



**Laurentian Mining Innovation and Technology**  
Innovation et technologie minières à la Laurentienne



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Sudbury is one of the world's largest mining education, service and research clusters. Massive deposits of nickel, copper and platinum group elements have made Sudbury synonymous with hard-rock mining and Laurentian University is part of this legacy.

**IN FEBRUARY 2016, LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY** announced the establishment of the new Mining Innovation and Technology research initiative, LMIT, which will synchronize and optimize research and innovation activities in all aspects of mining at Laurentian University.

This new initiative will coordinate and promote all mining-related research conducted at the University's research centres such as the Mineral Exploration Research Centre (MERC), the Centre for Research in Occupational Safety and Health (CROSH), the Vale Living with Lakes Centre (VLWLC) and the Mining Innovation Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO).

Laurentian University now offers a one-stop approach to its mining research, unified under LMIT. This integration and synchronization will help to generate new opportunities for mining related research, while coordinating the University's external relationships related to mining research and innovation.

President and CEO of MIRARCO, Vic Pakalnis has been appointed Associate Vice-President of LMIT. "We are sharpening our focus on mining research while solidifying Laurentian's position as a pre-eminent mining research leader in Canada," said Mr. Pakalnis.

"The outstanding talent and efforts of Laurentian's research teams and the strategically prioritized approach have positioned Laurentian as a global leader in mineral exploration and mining research and innovation. We are excited by the launch of LMIT, to better support the excellence of our mining research," said Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President of Research at Laurentian University. "The establishment of LMIT will also allow Laurentian to more effectively work with our community and industry partners as well as align with the recently renewed Ontario's Mineral Development Strategy (2015)." 