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Saskatchewan Polytechnic receives \$5-million gift from Cameco for innovative mining education at the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus

April 2, 2026 – Saskatchewan Polytechnic has received a landmark \$5-million gift from global nuclear energy leader Cameco to support the institution’s Time to Rise campaign and the construction of the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus. In recognition, the new campus will feature the Cameco Virtual Reality Mine Lab, a leading-edge learning space designed to strengthen mining education and prepare students for careers in the industry.

“For more than 20 years, Sask Polytech has been fortunate to partner with Cameco to align education with industry needs,” says Dr. Larry Rosia, Sask Polytech president and CEO. “We share a long-standing, productive partnership that powers workforce development, applied research and student success across the province. Today’s generous gift will support our continued growth in building a sustainable talent pipeline that fortifies Saskatchewan’s mining and energy sectors long into the future.”

Cameco’s investment will support innovative mining education at the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus, including an immersive virtual reality mine to enhance safety training and technical proficiency. Using virtual reality, technology students can access remote, underground or otherwise inaccessible locations, broadening their exposure to diverse mining conditions. Realistic scenarios provide hands-on practice in a safe work environment, enhancing technical skills and reducing the learning curve.

The gift will also help pilot an Industrial Mechanics certificate program for northern Indigenous women at Prince Albert campus, supporting economic reconciliation and opening pathways to a high-demand career through mentorship and wraparound supports.

“We are proud to support Sask Polytech through this donation, which will foster innovative student learning and create new opportunities for northern and Indigenous learners. The critical training this institution provides is invaluable to Cameco – we need these highly skilled workers at our northern sites to ensure we are operating safely, efficiently and successfully. We are pleased to work with Sask Polytech to develop the workforce of the future that will ensure Cameco, the mining industry and our province continue to prosper,” says Tim Gitzel, CEO of Cameco.

Since 1988, more than 1,800 Sask Polytech alumni have built their careers at Cameco, with roughly 120 skilled trades graduates hired each year. Cameco employees in turn give back to the institution by serving on program advisory committees across technical and engineering programs, ensuring curriculum remains aligned with industry needs.

The new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus will serve as a launchpad for the next generation of mining professionals, graduates who will lead in safety, innovation and excellence across Saskatchewan’s resource sector. This gift from Cameco will help train students using advanced, industry-aligned tools and simulation-based environments. It also emphasizes the importance of expanding access to education for Indigenous learners. By strengthening career pathways and supporting high-quality training, Cameco is contributing to community well-being, a resilient provincial workforce and long-term economic growth.

The Time to Rise campaign in support of the new campus aims to empower Sask Polytech graduates and strengthen the provincial economy. The Rемаi Saskatoon Campus will consolidate an existing network of decentralized, outdated buildings into a modern, technology-rich learning environment, increasing program capacity for more students.

This gift from Cameco has helped Sask Polytech reach 75 per cent of our \$100 million goal for the Time to Rise campaign. Learn more about the campaign and the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus at timetorise.ca.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves students through applied learning opportunities on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 Territories and the homeland of the Métis. Learning takes place at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

Cameco is one of the largest global providers of the uranium fuel needed to power a secure energy future. Its competitive position is based on its controlling ownership of the world's largest high-grade reserves and low-cost operations, as well as significant investments across the nuclear fuel cycle, including ownership interests in Westinghouse Electric Company and Global Laser Enrichment. Utilities around the world rely on Cameco to provide global nuclear fuel solutions for the generation of safe, reliable, carbon-free nuclear power. Cameco shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges. Its head office is in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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