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Minister Newman Announces Proclamation Dates

Toronto, Ontario – The Honourable Dan Newman, Minister of Northern Development and Mines today announced the final dates for the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000* (“the Act”) to be in force at his press conference at the Annual Prospectors and Developers Association Convention.

Section 3 of the Act that governs prohibition on the practice of professional geoscience by an individual in Ontario unless he or she is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) will be proclaimed to be in force on August 30, 2002. Section 7, which provides for fines if a person contravenes certain sections of the Act, will be in force on the same date.

Section 4 under which corporations, partnerships or other entities offering or providing services to the public that constitute the practice of professional geoscience are required to obtain a certificate of authorization, will be proclaimed to be in force on March 31, 2003. This date is also the end of the transitional period.

“We are pleased that Minister Newman has announced the final dates for the Act to be fully in force.” said Bill Pearson, President of APGO. “This is another important step forward in the full implementation of the Act.”

APGO’s mission is to serve the public by regulating, enhancing and providing leadership in the practice of the profession of geoscience in Ontario. Information about APGO is available on the Association website at www.apgo.net.

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