2020 SME Exhibition Rules & Regulations

1. Society. The word “Society” as used herein shall mean the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. or its officers, committees or agents or employees acting for them, in the management of the Expo.

2. Eligible Exhibits. The Society reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any company or product for inclusion in the Expo. The exhibitor agrees to prepare an exhibit of materials or equipment, machinery, supplies, services, etc. pertaining to the fields of exploration and development of mineral properties, the mining of minerals or allied industry activity, suitable for inclusion in the SME Technological Information Exchange Exhibition, Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, AZ as and approved by the Society, or its authorized agents and to pay for such booth or booths whether actually occupied by a display or not, and subject to the rules of the Expo.

3. Limitation of Liability. The Exhibitor agrees to make no claim for any reason against the Expo, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration or against the management or the Convention Center or the employees of any of them. The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration itself will not be liable for the fulfillment of this Contract so as to the delivery of space, and further will not be responsible for delays, damage, loss, increased costs or other unfavorable conditions due to any of the following causes: reason of the building being destroyed by fire, act of God, public enemy, national emergency strikes, the authority of the law, or any cause beyond their control. They will, however, in the event of their not being able to hold an exhibit for any of the above-mentioned reasons, reimburse the exhibitor pro-rata for any prepaid rent, less any and all legitimate expenses incurred by the exhibition, Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration.

4. Arrangements of Exhibits. A) Standard Booth - one or more standard units in a vertical line. Height: Exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 8'3" (2.5m). Depth: All display fixtures over 4'0" (1.22m in height and placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of an adjoining exhibit, must be confined to that area of the exhibitor's space which is within 4'12" (1.22m) of the aisle line (back half of booth). B) Perimeter Wall Booth - standard booth located on the outer-perimeter wall of the exhibit floor. Height: Exhibit fixtures, components and identification signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 12"0" (3.65m) in perimeter-wall booths. Depth: All display fixtures over 4'12" (1.22m) in height and placed within 10 lineal feet (3.05m) of any adjoining exhibit, must be confined to that area of the exhibitor's space which is at least 4'12" (1.22m) from the aisle line (back half of booth). C) Island Booth - exhibit with one or more display levels in four or more standard units with aisles on all four sides. Height: Exhibit fixtures, components and hanging signs will be permitted to a maximum height of 20"0" (6.09m). Depth: Because an island booth is automatically separated by the width of an aisle from all neighboring exhibits, full use of the floor plan may be made of one foot or more. No partition or substructure of any kind shall be placed one foot or more from any aisle. Outdoor exhibits and peninsula booths are not permitted.

5. Decoration. The Society shall have full discretion and authority in the placing, arrangement, and appearance of all items to be displayed within the exhibit by all exhibitors. All exposed parts of any display and/or equipment must be finished or covered in a workmanlike manner so they do not present an unsightly appearance when viewed from adjoining booths or aisles. Show Management may order masking, replacement or rearrangement, at the exhibitor's expense, without the prior consent or knowledge of the exhibitor, where it is deemed necessary. Merchandise and “sold” signs will NOT be permitted.

6. Fire Department Regulations. All material used in the expo hall and/or exhibitor's booth must be noncombustible and comply with National, State and City fire safety regulations. Covered exhibit company personnel must be present at all times while equipment is in operation.

8. Exhibitor Installation and Dismantle. Full-time employees of an exhibiting firm may install and dismantle their own and respective company's displays as long as flattened carts, dolly, power tools, ladder, forklift or other equipment assistance is not needed. All temporary labor must be acquired through the official service provider. The use of labor of 16 shall be permitted by the Society for Mining. Exhibit installation and dismantling must be finished no later than 6:00 PM. During show hours, anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Strollers are not permitted in the expo area at anytime.

9. Subletting Space. Exhibitor shall not assign, sublet, share or apportion the whole or any part of the space allotted, or have products, equipment, signs or printed materials from other than its own firm in the said exhibit space unless the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent company of the booth owner.

10. Alcoholic Beverages and Food & Beverage. The use and presence of alcoholic beverages within the exhibit booth is prohibited except when sponsored by the Society in the form of unified receptions. All food and beverage for the exhibit booth must be purchased through the exclusive Caterer of the Phoenix Convention Center. Free samples of food or beverage products are subject to approval. No one under the age of 16 shall be admitted prior to or during move-in or move-out.

11. Hospitality Suites and Ancillary Meetings. Exhibitors may not schedule private meetings or hospitality events, that compete with the expo hall, programs and social functions of the SME Annual Conference & Expo. A limited number of meeting rooms and suites are permitted in the expo area at anytime. Exhibitors must provide a certificate of insurance for liability and workmen's compensation to SME Exhibits Management. All outside contractors are responsible to comply with the expo rules and regulations as well as convention center rules and regulations. Exhibitors must provide an Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) form to SME.

12. Sound Devices and Noise Level. The use of devices for mechanical, reproduction of sound is prohibited. Music, whether mechanical, vocal or instrumental, is prohibited except in connection with video sound. Operation of radio or television equipment receiving outside broadcasts is prohibited. Any demonstrations or presentations must be a low volume so that nearby exhibitors can still conduct business. Any form of attention-getting devices or presentations must be terminated when crowds jam aisles or infringe upon another exhibitor's display or impede neighboring exhibitors from conducting business. Raffles are permitted but winners can not be announced on show PA system and must not be present to win.

13. Direct Selling. In the event that an exhibitor engages in on-location transactions, the exhibitor will be fully responsible for complying with all federal, state and local tax laws that may pertain to such sales.

15. Amendment to Rules. Any and all matters or questions not specifically covered by the preceding rules and regulations shall be subject solely to the decision of the Society. These rules and regulations may be amended at any time by the Society and all amendments (except booth rental prices) so made shall be binding on exhibitors equally with the foregoing rules and regulations.

16. Distribution of Promotional Material. Distribution of sales promotional material and the conduct of surveys is permitted in the Expo area, but must be confined to the exhibitor's booth. Distribution of promotional materials outside of the booth may result in exclusion from future SME expos or the loss of priority points.

17. Video Cameras and Cameras. Are not permitted in the expo hall. Only the SME Staff Photographer/Videographer has full permission. Individual exhibitors with their respective badges may take photos/videos of their own respective booth but not of other exhibit booths, booth personnel or passing attendees.

18. Lost and Found. Any property identified as lost by a participant or exhibitor will be held and preserved for one week prior to disposal. The Society accepts no liability for the security of such property. The exhibitor is responsible to notify the Society for Mining if any property identified as lost is recovered.

20. ADA. Exhibitors are reminded that the American with Disabilities Act ensures equal access to all participants of SME meetings. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to make booth spaces fully accessible to those with physical or sight impairments to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation the American with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336).

Official Exhibit Hall Hours & Functions:

| Monday, February 24 | Exhibit Hall Open | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
| Tuesday, February 25 | Exhibit Hall Open | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
| Wednesday, February 26 | Exhibit Hall Open | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |

NOTE: Exhibitors will have access to the expo hall ONE HOUR before official Expo hours. Exhibitors are not permitted to hold meetings or drop items off at their booths prior to ONE HOUR before opening or after exhibit hall is closed for security reasons. Exhibits must be fully staffed and operational during all expo hours.

23. Space not occupied by the close of the exhibit installation period shall be forfeited by the exhibitor and the space may be resold, re-assigned, or used by SME Show Management. This clause shall not be construed as affecting the obligation of the exhibitor to pay the full space rental under the terms of the contract. Should an exhibitor withdraw their participation in the event prior to the close of the exhibit space it is closed for security reasons. Exhibits must be fully staffed and operational during all expo hours.

24. Booth or booths enumerated do not form a part of this Contract. The Society reserves the right to relocate or reallocate or remunerate any exhibitor space at any time. After acceptance of this Contract, the terms hereof shall not be subject to cancellation except for non-acceptance by the exhibitor of the relocation of the exhibit space subsequent to a date ten days following the date of acceptance hereof. The Society will not be liable for relocation of any space made available due to cancellations, expansions, reductions or withdrawals prior to or during move-in.

25. Non-official Decorators. Outside service contractors, display houses, etc., shall notify SME thirty (30) days prior to the first move-in day of the expo with intent to work in the exhibit area during the move-in and move-out periods, and provide a certificate of insurance for liability and workman's compensation to SME Exhibits Management. All outside contractors are responsible to comply with the expo rules and regulations as well as convention center rules and regulations. Exhibitors must provide an Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) form to SME.

26. Early Removal of Exhibits. No exhibit shall be packed, removed, or dismantled prior to the closing of the Show without permission from the Show Manager. If the exhibitor acts in breach of this provision, an early removal penalty fee may be enforced. In addition, breach of this provision could result in the loss of participating in future shows produced by SME and/or loss of priority points. Forfeited priority points cannot be restored.

27. Losing Priority Points. Exhibiting firms accrue priority points which may be applied toward expo space selection at future SME Conferences & Expos. Gross violation of exposition rules, as determined by SME, may subject a company to partial or total loss of priority points. Forfeited priority points cannot be restored.