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SME launches *Thought Leaders* podcast series*Featured interviews with recognized authorities and experts in the mining industry*

As the leading international resource for technical information about mining and related industries, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to announce the launch of its new *Thought Leaders in the Mining Industry* [podcast](#) series. The *Thought Leaders* podcasts feature conversations with some of the top individuals in the mining industry from a variety of backgrounds.

The most recent podcast features SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy discussing the 2015 SME Annual Conference & Expo scheduled for Feb. 15-18, in Denver, CO. The 2015 Conference will be one of the biggest yet, with more than 100 technical sessions, 628 papers and more than 660 exhibitors in 900 booths, including 100 new exhibitors this year. Hear more about the conference, and Kanagy's thoughts about the growth of SME in the past 10 years and the challenges that lie ahead for the Society.

Other featured podcasts include four leaders who took part in the launch of the Kellogg Innovation Network's (KIN) "Mining Company of the Future Initiative's Development Partner Framework." This initiative aims to inspire and support the mining industry to adopt a new way of thinking and a new approach to how it secures, nurtures and revitalizes its social license to operate. Included are presentations from Anglo American CEO Mark Cutifani, Ray Offenheiser from Oxfam America, Rev. Seamus P. Finn from OIP Investment Trust and chair of the board of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, and Peter Bryant, as well as exclusive interviews that the *SME Mining Engineering* magazine conducted with Cutifani and Finn.

Bryant, senior fellow at KIN and co-chair of the Mining Company of the Future, will also be moderator of the [SME Annual Conference & Expo](#) keynote session "The Mine of the Future: Forecasting Opportunities and Challenges for the Global Mining Industry" on Feb. 16 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. The keynote session will feature industry leaders and pacesetters from diverse sectors who will examine the future of mining.

The [podcasts](#) also offer the opportunity to hear from authors of some of SME's best selling publications:

- Dr. Christopher J. Bise, editor of [Modern American Coal Mining: Methods and Applications](#), discusses the challenges currently facing the American coal industry.
- Dr. Corby Anderson, Harrison Western Professor at the Colorado School of Mines and one of the editors of [Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy: 100 years of Innovation](#), shares his expertise in the fields of extractive metallurgy, mineral processing, waste minimization and recycling.
- Chris Enright, one of the authors of [The Mine Rescue Manual: A Comprehensive Guide for Mine Rescue Team Members](#), has coalesced the best information available to the industry into one concise reference manual.

[New podcasts](#) will be added regularly to the *Thought Leaders in the Mining Industry* series. For more information, please visit <http://www.smenet.org/podcast/>.

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