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Update on Registration

Toronto, Ontario – APGO is pleased to announce that 1700 application packages have been sent out or downloaded from the website. To date, 251 applications have been received. Of these, 72 are now complete with all referees reports and transcripts and are in the process of being reviewed by the Registrar and Registration Committee.

Each individual whose application has been received will be sent an acknowledgment letter shortly. Unfortunately, the response of the Association has been slower than expected due to startup problems with the membership database. Outside assistance and additional clerical staff has been retained to resolve these difficulties and response time will be considerably improved. APGO moved into its new office on March 28th and this has already improved operational efficiency. Please note our new address in the letterhead.

“We are experiencing some of the typical problems of a startup” says APGO president Bill Pearson “On behalf of APGO, I apologize for the delays in responding to applications but please be assured that this is a temporary problem that is being fixed”. Pearson went on to note that the Registration Committee has scheduled an expanded series of meetings to deal with the expected large volume of applications to come.

“Geoscientists in Ontario need to be aware that after August 30, 2002, the Professional Geoscientists Act requires that an individual be a member of APGO in order to practice professional geoscience in Ontario” says Registrar John Bowlby. “Applications from interested geoscientists should be submitted as soon as possible and preferably before June 1, 2002 to ensure that people can become registered by the in-force date proclaimed for the Act.” Bowlby said.

Under the provisions of the Act, professional engineers who are members of Professional Engineers Ontario and are qualified to practice geoscience under the Professional Engineers Act are exempted from this requirement. Likewise, members of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and Ontario Land Information Professionals whose practice is confined to managing geographic information (geomatics) are exempted from the requirement.

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