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Saskatchewan Chamber Applauds the Premier's Interest in Opportunities in the Uranium Sector!

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce believes that the opportunities for the expansion of economic activity in the uranium sector have incredible merit and is pleased the Premier recognizes this.

“The Provincial Chamber has been looking at the opportunities in the uranium sector for some time. Our Expert Committee has examined all stages from refining to power generation and the storage of spent fuel,” noted Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve McLellan. “It is clear that Saskatchewan is positioned very well for industry expansion and we applaud the recent comments by Premier Wall towards that end.”

“Saskatchewan currently produces more than 25% of the world's uranium and the companies who mine this resource are the best in the world,” continued McLellan. “With the natural resource and the industry to add value to it already in Saskatchewan, our province can move quickly to ensure that potential economic opportunities are capitalized on.”

“The recent challenges at the Chalk River research reactor and the impact that shutdown had on the healthcare sector, clearly showed us that an opportunity exists for other suppliers of nuclear products. The production of medical isotopes could be a part of Saskatchewan's future value added activities, but the time for action is now. As a province we need to pick a clear direction and follow through,” said Dave Dutchak, President of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and President and CEO of M.D. Ambulance.

The Saskatchewan Chamber's group of industry experts has been researching the opportunities for the expansion of the uranium industry, but they have been focused on the potential of refining uranium here. The Chamber now believes that it is time to expand that research and analysis to all phases and opportunities with the uranium/nuclear cycle.

“The Chamber will continue its research and analysis and will work to help the opportunities in the uranium sector become a reality,” concluded McLellan. “Saskatchewan is in a unique position to expand its uranium industry and government and industry need to work collaboratively to make it a reality.”

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The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce represents the interest of our members from throughout the province through advocating for expanded opportunities and streamlined regulations. The Chamber launched a Growth Strategy in October of 2007 to encourage and help facilitate strategic growth, it can be found at www.saskchamber.com.

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