the new Nutrien Wonderhub in Saskatoon. Mining Week in Saskatchewan runs from May 26 – June 1, 2019.

Saskatchewan is a global mining leader. "Saskatchewan Mining Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our industry to the economic growth of Saskatchewan, and our important role in providing clean energy and food security to the world", said Tammy Van Lambalgen, SMA Chair.

Saskatchewan's exploration and mining sector supports local and global communities and is a major contributor to the provincial economy. A recent economic study by MNP that was commissioned by the SMA, indicated that in 2017, Saskatchewan mining companies contributed over $1.8 billion in provincial, federal and municipal taxes, creating government revenue for health care, education and infrastructure development. The mining sector supports jobs in every part of the province directly employing over 12,400 individuals with an annual payroll of over $1.4 billion.

In addition to the direct economic revenues, the Saskatchewan mining industry invested over $22 million in social and community contributions including partnering and supporting events, donating to various charity organizations; organizing fundraising activities; contributing to activities with local schools, food banks and community halls; providing scholarships and by supporting initiatives such as the Nutrien Wonderhub.

During Mining Week, the Saskatchewan Mining Association will have events in communities across the province, culminating with the 51st Annual Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition, Saturday, June 1st at World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon.

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