

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2001



A message from the Minister:

Manitoba's mineral potential makes this province one of the most attractive places in the world to invest in exploration and mining. We offer many strategic advantages to the explorationist and mine developer. One of the most important is the solid geoscience information base needed to support a growing industry. Through the work of the department's geological survey, we continue to help define Manitoba's mineral potential and assist industry in the search for new discoveries.

The Report of Activities is a comprehensive summary of geoscience investigations conducted by the Manitoba Geological Survey in the past year. Collaborative projects with the federal government, Canadian and American universities, the mineral exploration industry and various geoscience organizations across Canada are also included. The report provides industry with the most current geoscience information available to help focus exploration strategies and assist with mineral investment decisions in the coming year.

The compilation of our comprehensive provincial geoscience database is due in large part to the dedication, expertise and hard work of survey staff. I am proud to note that Mark Fedikow, Chief Geologist for the Manitoba Geological Survey's Mineral Deposits Section, was awarded the 2001 Provincial Geologist's Medal for his outstanding contributions to geoscientific research. Mark is an internationally recognized leader in the development and application of multimedia geochemical surveys and exemplifies the expertise that exists within our own organization and in provincial geological surveys across Canada.

The Manitoba Geological Survey, together with the rest of the department, recognizes the mining industry as a key sector of Manitoba's economy. We are committed to supporting initiatives that ensure the growth of the industry and the long-term viability of mining communities in Manitoba. The release of this report at our annual Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention puts some of our most current geoscience information

directly into the hands of existing stakeholders and new investors—the ideal forum to stimulate discussions and highlight opportunities. We also provide the entire report on our web site and have included a digital copy on CD-ROM in delegate bags to ensure that the latest on Manitoba geology is readily accessible to everyone.

I hope that the information in this report entices you to invest in one of Manitoba's natural advantages—our mineral wealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Mihychuk".

Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk
Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines