

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2007



A message from the Minister:

Manitoba means business and with over \$2 billion in mineral production for 2006, *mining means big business* for our provincial economy. It also means jobs, economic development and prosperity for many Manitoba communities.

We recognize the industry's importance and we know how to support and strengthen it to attract companies that will help us explore and develop our mineral wealth. Simply put, 'Manitoba gets it' when it comes to mining. Mining companies worldwide also recognize that Manitoba gets it — they ranked us FIRST in the world for mineral policies in the 2006 Fraser Institute survey.

Our policies balance sound business practices with responsible government, providing the solid framework that's essential for successful mineral investment ventures. From these policies we've developed attractive financial incentives, a stable and effective regulatory framework and a comprehensive geoscience knowledge-base to support exploration and mining in the province.

The annual *Report of Activities* is just one of the exploration tools we produce to assist your industry. It summarizes the Manitoba Geological Survey's geoscience investigations from the past year, including new field programs, new digital initiatives, and collaborative ventures with the federal government, universities, and the mineral exploration industry.

The *Report of Activities* is released at our Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention where delegates can obtain a complimentary copy in print and in digital format on CD. We also make the report available on our website for free download and for purchase through our Publication Sales to ensure that the latest on Manitoba's geology and mineral resources is readily accessible to everyone.

I invite you to explore Manitoba — where your success is our business.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Honourable Jim Rondeau
Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines