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New Brunswick Geologist, Dwight Ball, P.Geo., recipient of 2007 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award.

Vancouver —The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists (“CCPG”) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2007 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award - Mr. Dwight Ball, P.Geo., of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The Canadian Professional Geoscientists Award is given to recognize the achievements of an individual in his or her capacity as a registered Professional Geoscientist, who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the profession in Canada.

To be eligible for the award a nominee must meet a number of specified criteria, which include: a solid career as a professional geoscientist, an outstanding record of voluntary service to the community, and service to one of the provincial or territorial professional associations which regulate geoscience in Canada or to CCPG.

The Award, which consists of a labradorite marble sculpture made by a Canadian artist, is given to a person in mid-to-late career.

Dwight Ball, P.Geo, has not only a long and outstanding career as a professional geoscientist, but he has also served as a tireless and dedicated volunteer to CCPG, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (“APEGNB”) and his community.

As a graduate in geology from the University of New Brunswick - B.Sc. (1970) and M.Sc. (1975), and after initial employment as a geologist with the NB Department of Natural Resources, Dwight went on to become founder and partner of Three-D Geoconsultants, a Fredericton-based, geological consulting firm providing services to the minerals, hydrocarbons, environmental and peat industries. He is currently executive director of the Office of Research Services at the University of New Brunswick.

At CCPG, Dwight served as a member of the founding Board of Directors of CCPG and in 2000-2001 was CCPG Chair, (now the office of CCPG President). He also provided important formative leadership to CCPG as chair of the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board - a national standing committee of CCPG, and later as chair of CCPG’s international affairs committee. His work for the international affairs committee included initiating and establishing its important, and thriving, co-operative relationships between CCPG and other national regulatory organizations for geoscience around the world.

Dwight also contributed to his profession locally as one of the founding members of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of New Brunswick, which later saw geoscience regulation come under a joint act together with the engineering profession in the renamed Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick. Dwight continues to serve APEGNB on its admissions committee.



He has participated extensively elsewhere in the broader geoscience community as an active member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, New Brunswick branch, including serving as branch chair. And, he has received appointments to a number of regional and national geoscience-related advisory panels and committees.

Dwight has also given generously of his time over many years outside his profession, by providing community leadership in his local Kiwanis Club and as an organiser and corporate vice president of the New Brunswick Highland Games and Scottish Festival.

The citation on the 2007 award, which will be presented to Dwight in Miramichi, New Brunswick at the awards ceremony during the APEGNB AGM in February 2008, will read as follows:
Presented to Dwight Ball, P.Ge., in recognition of his leadership in the geoscience profession, its professional associations and his community.

Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award will not necessarily be presented each year. Further details on the award criteria and nominations process can be obtained from the CCPG website at www.ccpq.ca.

The mission of CCPG is to develop consistent high standards for licensure and practice of geoscience, to facilitate national and international professional mobility, and to promote recognition of Canadian geoscientists.

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