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6th Annual Current Trends in Mining Finance Conference
Connecting Mining, Finance and Engineering Executives

The New York Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to be hosting the sixth annual conference to address issues that affect raising capital in the global mining industry. Current Trends in Mining Finance: Connecting Mining, Finance and Engineering Executives will bring experts to New York City April 29 – May 2, 2018 to examine the outlook, trends and issues that affect capital raising in the global mining industry.

Phillips S. Baker, President & CEO of Hecla Mining Company, will present a keynote address on Monday, April 30, about being on the cusp of changing the relationship of the miner to the rock face. Phil will speak about Hecla Mining embracing innovations that will remove the miner from harm’s way and a host of other technologies that will make mining safer, improve productivity and lower costs.

In addition, there will be more than 80 speakers participating in round table discussions presenting case studies on how management and investors can use best practices and technology to anticipate, track and manage technical and non-technical risks associated with mining projects worldwide. Four workshops will address:

- Improving strategic capital management with Integrated Valuation and Risk Modelling methods
- Application of enhanced techniques for assessing risks and opportunities in mineral resource estimates: some key points for mining finance professionals
- Efficient, effective due diligence for modern mining investments
- Sustainability in mining – Innovation to reduce mining life cycle costs and impacts

Attendees should register before March 15 to receive discounted pricing. Visit http://community.smenet.org/currenttrendsinminingfinance/registration for more information and online registration. Members of the press and media are welcome to attend.

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