Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) comments on the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on carbon pricing

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Regina, SK: The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) appreciates the deliberation of the Supreme Court of Canada's split decision on the constitutionality of the federal carbon tax.

The Saskatchewan mining sector has an essential role to play in the emerging low carbon economy, providing food and clean energy security to a growing world population, while delivering social and economic benefits to Canada. Saskatchewan is the world's leading supplier of potash, producing potash with 50% fewer emissions than other potash-producing regions in the world. Uranium fuels emissions-free, baseload nuclear power in North America and abroad, which is recognized as essential to achieving a net-zero global economy by 2050. While the Saskatchewan mining sector is a very minor contributor of total provincial GHG emissions (3%), as a trade-exposed sector, it is very important to have a level cost-playing field, so that we can continue to attract investment and produce critical minerals with fewer GHG emissions than global competitors.

"We support a regulatory framework that is predictable, science-based, and cost-effective. The SMA continues to encourage the provincial and federal government to work together to develop a carbon-pricing system that recognizes the leading environmental, safety and social performance of the minerals sector and does not further erode our cost-competitiveness with other global producers, most of whom don't have a price on carbon, or deliver comparable ESG benefits to their communities," said Pam Schwann, SMA President.

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About SMA
Saskatchewan Mining Association is an industry-driven organization representing the mining and mineral exploration industry in the province.

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

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