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ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS OF ONTARIO APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Norman S. W. Williams, P.Eng., as its new Executive Director/Registrar, effective March 1, 2006.

Dr. Williams served previously as Deputy Registrar with the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) where he was responsible for all aspects of licensing/registration. In addition, he introduced programs to streamline and enhance the Association's licensure process. He was advisor to PEO's Academic and Experience Requirements committees for licensing, and provided advice to several of its regulatory committees, task forces and task groups. He represented PEO at the international, national and provincial/territorial levels on matters concerning regulation. A PEO-licensed professional engineer, Dr. Williams has a broad multi-disciplinary background and experience in the applied sciences/engineering areas. The holder of (Honours) Bachelor's, Masters and Ph.D. degrees, his academic preparation and experience include aspects of economic geology and environmental geology practice. He has over 15 years of experience at the executive level and 7 years experience with PEO.

Speaking of the appointment, President Scott McLean said, "I believe that at this point in APGO's growth, Dr. Williams's regulatory experience, skills set and knowledge will allow APGO to further establish itself internationally as a highly respected body of self-regulating geoscientists. On behalf of APGO Council we all look forward to working with Dr. Williams to further the interests of geoscientists across Canada."

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario is the provincial self-regulatory body for professional geoscientists, which governs the practice of professional geoscience in Ontario. The mission of the Association is to serve the public, by regulating, enhancing and providing leadership in the practice of professional geoscience in the Province of Ontario. It has the legislated authority to license qualified persons, to encourage continuing professional development among its licence holders, to discipline those found guilty of professional misconduct, and to enforce against individuals practising professional geoscience without a licence. The vision of APGO is to be the leader of the geoscience profession for the benefit of society.

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