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### APGO committed to mobility for geoscientists

Toronto – (June 16, 2006) – The Council of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) is committed to assisting geoscientists in the mobility of the profession across provincial/territorial boundaries and in this regard the Association is pleased to announce that it passed an important motion at the June 1, 2006 Council meeting.

“That APGO, in the case of applications from members in good standing in other associations and who have successfully completed a PPE exam from other associations which are signatories to the IAMA, will not invoke the notwithstanding clause as provided for in the IAMA, and will issue a licence to such applicants forthwith on the basis of equivalency of qualifications and mutual trust in the appropriateness of the prior registration decision of the other signatory associations of the IAMA.”

The importance of this APGO policy was articulated by Past President Scott Mclean, P.Geo., who said, “The passing of this motion reaffirms APGO’s commitment to achieving meaningful mobility across the country for its members. It’s fair to say that, compared to the many other professionals in Canada, geoscientists are the most mobile by virtue of what they do. Therefore the APGO Council feels the need to take leadership on this issue.”

APGO’s current president, Maureen Jensen, P.Geo., added: “This mobile reality must be addressed. We are listening to our members and an increasing number of them keep impressing upon us the need to deal with the mobility problem they are facing. They tell us that the ability to obtain a licence to practise on short notice in other Canadian jurisdictions is crucial for them to do their jobs effectively.”

In April 2006 both APGO and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC) announced their planned implementation of the Inter-Association Mobility Agreement (IAMA) that was signed in 2001. President Maureen Jensen said, “Permitting geoscientists to practise legally in every jurisdiction should be implemented immediately and this motion proves that APGO is committed to walk the talk on mobility. Our processing of IAMA applications will reflect that.” All of the constituent associations of the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists (CCPG) are signatories to the IAMA and at the 2006 CCPG Annual General Meeting all members signed a two-year extension to the IAMA.

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario administers the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000* by licensing geoscientists, setting standards for licensing and regulating the practice of geoscience in Ontario to protect the public and the natural environment. Professional geoscientists are identified by the P.Geo. title after their names. They commit to continuing professional development and adhere to a Code of Ethics which emphasizes their duty to the public welfare as paramount.