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APGO – 2005 Public Member Council Appointments

Toronto, ON. --- Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario President, Mr. Scott McLean, P.Ge., announced today the appointment of Dr. Robert Hodder, P.Ge., as the CUDGO (Council of University Departments of Geoscience of Ontario) designate to APGO Council. He also commented on the earlier appointment of Mr. Matt Hollands, R.P.F. and Mr. Chris Roney, P.Eng., as new public member appointees to APGO Council.

The special seat on APGO Council, reserved for either the Chair of CUDGO or a designate of CUDGO, is set out in APGO by-law and is designed to allow for direct involvement of Ontario's geoscience faculty in the governance of the association.

Dr. Hodder, who will serve as CUDGO designate for one year, is professor emeritus at the University of Western Ontario and is a well known and well regarded economic geologist, who has been involved in both teaching and research in the geosciences in Ontario, for many decades.

Speaking of the appointment, APGO President, Scott McLean said, "We are delighted to have Bob Hodder join APGO Council. His background as an outstanding scientist and his familiarity with all elements of geoscience education in Ontario, will be great assets to the APGO".

Going on to speaking about the two new public member appointments to Council, which occurred in June, Mr. McLean said, "APGO is very lucky indeed to have both Matt Hollands and Chris Roney join Council as new public members. Both come from different professional disciplines and both have special experiences that will benefit the APGO greatly at this stage in its development".

Mr. Matt Hollands, R.P.F., (Registered Professional Forester) has a consulting business in Timmins and is an active member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association, where he has served on that association's Registration Committee. Mr. Chris Roney, P.Eng., a structural engineer from Kingston, is also an active volunteer with Professional Engineers Ontario, where he serves on several committees, including its complaints and enforcement committees.

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Mr. McLean went on to thank the two retiring public members on Council who had completed their terms - Mr. Velazquez Spring, P.Eng., who had served on APGO Council since 2000 and had held the office of APGO Secretary; and Mr. Peter Frise P.Eng., who had served an important role in guiding the set up of APGO's inaugural Discipline Committee.

These three appointments complete the filling of all of the seats on APGO Council, which is now made up of 25% public representation, as specified in the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000*.

APGO governs the practice of professional geoscience in Ontario and reports to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. The legislation protects the public and investors by establishing a regulated association of geoscientists with the power to admit only qualified persons, to encourage continuing professional competence, to discipline members for professional misconduct and to prevent unqualified individuals from practising.

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