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SME's 7th Annual Current Trends in Mining Finance Conference: Smarter Mining and Finance - How are Technology and Innovation Disrupting Mining Economics? New Frontiers and Risks

The New York Section of SME, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, is the organizer of the 7th annual [Current Trends in Mining Finance](#) (CTMF) Conference, April 28 – May 1, 2019, at the Shearman & Sterling Conference Center in New York. CTMF 2019 will focus on the outlook, key trends and issues impacting raising capital in global mining today - and highlight solutions, risks and opportunities. Two outstanding keynote speakers will be featured:

- **Ross Bhappu, Partner, Head of Private Equity Funds** at [Resource Capital Funds](#), will discuss “Where are the Public Markets for Mining? And how do we get them back?”
- **A Senior Official from the Government of Quebec**, will discuss “What makes operating and investing in Quebec’s mineral rich province attractive.”

The conference agenda will include more than 25 round table panels led by influential industry leaders speaking about:

- **Bankers’ View of Capital Markets and Mine Financing** - multiple round tables about recent deals, M&A and restructuring trends, where, how and who is raising capital, what issues are most prominent in investors’ minds.
- **Key Issues and Trends Impacting Structuring Finance and Funding of Mining and Exploration** - including streaming, royalty, off-takes, pre-payments, and other capital sources as well as traditional sources.
- **Managing Changes of Rules and Regulations** - multiple panels about anticipating and managing in an ever-changing regulatory landscape, including tax codes, sustainability standards, and societal and political risk.
- **Engaging Stakeholders for Success** - multiple panels about non-technical, i.e., societal, regulatory, and economic rules and best practices impacting mining and infrastructure development and finance.
- **Best Practices re: Reserves and Resources** - including discussion of recent changes to rules and definitions and harmonization of mining codes and regulations including U.S. SEC’s S-K 1300 revising of Industry Guide 7.
- **Analysts’ View of Metals and Minerals Market Trends** - multiple panels about global metals, mining, energy and battery market trends, including discussion about base, precious, industrial and critical metals.
- **There will be other panel discussions** - for more information visit the agenda [here](#).

Read about five informative, interactive workshops [here](#). They are about: 1) Importance of Post Investment Reviews; 2) Recognizing the Impact of Political Risk; 3) Valuing Mineral Assets and Operations; 4) U.S. SEC’s New Mining Property Disclosure Requirements; and 5) Measuring Climate Risks’ Impact on Mining and Infrastructure.

[Register](#) soon for a discount rate! For more information, visit the CTMF [website](#).

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