

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 1999



A message from the Minister:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newly formed Department of Industry, Trade and Mines. This departmental re-alignment reflects our recognition of the importance of the mining industry to the Manitoba economy and underscores our commitment to supporting initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of the mining industry and mining communities in Manitoba.

As part of our commitment to a strong north we are interested in maximizing opportunities for socio-economic development. We recognize the importance of mining to the provincial economy, both in terms of wealth creation and employment. Mining in Manitoba accounts for about \$1 billion in production values, approximately 15% of provincial exports, and supports over 4000 direct jobs, most of which are located in the north. A healthy exploration and mining industry provides employment and training opportunities to northern and

Aboriginal people, that in turn contributes to the creation of a strong north. A Mining Task Force will be created to develop policies that ensure the long-term viability of mining communities and provide opportunities for socio-economic development across the north.

This Report of Activities provides a comprehensive summary of geological studies conducted by departmental Geological Services staff during the 1999 field season. It also includes contributions from collaborative projects with several Canadian universities, the mining and mineral industry, and various geoscience organizations across Canada. It is our intent to provide the mining and exploration industry with the most up-to-date geoscience information to help focus successful exploration strategies for the coming year. The release of this report at the 1999 Manitoba Mining and Minerals Convention creates an ideal forum to stimulate discussion and produce

beneficial consultations between Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines staff and stakeholders in the Manitoba mining industry. I hope this report provides you with a solid geoscience base to determine successful exploration ventures in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Mihychuk".

Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk
Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines