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APEGGA Announces New Leadership

Edmonton – Linda Van Gastel, P.Eng., has become the 85th President of The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practice of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta.

A University of Alberta graduate, Van Gastel began her career with Western Research and Development. In 1976, she joined PanCanadian Petroleum Limited (now EnCana) and is now retired and lives in Calgary. She has served APEGGA for 13 years, including five years on council.

Van Gastel was sworn in today at APEGGA's Annual General Meeting in Edmonton and is the Association's second woman president.

"I look forward to consulting with and engaging our membership in continuing APEGGA's efforts to make licensure more accessible to competent people practicing engineering, geology and geophysics. APEGGA's paramount concern is protecting public safety and well-being," says Van Gastel.

Van Gastel is joined on APEGGA's council by past-president Mike Smyth, P.Eng., newly-elected president-elect Larry Staples, P.Eng., and former council member and newly-elected vice-president Dave Chalcroft, P.Eng. Newly-elected councillors include: Chrys. Dmytruk, P.Eng., Dr. John Peirce, P.Geoph., Jane Tink, P.Eng., and Wim Veldman, P.Eng. Re-elected for a second term is Nick Trovato, P.Eng. Councillors continuing in office include: Julie Aitken, P.Geoph., Kim Farwell, P.Eng., Darcie Greggs, P.Geol., Jack Hole, P.Eng., Barbara Howes, P.Eng., Dr. Ian McIlreath, P.Geol., and Dr. John Moldon, P.Eng. Public members include Dr. Larry Ohlhauser, Hugh Planche and Dr. Norm Wagner, OC, LL.D., who has been reappointed to a second three-year term by the Minister of Alberta Human Resources and Employment.

APEGGA's more than 40,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy. The safety and well-being of Albertans is paramount to the Association and its members.

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N.B. digital image of Linda Van Gastel, P.Eng., available upon request.

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