

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2005



A message from the Minister:

Mineral exploration is booming in Manitoba. Expenditures are forecasted to reach \$52.7 million in 2005, an increase of 46 % over 2004. Increased exploration means increased employment and service sector opportunities for Manitobans, particularly for communities in our northern regions, where much of the activity is taking place.

Exploration is also key to finding new discoveries that help support our existing mining communities, provide new economic development opportunities, and keep Manitoba's mining industry strong. That is why Manitoba continues to support exploration through financial incentives, stable land tenure and the provision of high-quality geoscientific data.

Some of that data is released in the Manitoba Geological Survey's annual *Report of Activities*. This report provides an overview of the survey's geoscience investigations from the past year. These investigations include new field programs, new digital initiatives, and collaborative ventures with the federal government, universities, and the mineral exploration industry.

We release the *Report of Activities* at our Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention to place our most recent data directly in the hands of stakeholders from industry, government, Aboriginal and northern communities, and interest groups, as well as potential investors. The entire report is available on our website, on CD-ROM and as a hardcopy publication to ensure that the latest on Manitoba's geology is readily accessible to everyone.

Welcome to Manitoba ... I invite you to explore the possibilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rondeau', written in a cursive style.

Honourable Jim Rondeau
Minister of Industry, Economic Development and Mines