

**Dr. Peter Kaiser is Founding Executive Director of the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation**

Sudbury (Ontario) - Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter K. Kaiser as Founding Executive Director for the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation.

The appointment was made after a comprehensive, international search process led over the past six months by a subcommittee of the CEMI Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of key stakeholders from industry, government, and educational institutions, and is chaired by Dr. Woodsworth.

“The Board is delighted with the appointment of CEMI’s Founding Executive Director. Dr. Kaiser has been recognized as the logical choice for this position. This is the beginning of a new era in cooperative research and development for the mining sector in Ontario and Canada, bringing industry and academia together in the pursuit of innovation,” said Dr. Woodsworth.

Dr. Kaiser is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in geomechanics research. He is a Fellow of both the Canadian Academy of Engineers and the Engineering Institute of Canada, which set the highest standards in the country for research in his field. Dr. Kaiser has been invited to guest lecture on every continent and has conducted collaborative research with Canadian and international universities and institutions. Dr. Kaiser is also the top-ranked Canadian researcher in mining engineering with respect to funding from the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Peter Kaiser who brings impressive qualifications for his new role as Founding Director,” said Minister of Northern Development and Mines Rick Bartolucci. “His experience and insights will be invaluable in making the Centre of Excellence in Mining Innovation a leader in mining research and development.”

Mark Cutifani, Chief Operating Officer with CVRD Inco is a member of the CEMI Advisory Board. “Mining is a global business, and to develop an international scope for CEMI, it was critical that the CEMI Board select a world-class mining researcher to lead its start-up. Appointing Dr. Kaiser to this position achieves this goal,” he said.

Mike Romaniuk, Vice President of Operations of Xstrata Nickel is also on the CEMI Advisory Board. “Dr. Kaiser’s extensive knowledge of the technical issues facing Canada’s mining industry, particularly when mining at depth, and his leadership qualities and international research and development network make him an ideal choice to lead CEMI. Xstrata Nickel looks forward to working with Dr. Kaiser and his research team at CEMI.”

Dr. Kaiser already has a strong Sudbury connection as a Professor of Mining Engineering and Chair for Rock Mechanics and Ground Control at Laurentian University. He is also President of Laurentian University's Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO), which gives him a solid background in industry-driven and industry-funded research. He will lead CEMI’s research and technology agenda in key priority areas including deep mining, mine process engineering, environment, exploration and telerobotics and automation.

CEMI is a new mineral sector research corporation in Northern Ontario, led jointly by industry and Laurentian University in collaboration with regional, national and international R&D partners. CEMI’s vision is to become an internationally recognized centre for mining innovation. [www.cemi.laurentian.ca](http://www.cemi.laurentian.ca)

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