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SME and Hecla Mining Company Announce Multiyear Partnership

Pillars of agreement include expanded access to SME's world-class technical resources, workforce development efforts, and industry engagement and visibility strategies



SME and Hecla officials gathered at the MINEXCHANGE 2024 SME Annual Conference & Expo

[Phoenix, AZ] – As partners in sustainable excellence, SME and Hecla will equip current and future generations of mining industry leaders with a host of resources and opportunities to ensure the long-term stability of this critical sector.

Yesterday, at the MINEXCHANGE 2024 SME Annual Conference & Expo, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) and Hecla Mining Company jointly announced a new, three-year partnership. The agreement includes a significant expansion of SME membership enrollment amongst Hecla's employee base, offering access to the wide variety of benefits enjoyed by over 13,000 SME members.

SME and Hecla have also joined forces to produce and enhance events benefitting young professionals and students, such as MINEXCHANGE's SME Young Leaders Monday Night Social and Professional Development Luncheon, in addition to the Emerging Leaders Alliance Conference. These events are defined by an abundance of personal and professional development opportunities for the future of mining.

To further promote industry engagement and visibility, the partnership will support the Women of SME Breakfast, the SME Mining & Exploration Division Luncheon, and the SME Foundation Gala, all of which are held annually at MINEXCHANGE.

"This partnership will pay countless dividends to current and future SME members and the mining community at large," said David L. Kanagy, SME Executive Director and CEO. "We look forward to working more closely with Hecla, a key player in American mining ingenuity, to accomplish our mutual goals."

"Hecla is proud to partner with SME to pursue our common goals of innovation and sustainability," said Phillips S. Baker, President and CEO of Hecla. "We look forward to leveraging this relationship to not only support our talented team of mining professionals, but also to develop the next generation of leaders in the mining industry."

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About SME

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) brings together the mining and mineral industry's brightest and most dedicated professionals. Over 13,000 global members advance their careers with the world-class technical resources, educational programs, networking opportunities and professional development tools from SME. Our members are focused on sharing best practices for safety, environmental stewardship and moving mining forward. SME. *Inspiring mining professionals worldwide.*

About Hecla

Founded in 1891, Hecla Mining Company (NYSE: HL) is the largest silver producer in the United States. In addition to operating mines in Alaska, Idaho, and Quebec, Canada, the Company is developing a mine in the Yukon, Canada, and owns a number of exploration and pre-development projects in world-class silver and gold mining districts throughout North America.