

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2000



A message from the Minister:

Manitoba is one of the best places in the world to invest in exploration and mining. Our province enjoys many strategic advantages in this sector, not the least of which is its mineral resource endowment. One of our greatest assets is the skill and dedication that staff of the Manitoba Geological Survey bring to unraveling the secrets of Manitoba's mineral potential.

The **Report of Activities** is a comprehensive summary of the geoscience investigations carried out by departmental geological staff during the 2000 field season. It also includes contributions reporting on collaborative projects with a number of Canadian universities, the mining and mineral industry, and various geoscience organizations across Canada. It is our intent to provide the mining and exploration industry with the most current geoscience information possible, to help focus exploration strategies for the coming year.

The geoscience community will note that this year the Geological Services Branch has been renamed the *Manitoba Geological Survey*. This new name more clearly reflects the role of the Branch and is consistent with usage in other provincial geological survey organizations across Canada. The Survey recognizes the importance of the mining industry to the Manitoba economy and is committed, with the rest of the department, to supporting initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of the mining industry and mining communities.

The release of this report at the 2000 Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention creates an ideal forum to stimulate discussion and produce beneficial consultations between Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines staff and stakeholders in the Manitoba mining community. The mining and minerals industry has an important role to play in the Manitoba Government's vision for a prosperous and dynamic economy that

generates sustainable employment growth for all Manitobans. I hope this report provides you with the solid geoscience base you need to plan your next exploration venture in Manitoba.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Mihychuk".

Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk
Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines