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**Regina, November 12, 2024** –The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) applauds the actions of the Government of Canada in intervening to end the work stoppage at both the Port of Vancouver and Port of Montreal. As announced earlier this morning by the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Labour, the government is exercising its authority under s.107 of the *Canada Labour Code* to immediately send the parties to final binding arbitration to secure Canada's industrial peace and to protect the interests of all Canadians.

"We are very appreciative that the Government of Canada has recognized the importance of trade to Canada's economy. It is imperative to take action that supports the broader national interests of the security and reliability of the national supply chain that protects Canada's reputation as a reliable trading partner. We can't continue to economically self-destruct and lose market share to competing nations such as Russia. We unequivocally support the actions outlined by Minister MacKinnon" said Pam Schwann, SMA President.

SMA looks forward to the expeditious resumption of Canada's port services in British Columbia and Montreal. This will ensure potash is delivered to international markets to help grow the food they need, and so mines receive necessary materials to keep them safely operating.

"We stand ready to continue to work with the federal government to strengthen Canada's National Supply Chain so it supports global competitiveness, and so our members can continue to reliably provide food and clean energy security to the world," said Schwann.

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**About SMA**
Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) is an industry-driven organization representing the mining and mineral exploration industry within Saskatchewan. 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.

The Saskatchewan mining industry is a major sector of Saskatchewan's economy, representing 12% of provincial GDP in 2023. Saskatchewan's mining sector annually directly employs >11,000 people across the province with a payroll of >$1.5 Billion to direct employees and purchasing >$2.8 Billion of goods and services from Saskatchewan businesses. Mining is proportionally the largest industrial employer of Indigenous peoples in the province.