

## **FPInnovations and Canada Mining Innovation Council Sign a Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Collaborative partnership promotes innovation in Canadian natural resources**

**Pointe-Claire, Quebec – June 15, 2016** – FPInnovations and the Canada Mining Innovation Council (CMIC) are pleased to announce that they have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a partnership and a framework for information exchange for the benefit of their respective members and industries.

This three-year agreement, which took effect on June 9 of this year, includes facilitating exchanges to increase knowledge, establishing a common approach for a natural resources innovation strategy, and evaluating options to facilitate access to new technologies suitable to their industry.

The accord specifically aims to create synergy in the area of natural resources through innovation, and to establish collaborative projects beneficial to both the Canadian mining and forest industries.

#### **Quotes**

*“We are very excited about this agreement, as it allows both FPInnovations and the CMIC to tap into a broader network of ideas and innovators from another segment of the natural resources sector. This MoU exemplifies how innovative research and technologies can fuse industries together and unite them as leaders in responsible natural resource development and innovation,”* said Pierre Lapointe, President and CEO of FPInnovations.

*“We are very pleased to be partnering with FPInnovations to promote cooperative relations and exchanges, and work together to advance our individual industries and Canada’s natural resources sector as a whole. This agreement is an example of collaborative innovation for the greater benefit of our respective members and stakeholders alike,”* said Carl Weatherell, Executive Director and CEO of CMIC.

#### **Quick Facts**

- Canada’s forest products industry is a \$65 billion dollar a year industry that represents 2% of the country’s GDP and 12% of Canada’s manufacturing GDP. The industry is one of Canada’s largest employers, operating in 200 forest-dependent communities from coast to coast, and directly

employing 230,000 Canadians across the country. (Source: *Forest Products Association of Canada*)

- The Canadian mining industry contributed \$57 billion to Canada's GDP in 2014 and accounted for 18.2% of the value of Canadian goods exports in 2014. The industry employs more than 375,000 workers across the country. (Source: *The Mining Association of Canada*)
- Potential cooperation and collaboration will take place in the following areas, but not limited to:
  - Transport/logistic
  - Road construction
  - Environmental stewardship
  - Low grade energy recovery
  - Exploration
  - Communication

#### **About FPInnovations**

FPInnovations is a not-for-profit world-leading R&D institute that specializes in the creation of scientific solutions in support of the Canadian forest sector's global competitiveness and responds to the priority needs of its industry members and government partners. It is ideally positioned to perform research, innovate, and deliver state-of-the-art solutions for every area of the sector's value chain, from forest operations to consumer and industrial products. FPInnovations' staff numbers more than 525. Its R&D laboratories are located in Québec City, Montréal, and Vancouver, and it has technology transfer offices across Canada. For more information about FPInnovations, visit: [www.fpinnovations.ca](http://www.fpinnovations.ca).

#### **About CMIC**

The Canada Mining Innovation Council (CMIC) is a national non-profit organization that coordinates and develops research development and innovation (RDI) projects and programs in response to life of mine challenges defined by its industry members. These 80 plus members include mineral exploration and mining companies and their service providers, working together towards common solutions to common challenges. This allows for shared financial and technology adoption risk, faster development of solutions and wider spread benefits. Challenges are defined and prioritized, and programs developed by CMIC technical groups. CMIC technical groups are led by Canadian company vice presidents and populated by leading industry experts in the fields of mineral exploration, extraction, processing, mine waste management and energy. For more information about the CMIC visit:

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