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Kirk Brecht is Executive Director of the Mineral Policy Branch with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources. He has been serving in the role since 2020 after more than a decade of experience working primarily in mining sector policy and analysis for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Mineral Policy Branch is responsible for managing royalties, resource taxation and development policy for the province's mining sector. Saskatchewan is consistently rated as one of the top jurisdictions globally for mining investment attractiveness and in 2023, the Ministry of Energy and Resources introduced a long-term strategy to support the development and diversification of the province's critical mineral sector. To advance the goals of this strategy, the Mineral Policy Branch has led on the development and enhancement of numerous innovative programs and policy initiatives encouraging mineral exploration and development.

Saskatchewan is a world-leading producer of potash and uranium, with occurrences in the province of 27 of the 34 critical minerals on Canada's list. The province is emerging as a major producer of helium with projects also currently under construction for the future production of lithium, copper and zinc.

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