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SME hosts Engineering Solutions for Sustainability Symposium
Conference to focus on providing societal needs globally

The 2017 Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Annual Conference & Expo and CMA 119th National Western Mining Conference is expanding to include the “Engineering Solutions for Sustainability: Materials and Resources (ESS:M&R3) Symposium.” With the theme “Toward a Circular Economy,” the symposium will focus on approaches for providing the resources and materials needed to meet mankind’s basic needs in the areas of minerals, metals, energy, water, transportation and housing.

With societal challenges affecting both developed and emerging nations, the global engineering community has a responsibility and an opportunity to make a positive difference by contributing to sustainable development through engineering solutions. In the circular economy, resources are used for as long as possible with the goal of extracting maximum value from them while in use. And, at the end of service life, they are recovered, reused, recycled or stockpiled until economically viable recycling technologies are available. The circular economy is an alternative to a traditional linear economy which is described as a “Make * Use * Dispose” system. More than 40 experts from industry, academia, government and NGOs will discuss how to implement best practices.

The ESS:M&R3 Symposium will be held in conjunction with the 2017 SME Annual Conference & Expo and CMA 119th National Western Mining Conference February 18-19, 2017, at the Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO. SME ACE registrants will receive a significantly reduced registration fee for ESS:M&R3; however, full SME conference registration is not required to attend the ESS:M&R3 Symposium. Attendees will earn 16 PDHs at this third iteration of the multidisciplinary event.

For more information, visit www.essmandr3.org.

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