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Welcome to the Colorado School of Mines

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Dr. Castillo will welcome delegates to Colorado and to the Colorado School of Mines. Mines is a world leader in understanding the earth, harnessing energy, and sustaining the environment. Mines research covers traditional resources, renewable energy sources, environmental issues and policy/economic analysis. Lead by our world-class faculty, the research conducted at Mines enhances the educational experience of our graduates. Students have the opportunity to actively participate in research at every level of their education.

The Colorado School of Mines is pleased to welcome delegates from across the U. S. and from a dozen countries worldwide to this 30th Oil Shale Symposium. We hope your Symposium will be a valuable opportunity to move forward the development of this globally significant resource to provide an essential component of the energy system vital to building a better world for everyone. Producing oil from oil shale in an economic and environmentally sustainable way is an exciting challenge. Meeting that challenge can benefit global security for all nations.

The Provost extends a particular welcome to Mr. Juhhan Parts, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communication, and former Prime Minister, of Estonia, and to Mitchell Leverette of the U. S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management.