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Mining industry experts examine the future of mining *SME Thought Leaders* podcast series grows

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to announce new installments in the *Thought Leaders* [podcast](#) series. The series provides a forum for the mining industry's foremost decision makers to discuss their views on the most important topics facing the industry today. SME is the leading international resource for technical information about mining and related industries, and is committed to providing a growing library of mining industry offerings for members and non-members alike.

Additions to the podcast series include distinguished panelists from the keynote session held during the SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, CO, this past February. The session theme was "The Mine of the Future: Forecasting opportunities and challenges for the global mining industry."

Expounding on their comments during that keynote session are:



Harry M. (Red) Conger, President of the Americas Division at Freeport-McMoRan, and responsible for management of the company's North and South America copper mining operations. Mr. Conger is co-chairman of the initiative *Creating Global Prosperity: The Campaign for Mining*, launched by the SME Foundation. He discusses the technical, social and political aspects that are of paramount importance to successful operations.



Barry Hudson, Director of Aggregates for Northern Europe for HeidelbergCement, one of the world's largest building materials companies with operations in more than 40 countries and more than 2,500 locations. Mr. Hudson discusses the challenges of an industry which is undergoing fundamental changes, mining expertise and skill sets required for fluctuating markets, as well as environmental stewardship and corporate responsibility.

[New podcasts](#) will be added regularly to the *Thought Leaders* series. For more information, please visit <http://www.smenet.org/podcast/>.

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