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CCPG Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada published in booklet format.

The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists ("CCPG") is pleased to announce the release of a published version of the recently approved revisions to the "Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada".

The published version is in the form of a colour booklet entitled "Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada". The booklet is available in both English and French; in both hard and soft copy.

As previously announced, work on these revisions has been the focus of intense activity over the past 3 years at the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board (CGSB), a standing committee of CCPG which is made up of representatives from each of the 10 constituent associations of CCPG that regulate the practice of professional geoscience in each of the 11 provinces and territories in Canada where licensure applies. The new revisions replace the previous CCPG document set out for that purpose entitled "Recommended Minimum Requirements of Geoscience Knowledge and Work Experience for Professional Practice", which had been in use since 2000.

Both the revision project itself and the publication of this associated booklet have benefited from funding received from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada ("HRSDC") as part of a funding agreement with CCPG under HRSDC's Labour Mobility Division.

Speaking about the publication, CCPG President Dr Bruce Broster, P.Geo. said "We are truly delighted at CCPG to be able to bring out this booklet. It provides, for the first time, an attractive handy reference to what represents a consensus of the commonly expected body of knowledge in geoscience, and breadth and depth of geoscience experience, that a candidate should demonstrate when they apply for professional licensure anywhere in the Canada. Specific licensure requirements in each of the provinces and territories are still set by law in those jurisdictions. This booklet illustrates what the profession, as a whole, expects by way of geoscience competencies, for safe and effective practice, and protection of the public."

Chair of the CGSB Dr. Greg Finn, P.Geo. added "As well as providing an important common reference for all those involved in the regulation of our profession, this booklet will be a great resource for those preparing to apply for licensure. It will also be very useful to geoscience students and university educators."

Hard copies of the booklet are available upon request by contacting the CCPG; they will also be available through the offices of the Constituent Associations of CCPG in the near future. The booklet is also available for direct download from the CCPG website at www.ccpg.ca.

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