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Partnership announcement: Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration and Global Mining Guidelines Group

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) and Global Mining Guidelines Group ([GMG](#)) are pleased to announce a strategic partnership between their two organizations. A partnership between SME and GMG will drive increased openness in the mining industry.

The SME-GMG partnership will enable SME members to maintain a leadership position in the global mining community. GMG has similar agreements with other mining organizations as a key strategy to building and strengthening the global mining innovation network.



“The future of mining requires greater collaboration, increased openness and sharing across the industry, and a willingness to embrace new technologies and practices – that is the premise of GMG,” says GMG Executive Director Heather Ednie. “And, we need leadership level participation from the U.S. mining community to be successful – and SME represents that community.” As part of this collaboration, SME will become the official partner on all GMG events held in the United States as of 2020.

“The United States is one of the leading mining nations in the world, home to many large mining companies as well as key mining suppliers, both traditional and non-traditional,” said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy. “This partnership will enable SME members to participate in global innovation collaboration and ensure that the U.S. has input into international guidelines development.”

About GMG

The Global Mining Guidelines Group (GMG) is a network of like-minded companies driving change in the mining industry. Together, we monitor the pulse of the industry and develop multi-disciplinary guidelines to manage risk, enhance performance, design solutions, inform planning and decision making, and save time and money. Our members are mining companies, OEMs, OTMs, research organizations and consultants from around the world who recognize that innovation does not happen in silos. GMG improves communication and facilitates collaboration to foster a more sustainable and efficient future for mining. Through multi-stakeholder working groups, we are systematically removing the impediments to create the safe and sustainable mines of the future.

About SME

SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose members represent all professions serving the mining, minerals and underground construction industries in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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