

## 2016 Fourth Quarter Highlights

We are pleased to provide the following highlights from the fall of 2016 and a brief look ahead.

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- Northlands College Mine School has completed renovation of an existing building and the construction of their new building. Final finishing is in progress with an official opening being planned for May 24th. The new buildings will provide space and equipment for offering additional mining-related training programs in the north.
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Mining Association, developed eight new, standardized contractor safety courses available online or in a classroom setting. They also developed a certification tracking system, which provides an online and up-to-date record of worker safety tickets – allowing contractors to more readily work on mine sites.
- North Rim completed content work on its two online short courses on potash and uranium – providing the basis for new online professional development opportunities.
- The first MSc student on an IMII funded research project – the Salinity Mitigation project, completed his defence of his master thesis and graduated. It is expected that two journal articles will be published out of his graduate work – which was also supported by Mitacs.
- The Deep Hydrogeology research project was awarded more than \$300,000 in a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Collaborative Research and Development Grant in October.
- The Slurry Erosion Corrosion project, one of four under the Mining Materials Research Cluster, commissioned their test erosion corrosion system, with experimentation expected to begin in February 2017. Nearly \$1 million in new equipment was acquired for the Cluster in 2016.
- IMII published highlights of its strategic plan for 2017 – 2019 and its first report on developing the innovation ecosystem for Saskatchewan’s minerals industry in December.

### First Quarter 2017 Outlook

- Cumberland College will be starting another intake of the industrial mechanics program with 12 students in January.
- Eleven students who started Cumberland College’s applied electrical program in August 2016 are expected to graduate in January.
- A new project – A Healthy Workplace for a Healthy Workforce: Identifying Predictors of Health Impacting Workplace Productivity in the Mining Industry of Saskatchewan, in partnership with the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan, will kick-off in January.
- IMII, in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan, and in collaboration with the University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic, will be hosting North America’s first ever AIMday© in March – an innovative event in which academics meet with industry to advance partnerships to find solutions to industry challenges.
- North Rim’s short courses on potash and uranium will become available online.

For more information on these projects and activities we invite you to contact us at (306) 668-2070 or visit our website at [www.imii.ca](http://www.imii.ca).

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