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CANADIAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS APPOINTS GENERAL MANAGER

The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists is pleased to announce the appointment of Oliver Bonham, P.Geol. as its General Manager, effective March 1, 2006. Mr. Bonham has over 28 years of experience in the mining and mineral exploration sector and, more recently, in the regulatory sector as Executive Director/Registrar of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario. Having represented the Ontario Association at national meetings he is thoroughly familiar with the operations of the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists.

Mr. Bonham has lived and worked as a geoscientist in five provinces of Canada, in Ireland, in Britain and in South America. He is registered as a professional geoscientist in Ontario and in Ireland. He also carries the Eur.Geol. professional designation. Throughout his career Mr. Bonham has been a volunteer participant in many technical and industry associations at both local and national levels. He is a Past President of the Geological Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. In 1997 he won the CIM Julian Boldy Memorial Award for his work as founding business manager of the CIM journal: *Exploration and Mining Geology*. He is also a Fellow of the Geological Association of Canada.

"The appointment of Oliver Bonham as our first full-time staff person is a very important step for the Council." said Barry Collins, President. "CCPG is fortunate indeed to have the services of a geoscientist with his experience and skills. We look forward to working with him."

The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists is a national federation of the ten professional associations, which govern the practice of geoscience in Canada. It was incorporated nine years ago and has operated until now as a volunteer organization with part-time administrative support from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta and the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. Both have been very generous and helpful.

When Mr. Bonham reports for duty the CCPG offices will be hosted by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, located in Burnaby, British Columbia.

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

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