

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2004



A message from the Minister:

As the newly appointed minister of Manitoba Industry, Economic Development and Mines, I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders to continue to develop and support initiatives that foster the growth of the mining industry and the future well-being of our communities and the environment.

Manitoba's mining sector contributes significantly to our provincial economy, averaging approximately \$1 billion in mineral production annually. A thriving exploration and mining industry also offers a wide range of opportunities for Manitobans, particularly for residents in our northern and Aboriginal communities.

The continued prosperity of Manitoba's minerals industry relies greatly on our ability to produce timely, high-quality geoscience data to attract explorationists and investors to Manitoba and provide the groundwork for companies to explore for our next mine. This geoscientific information is equally important in the management of Manitoba's land-use and environmental interests.

Geoscience investigations conducted by the Manitoba Geological Survey in the past year are summarized in the survey's annual *Report of Activities*. 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.

The report is released annually at our Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention. This puts the survey's most recent fieldwork results exactly where they belong—in the hands of representatives from industry, government, interest groups, Aboriginal and northern communities and potential investors. The entire report is available on our web site, on CD-ROM and as a hardcopy publication to ensure that the latest on Manitoba's geology is readily accessible to everyone.

I invite you to make Manitoba your next exploration target,

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