

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2015



A message from the Minister:

It's no secret that Manitoba is home to a diverse wealth of resources which we all benefit from through a myriad of ways – economically, environmentally, and increased job creation. Manitoba does not take these benefits for granted as we realize the need for continuous sustainable development of our resources now and into the future.

Our commitment to stewardship and sound development of our province's mineral resources has paid off. In 2014 we officially opened two new mines, Hudbay's Reed and Lalor mines, which will create new jobs and opportunities. A bellweather report on the mining industry has placed us second in Canada and fourth worldwide in mining investment attractiveness. Furthermore, we've risen in the ranks to being recognized 7th in the world for the depth and breadth of our geological database. Clearly the results show that Manitoba is on the right track.

The *Report of Activities* is the Manitoba Geological Survey's annual overview of their geoscience activities from the past year. As you read through these pages you can see how despite the challenging economic climate

our country is wading through, our commitment to new digital initiatives and field programs, as well as collaborative ventures with educational institutions, aboriginal communities, and the mining industry have not waned but become increasingly important.

The *Report of Activities* is released during our annual Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention which provides a fitting and positive setting as representatives from across Manitoba and Canada come together to celebrate their achievements and develop fruitful partnerships and plans for moving forward together.

It is my hope that the *Report of Activities* gives you a glimpse of what Manitoba geoscience has to offer and I invite you to explore the possibilities in our province.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Chomiak". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Honourable Dave Chomiak
Minister of Mineral Resources