



The Saskatoon Engineering Society celebrates Innovation Week by Presenting:

**Productivity Improvement: The Next Phase for Saskatchewan Companies**

**A seminar by**

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Over the last decade many Saskatchewan organizations have launched initiatives to improve their level of productivity and competitiveness. So far, the results have been mixed.

This two-part seminar will analyze:

- The strategy followed by **successful manufacturing organizations**, which started out their Lean movements with an unbalanced focus on tools and techniques, but as they have advanced in their journey have begun to incorporate the cultural and leadership dimensions. Key lessons learnt will be shared.
- The second part of the seminar will compare the Saskatchewan potash industry with mining companies in other jurisdictions such as the USA, Europe and China. The comparison will follow the mining cycle from exploration (times taken for exploration and the environmental assessment process), mining (mine construction and mining productivity and efficiency), and reclamation (mine closure, tailing handling and environmental footprint) in an attempt to reveal the true competitiveness of Saskatchewan potash industry.

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Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

Registration at 5:30, Supper at 6:00 PM Cost: \$30 payable at the door (cash or cheque only)

**RSVP required by Oct 21<sup>st</sup> by email: [vicepresident@saskatoonengineers.com](mailto:vicepresident@saskatoonengineers.com)**