SME announces Mine Safety Certification Board
Will administer safety certifications internationally

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to introduce the board of directors which will manage and administer the Certified Mine Safety Professional (CMSP) and Mine Safety Professional (MSP) certifications that were acquired from the International Society for Mine Safety Professionals earlier this year.

The board, operating as the International Academy for Mine Safety & Health of SME (IAMSH of SME), will be chaired by Tom Hethmon, 2016 Chair of the SME Health & Safety Division, and will consist of former ISMSP members as well as SME members.

Board members include:

- H.L. Boiling, CMSP – Principal, Boling & Associates and founding member of ISMSP
- Mike Brnich, CMS - Lead, Mining Engineering Technology Integration Team, NIOSH
- Bruce Huber, CMSP - Vice President, Safety & Health, Silver Standard Resources, Inc.
- Tom Hethmon, MS, CIH, ROH, MAIOH, FAIHA - Principal, Hethmon Associates, Inc.
- Stacy Kramer, MPH, CSP - Vice President, Global Safety and Health, Freeport-McMoRan
- Dr. Ann Masse, Ph.D. - Vice President, Safety & Health, Goldcorp
- Brian McNamara, CMSP - Safety and Health Manager, Bluegrass Materials Co.
- Matthew Pedersen-Howard, MSc., C. Eng., CSP - Vice President, Safety & Health, Peabody Energy Co.
- Suresh Rajapaske - Vice President, Health, Safety and Security, Newmont Mining Corp.
- Craig Ross, CMSP - Vice President, Safety & Health, Barrick Gold Corp.
- Michael Wegleitner, MS, CSP, CMSP - Director, Health & Safety, Hecla Mining Inc.
- William York-Feirn, PE, CMSP - Director, Mine Safety Program, State of Colorado

SME understands the need for an accredited safety certification for the mining industry, both domestically and internationally, and this board is committed to make it the premier mine safety certification in the world. For more information, visit www.smedivisions.com/health-safety/.

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