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APGO Appoints Executive Director/Registrar

Toronto, Ontario – The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Oliver Bonham, M.Sc., P.Geo. as Executive Director/Registrar, effective September 16, 2002.

This new position of Executive Director/Registrar combines the previously separate management roles covering administration and registration. The change reflects the evolution of APGO from a startup to a fully functional self-regulatory association.

Mr. Bonham is a minerals exploration geoscientist with over 25 years experience both nationally and internationally. Since 1982 he has worked with Rio Algom Limited, occupying positions of increasing responsibility as Exploration Manager Central/Eastern Canada, Canada/North America and finally South America. Most recently he was Manager Exploration Innovation for BHP Billiton in London, England where he participated in the re-organization of the exploration division following the merger of the two companies.

Aside from his management experience and skills, Mr. Bonham brings a unique international perspective to APGO in that he is a registered professional geologist in Ireland and is a Eur. Geol. in the European Federation of Geologists. He has been very much involved in both industry and professional associations and is a past president of the Geological Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CIM). He is a professional geoscientist registered with APGO.

“The appointment of Mr. Bonham is a very important step forward in the development of APGO” said Bill Pearson, President. “I look forward to working with him and to supporting the initiatives which he will bring to enhance the growth and success of APGO.”

Pearson went on to note that “The Association has now moved from startup to a major growth stage that will see much of the registration completed over the next 6 months. The focus will then shift towards fulfilling statutory requirements, initiating professional development programs for members and implementing the first election for APGO Council in Spring 2003. In addition, Mr. Bonham will work to improve mobility of Ontario geoscientists across Canada and internationally, in partnership with other professional geoscience associations in Canada and elsewhere.”

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 and how to apply for membership is available on the Association website at www.apgo.net.

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