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A message from Simon Thomas, Vice President Projects Potash

With spring's arrival, we're beginning our 2024 construction ramp-up. We are grateful to welcome both the new season and our delivery workforce back to Jansen.

Our wish is to reaffirm our continued partnership with the communities around Jansen and in Saskatoon. Your trust, confidence, support and collaboration have been instrumental in our journey so far.

Recently, we supported the Saskatoon Food Bank with a \$500,000 donation to their Plant Possibility campaign, which will help build a new food warehouse.

We also supported Hope's Home with a \$150,000 donation to fund an essential nursing station and supplies at the new medically inclusive childcare centre.

Back at Jansen, we are delighted with the level of progress we are making. We recently energized our 230-kilovolt (kV) electrical substation, providing essential power for increased development in the mine, including the service shaft hoist commissioning. We have also begun receiving the first of many structural steel and equipment modules that form the key components for constructing the process mill building at Jansen.

While the last few months have seen great progress, we are now ready to commence the required increase in off-site and on-site activity to achieve many critical 2024 milestones. In parallel with site construction, there is clear momentum towards creating an operations-ready mindset to ensure we meet our operational targets in step with the mine and process infrastructure.

As we embrace the sense of renewal that comes with spring, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for us and for the communities where we operate. We remain committed to fostering open communication, exploring opportunities and addressing concerns to ensure we are successful together.



Provincial government unveils investment strategy at BHP Saskatoon office

On March 11, 2024, we proudly welcomed members of the Government of Saskatchewan and their invited guests to our Discovery Plaza office in Saskatoon to announce Securing the Next Decade of Growth: Saskatchewan's Investment Attraction Strategy.

The strategy outlines Saskatchewan's plans to increase investment in the province and introduce new or improved incentives to attract investors, aiming to advance the province's growth plan goal of \$16 billion in private capital investment annually.

"The new strategy builds on Saskatchewan's many advantages as the best place to invest in the nation," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

"Saskatchewan's world-class resource base and highly skilled talent pipeline, as well as its stable and supportive regulatory and investment environment, gave BHP the confidence to make the largest single investment in the company's history right here in Saskatchewan," said Karina Gistelinck, Asset President Potash.



Karina Gistelinck, Asset President Potash, on BHP's investment in Saskatchewan

"Our Jansen potash mine will deliver responsibly produced Canadian potash to the world. We are proud to support the ongoing economic growth of the province and applaud the government for their commitment to advancing growth and prosperity in a responsible manner."

This event demonstrated BHP's strong partnership with the Saskatchewan government and highlighted our role as a respected investor in the province. Following the event, meetings were held with key ministers and the Potash leadership team.

BHP invests in the Saskatoon Food Bank and Hope's Home

BHP was honoured to support the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre (SFBLC) recently with a \$500,000 donation to their Plant Possibility campaign.

Our donation will directly support a new food warehouse and learning campus. The Saskatoon Food Bank is committed to ensuring a food-secure community where all people have access to affordable and nutritious food. During the cheque presentation, Karina Gistelinck,

Asset President Potash, said, "With this donation, we will work together to address the increasing need for the SFBLC resources and services, as we are committed to continue to play our part as responsible neighbours in communities where we work."

BHP also donated \$150,000 to Hope's Home for an essential nursing station and supplies at the new medically inclusive childcare centre in Saskatoon. The new station provides a safe space where children can be treated in private while keeping them comfortable with child-friendly features like medical dolls and teddy bears to educate and alleviate any stress the child may have.



Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre and Hope's Home receive donations from BHP





Switching on the substation that's powering Jansen

Construction at the Jansen potash project is nearing the halfway point, and a reliable source of energy is needed to power the mine's essential infrastructure in readiness for production.

The amount of power required to operate a potash mine may not be immediately obvious, but electricity is essential for processing, material transportation, ventilation systems, lighting and other auxiliary services.

"Until now, the Jansen site's electricity requirements have been supported by a temporary feed from SaskPower," explained Sabri Hamida, Area Manager for Port and Non-Process Infrastructure.

"As we move closer to a number of key construction milestones, including hoist commissioning, we've reached the point where an onsite supply of high-voltage power is critical for the development of the mine – both on the surface and underground."

On a mild winter's day during February, Jansen's very own 230 kV substation came to life with a brief zap. It was the culmination of years of planning and months of dedicated support from SaskPower and within Team Jansen.

A major advancement for the Jansen site, the substation is similar to a city's power grid to which urban residential homes connect for a reliable supply of power.

Safely delivering one of the world's largest and most sustainable potash mines requires careful planning, including the site's anticipated energy consumption requirements now and in the decades to come once operations commence.

"The substation is really the heart of the project because without it, we wouldn't be able to run Jansen at full capacity," said Arlene Baquiran, Deputy Commissioning Manager.

"It feeds everything downstream from it, and not only for Jansen Stage 1 but also future stages. The substation is the first point where the electricity we've secured enters the site boundaries."

As is standard for any land disturbance, BHP's Environment team performed a habitat review to ensure no wildlife was displaced.

With the substation now successfully commissioned, Team Jansen's focus has moved to energizing the 34.5 kV substation – the final piece of the puzzle that powers Jansen.



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