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**Ontario Geoscientist, Deborah A. McCombe, P.Geo., receives 2013 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award.**

Vancouver — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2013 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award – **Deborah A. McCombe**, P.Geo. of Toronto, Ontario.

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award is given to recognize the achievements of an individual, who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the profession in Canada in his or her capacity as a registered professional geoscientist.

To be eligible for the award a nominee must meet a number of specified criteria, which include: a solid career as a professional geoscientist, an outstanding record of voluntary service to the community, and service to Geoscientists Canada or to one of the provincial or territorial professional associations that regulate geoscience in Canada.

The Award, which consists of a labradorite and marble sculpture made by a Canadian geoscientist artist, is given to a person in mid-to-late career.

This year's recipient, **Deborah A. McCombe**, P.Geo is an accomplished and respected geoscientist who has contributed enormously to her profession and to professionalism in geoscience - both in Canada and around the world. She was instrumental in the establishment and growth of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario and in the development and implementation of National Instrument 43-101 – Canada's Standards for Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Her efforts have contributed greatly to the protection of the public and to enhancing the international reputation of Canadian professionals and Canada's mining and exploration industry.

A graduate of the University of Western Ontario, Ms. McCombe is President and CEO and Principal Geologist at Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. ("RPA"), in Toronto, and currently serves as Chair of CRIRSCO – The Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards. Ms McCombe has over 30 years of career experience in exploration project management, resource estimation, feasibility studies, due diligence and valuation studies on base metals, precious metals, and industrial minerals projects. And she has worked in diverse geological settings in North and South America, Asia and Africa. Prior to joining RPA, Ms. McCombe was Chief Mining Consultant for the Ontario Securities Commission. She is the author of numerous articles and presentations focused on providing corporations and professionals alike with a better understanding of disclosure rules for mineral projects.

In announcing the award the President of Geoscientists Canada, Greg Vogelsang, P.Geo, stated "We are delighted that Deborah McCombe was chosen by our judges to be this year's award recipient. Deb is an outstanding and very well regarded Canadian professional geoscientist - both



at home and abroad. Her work as part of the team that developed NI 43-101 – Canada’s minerals projects reporting standard, which has become a leading international benchmark – and her involvement at CRIRSCO, are just two examples of her commitment to professionalism. Her service as a volunteer and a leader in her sector and in her professional communities is also impressive.”

The citation for the 2013 award, which will be presented to Ms McCombe at a later date, will read as follows: *“Presented to Deborah McCombe, P. Geo., in recognition of her outstanding contributions enhancing the reputation of professional geoscience within the global mining and exploration industry.”*

Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award is not necessarily presented each year. Further details on the award criteria and nominations process can be obtained from the Geoscientists Canada website at [www.ccpq.ca](http://www.ccpq.ca).

The mission of Geoscientists Canada is to develop consistent high standards for licensure and practice of geoscience, to facilitate national and international mobility, and to promote recognition of Canadian professional geoscientists.

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