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MINEXCHANGE 2021 SME Annual Conference & Expo Moved to Virtual Format

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) announced today that MINEXCHANGE 2021, the SME Annual Conference & Expo and CMA 123rd National Western Mining Conference, will move to a fully virtual format March 1-5, 2021.

Mining's most anticipated technical conference will bring fresh perspectives from around the world on a range of hot topics including COVID recovery, critical minerals, tailings management and water issues, connecting with attendees directly at their home, office or jobsite.

"Unique circumstances require some bold decisions to ensure the mining and minerals community continues to exchange important technical information critical to driving innovation, environmental sustainability and industry growth," said David L. Kanagy, SME Executive Director. "A virtual conference provides a platform to continue to share the technical programming SME is known for, as well as connecting with colleagues. We look forward to returning to an in-person event in 2022."

Over the course of the week, conference attendees can attend:

- daily keynote sessions,
- a robust offering of technical sessions,
- short courses,
- an interactive trade show,
- a virtual bookstore,
- and fresh networking opportunities to connect with colleagues who see one another at this meeting.

Attendees will receive PDH credits, conference preprint proceedings, and access to recorded content.

"While current state and federal guidelines indicate a virtual conference is the best course of action, our primary priority is to mitigate any potential risk to the health and safety of our colleagues," said Kanagy.

Registration for MINEXCHANGE opens November 2020. Find emerging details at smeannualconference.org.

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