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Professional Association Visits Resource Rich Peace River

Edmonton (February'02)... The president of the largest professional association in Alberta visits Peace River on **Wednesday, March 6, 2002** to keep abreast of industry activities in the area and to meet with branch members and civic leaders in the community. Dale Miller, P.Eng., is the President of The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA).

As APEGGA's 82nd president, Miller actively promotes the values of the association to members and the important role the association plays in the business community.

"Visiting Peace River is a way for me to see first hand the contributions that our professional members and permit holders are making to Peace River and Northern Alberta," Miller says.

Professional engineers and geoscientists work in and contribute to a number of Peace River and area's primary industries such as forestry, oil tar sand development, oil and gas exploration. Throughout Alberta, APEGGA members use their expertise in resource development, construction, public works, transportation, agriculture, manufacturing, processing, advanced technologies, telecommunications, etc.

"Northern Alberta is a rich resource base for the province," comments Miller. "APEGGA members work with so many of these resources – oil, gas and forests – to help create essential building blocks of our economy."

The Peace River area is home to one of nine APEGGA branches in Alberta; the branch acts as a link between members in central Alberta and the association, keeping them up-to-date on relevant industry news and association activities and events.

APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practice of engineering, geology and geophysics in Alberta. APEGGA's authority is provided by an Alberta statute, The Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions (EGGP) Act. Under the EGGP Act, licensure with APEGGA is required to practice engineering, geology or geophysics Alberta. APEGGA has served Albertans since 1920, now with over 36,000 members. Members are bound by a code of ethics and continually upgrade their skills. APEGGA members can regularly be found volunteering in community and professional activities.

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