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APGO – 2005 Council Appointments

Toronto, ON.--- Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario President, Mr. John Buckle, P.Ge., announced today that the slate of Nominations for the 2005 Council, put forward by the APGO Nominations Committee, was accepted by Council at its meeting on March 10, 2005 and that all candidates have been appointed to serve by acclamation.

The decision by Council to acclaim these appointments came about since the number of nominations received this year were the same as the number of seats on Council that are becoming vacant. As a result, there will be no vote for APGO Council this year.

The following APGO Council appointments will come into effect at the Annual General Meeting to take place on June 2, 2005:

1. Regional Councilor NW Ontario – 3 yr term - Kevin Kivi, P.Ge.
2. Regional Councilor SE Ontario – 3 yr term - Stephen Wilson, P.Ge.
3. Councilor at Large – 3 yr term - Kristin Hanson, P.Ge.
5. Councilor at Large – 1 yr term * – Neil Westoll, P.Eng., P.Ge.
4. Vice President – Maureen Jensen, P.Ge.

*(To fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Maureen Jensen, P.Ge., whose Councillor at Large position 2003-2006, runs until the middle of next year)

"This years nominations were unusual in that the APGO did not get as many nominations for members to serve on Council as it had received in previous years, despite the decision of the Association to extend the deadline for nominations," said John Buckle. "I attribute this to the very, very busy nature of professional geoscience at this time, particularly in the mining and mineral exploration sector".

He went on to comment "In fact, the APGO is very lucky to have three outstanding Councillors returning to serve an additional term and to have Kristin Hanson, P.Ge., join as a new Councillor. In addition this year, two of the four Non-Member Appointees on Council will change, which will allow for new public representation in the governance team for the APGO."

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Profiles of the newly appointed Councillors are currently being prepared and will be posted on the APGO website, for the information of all members and the public, in the near future.

An announcement of the new Non-Member Appointees to Council will be made in the spring.

On behalf of all on Council, the President extended his sincere thanks to Mr. Bill Stiebel, P.Ge., Past President of APGO and Chair of the Nominations Committee, and his Committee team, for their contribution in handling this year's nomination process so well.

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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