



APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND MINING MATTERS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

November 28, 2017, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation (“the Foundation”) is pleased to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with **Mining Matters**. Under the MOU, Mining Matters and the Foundation agree to work together to promote a greater understanding of geoscience by the public and to enhance resources available to address the Ontario Earth and space science curriculum.

This partnership is established based on Mining Matters' and the Foundation's respective competencies in education and research. This MOU will strengthen the resources of both parties and will benefit the stakeholders each serves.

Benefits for Mining Matters include:

- Increasing the number of students, educators and members of the public reached through its educational resources and helping to ensure the widest possible audience for these materials
- Raising the profile of Mining Matters through its association with the Foundation
- Expanding access to educational content developed by APGO Education Foundation's GeoscienceINFO.com initiative
- Increasing access to a broad network of professional geoscientists

Benefits to the Foundation include:

- Supporting the development of "GeoscienceINFO.com"
- Access to educational content, programs and resources developed by Mining Matters
- Increasing access to a broad network of Earth science educators, education supporters and stakeholders
- Raising the awareness of "GeoscienceINFO.com" through its association with Mining Matters

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geol., Chair of the Foundation, commented: “We are delighted to partner with Mining Matters. Our innovative GeoscienceINFO.com website and our recently launched Geovideos will enhance Mining Matters well-developed educational resources while providing us with the opportunity to extend our reach considerably.”

Laura Clinton, Executive Director of Mining Matters, commented: “Mining Matters is thrilled to partner with the APGO Education Foundation. This partnership is a natural fit as we strive to continually connect with educators, students and the public to raise awareness of Canada's geology and mineral resource endowment.”

ABOUT THE APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The **APGO Education Foundation** (“the Foundation”) is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the Foundation is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by 1) providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in a degree program; 2) providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as a professional geoscientist in Ontario; and 3) holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience to enhance the knowledge of the general public.

In June 2017, the Foundation launched GeoscienceINFO.com an innovative one-stop spot for the public for information about the Earth beneath their feet. This new website provides interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is virtual field-trips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area while traversing it digitally in GoogleEarth™. Information on the latest discoveries and news in the world of geoscience area is featured on the website as well as on social media.

ABOUT MINING MATTERS

Mining Matters is a charitable organization dedicated to bringing knowledge and awareness about Canada’s geology and mineral resources to students, educators and the public. The organization provides current information about rocks, minerals, metals, mining and the diverse career opportunities available in the minerals industry. Mining Matters offers exceptional educational resources that meet provincial curriculum expectations, created by educators and Earth science experts. Since its inception in 1994, Mining Matters has reached an estimated 650,000 teachers, students and members of the public.

Further information is available on the Mining Matters website at MiningMatters.ca

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