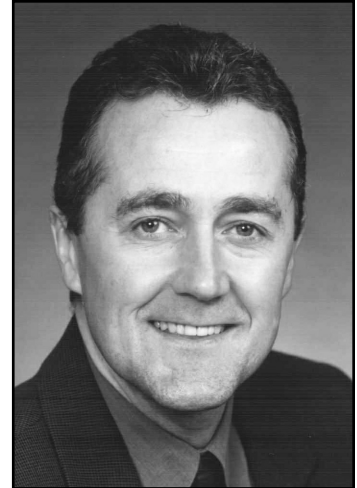


# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2003



## *A message from the Minister:*

**M**anitoba's varied geology and high mineral potential have sustained a consistently strong and productive exploration and mining industry in our province, despite the cyclical fluctuations of the international marketplace. Providing timely, high-quality geoscience data is critical to attracting explorationists and investors to Manitoba, particularly as global competition for mineral investment increases. Equally important is the need for geoscientific information to address the province's land-use and environmental management concerns.

**I**nnovative programs and new technologies ensure that Manitoba's geological survey continues to produce the information that the people and industry of Manitoba require to make sound investment decisions.

**T**he *Report of Activities* summarizes geoscience investigations conducted by the Manitoba Geological Survey in the past year. These investigations include partnerships and collaborative projects with the federal government, Canadian and American universities, the mineral exploration industry and various geoscience organizations across Canada.

**T**he Department of Industry, Economic Development and Mines recognizes that the exploration and mining industry contributes significantly to our provincial economy. We develop and support initiatives that foster the growth of the industry and the future well-being of our mining communities and the environment.

**W**e release the *Report of Activities* at our annual Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention to put our most recently acquired geoscience information directly into the hands of current stakeholders and new investors, creating the ideal forum to stimulate discussions and showcase opportunities. The entire report is available on our web site, on CD-ROM and as a hardcopy publication to ensure that the latest on Manitoba geology is readily accessible to everyone.

I invite you to explore the possibilities in our province.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Smith'.

Honourable Scott Smith  
Minister of Industry, Economic Development and Mines