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PDAC 2008
Where the world’s mineral industry meets

International Convention, Trade Show & Investors Exchange

March 2-5, 2008
Toronto, Canada
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

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Early Registration Deadline
February 4, 2008

PDAC 2008 is moving to the South Building
I am very much looking forward to PDAC Convention 2008 and to taking part in the wide range of activities planned for our 76th convention. Congratulations to our convention’s planning committee and to chairmen Rod Thomas and Joe Hinzer for pulling together the myriad components that make up this major event for global exploration and mining.

Returning delegates and exhibitors will, of course, be aware that the convention is moving from its former location to the South Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This was a big step to take but one I hope everyone will appreciate once they have become familiar with the new and spacious premises. Lisa McDonald, our convention director, and her able team have worked hard this year to make sure that the transition is as smooth and as seamless as possible.

These are good times to be in the exploration and development business. But let’s face it, many people in this industry are not as young as they once were, and we must bring new people in to replace those who will be retiring over the next decade.

The PDAC has identified human resources as a priority area on which to focus its resources and energy. The convention is one of our most important vehicles to demonstrate to young people that the mineral exploration industry offers a wealth of career opportunities, including challenging and meaningful work and a chance for international travel.

However, young people also want to know that the industry is sensitive to the natural environment and is socially responsible. Most companies today have environmental policies, and many have instituted corporate social responsibility policies as well. I urge delegates and exhibitors to take every opportunity to talk to young people at the convention and to pass these messages on.

An example of the industry’s “giving back” is the Clinton Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative, an innovative partnership of the Clinton Foundation, private sector, governments, local communities and NGOs to alleviate poverty and help individuals in countries where the natural resource industries are an important part of the economy. On Saturday, March 1, the evening before PDAC officially begins, there will be an exciting, star-studded, celebrity-filled event in Toronto to highlight this important initiative. Watch for further announcements!

Canada’s aboriginal population represents another potential pool of skilled workers for the industry. Again, the PDAC is working to inform aboriginal communities about the industry and its job opportunities.

For the third year, the technical program will include a day-long session on aboriginal issues. This year, for the first time, we shall be presenting a new award to recognize aboriginal achievement in exploration and/or mining. It was an aboriginal prospector, Skookum Jim Mason, who led the group that discovered gold in the Klondike, thereby laying the foundation for Canada’s great mining industry.

I shall be proud to present the PDAC’s inaugural Skookum Jim Award at the awards evening on Monday, March 3.

This convention brochure is packed with information about the convention and related events. There is indeed something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you there!

With warmest wishes,

Patricia J. Dillon
President, PDAC
Planning Committee

Rod Thomas, Mineral Industry Consultant (Chair)
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John Sullivan, Excellon Resources Inc.
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Kevin van Niekerk, Equinox Minerals Corporation
Victoria Vargas, Alamos Gold Inc.
Peter Walker, Geophysical Algorithms
Roger Wallis, Roger Wallis and Associates Inc.
Bill Washington, Wellington West Capital Markets Inc.

Food Services at the Convention

A wide range of food and beverage services will be offered this year in various locations throughout the convention. Be sure to check out the following:

Level 600 – Registration Café, sponsored by Freeport-McMoRan Exploration Corporation
Level 700 – Core Shack Café, sponsored by Peak Gold Ltd.
Level 800 – Teck Cominco Café
Level 800 – International Food Pavilion
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

The South Building entrance is located at 222 Bremner Blvd., one block north of Lakeshore Blvd., west of York St.

Shuttle Services

Hotel Shuttle  For the convenience of our delegates and exhibitors, PDAC will provide a free shuttle-bus service from key downtown hotels to the convention, located in the South Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Daily service from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm (Sunday through Tuesday) and from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Wednesday) will operate from the following hotels: Fairmont Royal York, Radisson Admiral, Westin Harbour Castle, Delta Chelsea, Metropolitan, Holiday Inn on King, Sheraton Centre, Hilton Toronto (Hilton guests walk to Sheraton Centre for shuttle).

Financial District Shuttle  Complimentary shuttle service will be provided to those in the financial district wishing to get to and from the convention quickly. Pick-up and return locations will be in the King/Bay area (exact location TBD). Shuttles will run Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

The North and South buildings are connected by an indoor bridge located at level 400. Both buildings are connected to Union Station via the Skywalk. The Skywalk entrance is located at the west end of Union Station, on street level.

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From February 28th to March 2nd, join us for WMMF08 where governments and senior mining executives come together to discuss key issues in the industry.

With delegates attending from over 50 participating countries, this unique, interactive forum for communicating and advancing mineral development policies and issues for governments around the world should not be missed.

**Key Topics Include:**

- **The Call for Sustainability and Good Governance:** *Building effective partnerships.*
- **Establishing Good Governance:** *What Governments are doing.*
- **A New World Dynamic**
- **Mining Investment Risks in Frontier Countries**
- **Bringing it all Together:** *The UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2010.*

Register online at [www.wmmf.org](http://www.wmmf.org)
Technical Program

Monday to Wednesday am sessions sponsored by CVRD Inco Limited

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Level 700, South Building

Sunday, March 2

Commodities and market outlook


1:00 – 5:00 pm

Chairs: Greg Barnes, TD Newcrest, Toronto, Canada & Victor Flores, HSBC Securities Inc., New York, USA

Overview, Victor Flores, HSBC Securities Inc, New York, USA

Gold, Jim Steel, HSBC Securities Inc, New York, USA

Silver, Jeffery Christian, CMP Group, New York, USA

Platinum/palladium, speaker to be announced

Copper, Andy Roebuck, Teck Cominco Limited, Toronto, Canada

Molybdenum, Catherine Virga, CMP Group, New York, USA

Nickel, Greg Barnes, TD Newcrest, Toronto, Canada

Zinc, Steve Hayes, Breakwater Resources Ltd., Toronto, Canada

Uranium, Eric Webb, Ux Consulting, Roswell, USA

Monday, March 3

Opening Ceremonies

8:45 – 9:15 am

Keynote session: Adapting to growth – Opportunities and challenges in the mineral industry

9:15 am – 11:30 am

Chairs: Rodney Thomas, Mineral Industry Consultant & Joe Hinzer, Watts, Griffis & McOuat Limited, Toronto, Canada


Mining industry trends, Paul Murphy, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Toronto, Canada

Metal prices, currencies and global growth: Outlook for 2008-2009 – Will the current supercycle be sustained?, Patricia Mohr, The Scotiabank Group, Toronto, Canada

Leveraging the strength of Canadian capital markets in adapting to growth opportunities and challenges, Richard Nesbitt, Toronto Stock Exchange, Toronto, Canada

The social licence to operate: What it is and why it seems so difficult to obtain, Ian Thomson, On Common Ground Consultants Inc., Vancouver, Canada

Canadian carats harvest to date

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Chairs: Patricia Sheahan, MDRU-UBC Consultant & Jonathan Fowler, De Beers Canada Inc., Toronto, Canada

Fishing for diamonds: Ontario’s first diamond mine, Martin Doyle, De Beers Canada Inc., Toronto, Canada

The Jericho diamond project: Challenges facing a junior diamond miner in Canada, Mike Johnson, Tahera Diamond Corporation, Vancouver, Canada

Meeting the Snap Lake challenge, Malcolm Thurston, De Beers Canada Inc., Toronto, Canada

Contrasting kimberlite types of the Churchill diamond project, Nunavut: Implications for exploration and evaluation, Pamela Strand, Shear Minerals Ltd., Edmonton & Mike Baumgartner, Mineral Services of Canada Inc., Vancouver, Canada

Update Diavik: The first five years, Tom Hoefer, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc., Yellowknife, Canada

The Renard kimberlites: Quebec’s first diamond mine?, Eira Thomas, Stornoway Diamond Corporation, Vancouver, Canada

Finance

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Chairs: Daryl Hodges, Jennings Capital Inc. & Bill Washington, Wellington West Capital Markets Inc., Toronto, Canada

The global situation in mining project financing, speaker to be announced, Metals Economics Group, Halifax, Canada

Considerations for bank and high-yield debt financing, speaker to be announced, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Toronto, Canada

Bank debt & equity financing in the Cerro de Maimón project, Dominican Republic, Bill Fisher, GlobeStar Mining Corporation, Toronto, Canada

High-yield debt: Equity financing for the Mineral Park mine expansion, Arizona, Mike Surratt, Mercator Minerals Ltd., Vancouver, Canada

Tuesday, March 4

The opening of new exploration venues: India & Pakistan

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Chairs: Andrew Nevin, Pebble Creek Mining Ltd. & Diane Nicolson, Hunter Dickinson Inc., Vancouver, Canada

Reko Diq, Pakistan: Exploration update, Ricardo Muhr, Antofagasta Minerals, Santiago, Chile

India exploration: Past and future, Sandeep Lakhwara, Australian Indian Resources Group, Bangalore, India

The Bhukia gold deposit: Opening up of a new gold-copper province? A lesson in delayed exploration and development in India, Mike Higgins, Indo Gold Limited, Milton, Australia

Aussies exploring and mining for India, Michael Kiernan, India Resources Limited, Perth, Australia

Panel Discussion: Overcoming obstacles to exploration in India and Pakistan

Panelists: Sandeep Lakhwara, Mike Higgins, Michael Kiernan, Ricardo Muhr (affiliations listed above)

Moderators: Andrew Nevin, Diane Nicolson (affiliations listed above)

Abstracts will be posted at pdac.ca
Aboriginal participation in the mineral industry: Canada and international

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Chairs: Don Bubar, Avalon Ventures Ltd. & Hans Matthews, Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association, Toronto, Canada

Galore Creek copper-gold project, British Columbia: The Tahltan, the company and the government, Rick van Nieuwenhuysen, NovaGold Resources Inc., Vancouver, Canada

Tres-Or & the Timiskaming First Nation: Building a history together, Laura Lee Duffett, Tres-Or Resources Inc., Vancouver & Chief Conrad Polson, Timiskaming First Nation, Notre-Dame-du-Nord, Canada

Mineral exploration protocol in the Akahtoo Territory, Northwest Territories, Peter Liske, Former Chief, Yellowknife, Canada

Case history from Latin America, speaker to be announced

Victor Mine: Company and community perspectives, Joe Gaboury, Attawapiskat First Nation, Attawapiskat & Albalina

New ideas from the Proterozoic (Part 1 of 2)

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Chairs: Neil Gow, Castle Gold Corporation, Toronto, Canada & David Mason, Geological Survey of Queensland, Indooroopilly, Australia

New insights into the geodynamic and metallogenic evolution of the Mt. Isa region, George Gibson, Geoscience Australia, Canberra, Australia

Intracratictonal hydrothermal flow systems and the genesis of sediment-hosted Zn-Pb ore deposits, Jamie Wilkinson, Imperial College London, London, England

Correlation of Archean and Paleoproterozoic units between Canada and Greenland: Placing the economic potential of Baffin Island (Nunavut) into sharper focus, Marc St-Onge, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Metallogeny and tectonic setting of the Trans-Hudson orogen, David Corrigan, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Paleoproterozoic metallogeny of Brazil and the Guianas Shield, Lydia M. Lobato, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Paleoenvironmental and tectonic controls on formation of giant early Paleoproterozoic BIF and associated iron and manganese deposits in southern Africa, Nicolas J. Beukes, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

Central Asia

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Chair: Robert Schafer, Hunter Dickinson Inc., Salt Lake City, USA

Geology, tectonics and mineral deposits of Afghanistan, Antony Benham, British Geological Survey, Nottingham, England

Gold deposits and their geologic settings in Kyrgyzstan, Alex Gostevskikh, Centerra Gold Inc., Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Gold mineralization in the Bulakshau mining district, Kyrgyzstan, William Tafuri, Centrasia Mining Corp., Salt Lake City, USA

The Neo-Tethyan Metallogenic Belt of Turkey-Iran-Pakistan, Jeremy Read, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Mineralization Styles in the Urumieh – Dokhtar Arc and Zagros Fold Belts, Iran, Alireza Zarasvandi, Shahid Chamran University, Ahvaz, Iran and Marcos Zentilli, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Geophysics

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Chairs: Peter Walker, Geophysical Algorithms, Mississauga & Richard Smith, Fugro Airborne Surveys, Ottawa, Canada

The application of airborne natural field electromagnetics (ZTEM): Some examples from the southwest United States, Michael Zang, Exploration Syndicate Inc., Summerland, Canada

The effect of removing surface and regional geology from airborne gravity data, Kevin Crain, Areva Resources Canada Inc., Saskatoon, Canada

Inversion of large magnetic datasets, John Paine, Scientific Computing and Applications, Adelaide, Australia

Using potential field data and stochastic exploration to refine 3D, Richard Lane, Geoscience Australia, Canberra, Australia

Geophysical prospecting for deep-ocean sulphides, Peter Kowalczyk, Ocean Floor Geophysics & Mira Geoscience, Surrey, Canada

Geophysical characterization of kimberlites in the Fort la Corne kimberlite field, Saskatchewan, Don White, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Proterozoic continental movement & metallogeny (Part 2 of 2)

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Chairs: Eric Owens, Alexandria Minerals Corporation & Robert Valliant, Tri Origin Resources Ltd., Toronto, Canada

Proterozoic paleogeography: Cratonic connections and tectonic interpretations of the rock and mineral record, David Evans, Yale University, New Haven, USA

Influence of Earth’s first supercontinent on global metalloects: Nuna and the formation and preservation of Paleo-proterozoic mineral deposits, Sally Pehrsson, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

The Grenville province and its context in southeast Laurentia, Toby Rivers, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Canada

The geodynamics and metallogeny of the Australian Proterozoic, David Huston, Geoscience Australia, Canberra, Australia

Update on the Proterozoic Australia – Laurentia stratigraphic and metallogenic connection, Charlie Jefferson, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

An overview of the Neoproterozoic of Brazil with emphasis on the amalgamation of west-Gondwana, Claudio Valeriano, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Wednesday, March 5

New discoveries and developments

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Chairs: Bill Mercer, Avalon Ventures Ltd. & David Christie, Scotia Capital Inc., Toronto, Canada

Galore Creek copper-gold project, British Columbia, NovaGold Resources Inc., Vancouver, Canada

Westwood gold project, Quebec, IAMGOLD Corporation, Toronto, Canada

Pinos Altos gold project, Mexico, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, Toronto, Canada

Additional presentations to be announced
Open Session
Level 700, South Building
Sponsored by Haywood Securities Inc.
Monday, March 3  2:00 –  5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 5  9:00 am –  12 noon (2 concurrent sessions)
Selected from a call for papers, these high-quality presentations offer insight into the most current and topical subjects. The complete schedule will be posted at pdac.ca from early January.

Core Shack
Level 700, South Building
Sponsored by BARRICK
For a hands-on approach to learning about the latest discoveries, visit the Core Shack.
This expanded area for displays will allow for drill core from a total of 60 deposits from around the globe to be available for inspection, along with maps, charts, and technical information.
The Core Shack will have two sessions for company displays: Session A – Sunday and Monday, Session B – Tuesday and Wednesday.

FREE CD-ROM for registered delegates
Sponsored by ENDIAMA
For a demonstration, visit http://www.softconference.com/demo/pdac.

New! Internet Centre
Sponsored by ENDIAMA
Conveniently located in the main foyer outside the exhibit halls on Level 800, this Internet Centre will provide attendees with free internet access throughout the convention.

Special session on continuous disclosure and financial reporting
Level 700, South Building
Wednesday, March 5  2:00 –  5:00 pm
Chair: Greg Ho Yuen, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
Financial statements, MD&A and other documents that constitute an issuer’s continuous disclosure should provide information and insight about your company to the marketplace. This session will provide an overview of the continuous disclosure regime with an emphasis on issues of particular relevance for mining companies. The areas that have been identified as problematic in continuous disclosure reviews will be discussed. This session will include deficient MD&A examples and how those deficiencies should be addressed.
International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) will have a significant impact on Canada’s mining industry in the near future. The mining industry must start planning now. The conversion to IFRS could affect virtually every important decision a company makes. What should you be doing now? What lessons can we learn from conversions already completed in more than 100 other countries? Ernst & Young will shed light on these issues and provide practical advice to help miners speak this new reporting language.
Chief Financial Officers and investors relations personnel should attend this session.
Presenters: Rick Whiler, Ontario Securities Commission and Tom Whelan, Ernst & Young, LLP
Free to attend, and all are welcome.

PDAC Caracle Cup Hockey Tournament
PDAC and Caracle Creek International Consulting Inc. (CCIC) are pleased to announce the first annual PDAC hockey tournament, to take place on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Ice Gardens Complex, Toronto. The tournament will include six teams, each comprised of 10 players and a goalie, playing in a round-robin format that will culminate in a championship game in which participants compete for the honour of having their team and players’ names forever enshrined on the Caracle Cup. A reception and awards ceremony will follow to celebrate this inaugural event.
Players from all aspects of the industry (industry, government, academia, international, etc.) and all skill levels are invited to sign up their team. Each team will receive jerseys with the players’ name, number and team logo as part of the entry fee. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the day, and all games will be played on either NHL – or Olympic – size ice. Complimentary transportation will also be provided by a shuttle service running all day between the Fairmont Royal York Hotel and the Ice Gardens.
All proceeds from this event will support students and their education in the geosciences through donations to Mining Matters and the PDAC Student-Industry Mineral Exploration Workshop. Download your signup sheet today at pdac.ca for more information contact: Scott Jobin-Bevans at pdachockey@rogers.com.

Students: Take advantage of the student program at PDAC 2008
Make valuable contacts from all over the world – participate in guided tours of the Investors Exchange and Trade Show floors, attend industry luncheons and social events.
Bring plenty of business cards and copies of your resume!
Build on your ideas and enhance your professional development – attend various technical sessions, including a career/networking workshop designed for students and recent graduates.
Visit pdac.ca/students for details or contact Teresa Barrett, student liaison, at tbarrett@pdac.ca.

Visit pdac.ca for up-to-date program information
Women in Mining Reception

Level 700, South Building
Tuesday, March 4, 2008  2:00 –  4:00 pm
The Women in Mining (WIM) Network of Toronto is a lively, informal group of more than 240 women who work across the entire spectrum of the mining industry. The purpose of the WIM network is to share knowledge and experiences, and build relationships that will encourage the growth and diversity of women in the mining sector. This cocktail reception will offer women the opportunity to attend an afternoon social event with industry friends, and enjoy light snacks and refreshments. Invited to speak are Patricia Dillon, PDAC President; Ponichak Pollak, Chilean Minister of Mining; and Sue Herbert, Ontario’s Deputy Minister of Northern Development and Mines. Please join us for this event. Men are also welcome! Thank you to MiHR and McMillan Binch Mendelson LLP for sponsorship support of this event.

PDAC 2008 Convention Bag
Recycle, renew, sustain. PDAC continues to provide an earth-friendly convention bag to delegates. This year’s bag is light-weight and durable, and has been made with 100% post-consumer recycled materials – yesterday’s discarded water bottles and yogurt containers.

As a new initiative in 2008, PDAC will offer delegates the option of donating their bags at the end of the convention. Frontier College, a national volunteer-based literacy organization, will collect and distribute convention bags for use by children and youth in their homework clubs, reading circles, and in aboriginal summer literacy camps in communities across Canada.

Founded in 1899, Frontier College began sending student volunteers to the frontiers of Canada – to logging camps, mining towns and rail gangs – to teach workers literacy skills. Today, with the help of thousands of volunteers, the college achieves its mission for literacy by working with people across Canada, responding to their learning needs and encouraging lifelong learning.

Vancouver Workshop: Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, the week prior to the AME BC Roundup Convention.

Toronto Workshop: Friday, February 29, 2008, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, immediately preceding the PDAC Convention.

These workshops are collaborative learning experiences organized by the PDAC, in cooperation with AME BC (Vancouver Workshop) and facilitated by On Common Ground Consultants Inc.

Workshop Background and Content
The mining industry has recognized the importance of conducting business in an environmentally and socially responsible manner in order to earn and maintain a “social licence to operate” and be a positive participant in the global quest for sustainable development. There are, however, significant challenges to the practical application of these objectives, not the least of which is the absence of a broadly recognized and accepted set of definitions, guidelines and benchmarks.

In response to this, and building on its very successful Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Workshop held in 2007, the PDAC is in the process of developing a Sustainable Development Framework for Exploration. Development will occur in two stages – Track 1: Principles and Performance Guidelines for environmental and social issues, and Track 2: Reporting and Verification. It is our objective to have an early draft of Track 1: Principles and Performance Guidelines completed and ready for use by exploration teams by the summer of 2008. However, prior to that we want to provide our members and other stakeholders with an interest in the subject matter with the opportunity to be actively engaged in the development of the Framework in order to ensure its usability and practicality on the ground at the sites of operations.

The one-day workshops in Vancouver and Toronto will provide a forum for the review, discussion and refinement of an early draft of Track 1: Principles and Performance Guidelines.

The focus of this one-day workshop will be:

- Understanding the nature of Corporate Social Responsibility, the drivers behind it, and the relationship to Sustainable Development;
- Defining and refining Principles and Performance Guidelines for mineral exploration and development projects, and;
- Optimizing the implementation of the Framework within the life cycle of an exploration project – from initial reconnaissance and prospecting to full feasibility.

Who Should Attend
The workshops are designed for exploration practitioners and managers of exploration programs. They will also be of interest to key stakeholders including environmental and development NGOs, indigenous peoples, investment professionals, academics, and government and community representatives.

To Participate
Due to their interactive nature, each workshop will be limited to 80 participants, and participation will be by invitation only. There will be no fee for these workshops, but all participants will be required to pre-register (there will be no on-site registration).

To indicate your interest in participating, please email your name, position title, affiliation, email address and phone number to sdfx2008@pdac.ca. Your reply is requested as soon as possible and no later than January 7, 2008.

A sustainable development framework for exploration
Track 1: Principles and performance guidelines
Space is limited for all short courses and workshops. Register early to avoid disappointment. All short courses will take place in the South Building, MTCC.

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) supports participation by its members in these courses as acceptable Continuing Professional Development activities.

### Exploration for platinum group element deposits

**Friday, February 29**  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Saturday, March 1**  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Organizers:** Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada & Mineralogical Association of Canada  
**Convenors:** Jim Mungall (University of Toronto, MAC)

The platinum-group elements have risen to prominence in recent years both as extremely valuable commodities and as sensitive geochemical tracers of processes in the mantle and the Earth's crust. There is growing recognition that the next giant PGE discovery may well be in a completely different geotectonic setting from currently recognized “conventional” deposits. Designed to bridge the gap between academic research and modern exploration practice, this course is the result of an international collaboration among industry, government, and academic scientists. It is designed to appeal both to the practising exploration geologist and to the academic.

**Topics**

The course will provide a progression from the general to the specific. It begins with reviews of the magmatic and hydrothermal geochemistry of the platinum-group elements, and progresses through descriptive ore deposit models for stratiform deposits in layered intrusions, marginal “contact”-type deposits, hydrothermal deposits, Sudbury footwall deposits, and conduit-hosted deposits. The next section is devoted to exploration methods, beginning with a review of economic and geological considerations in planning exploration programs, followed by discussions outlining the use of geophysical, geochemical, and lithogeochemical techniques to detect PGE deposits. This short course will be an updated and revised version of a short course of the same name held in Oulu, Finland, in 2005, as MAC Short Course 35. Participants will receive the 500-page book, *Exploration for Platinum-Group Element Deposits*, MAC Short Course Volume 35, which includes a chapter on each of the topics listed above, additional chapters on supergene alteration, placer deposits, and the distribution of PGEs in porphyry deposits as well as a series of case studies describing the discovery and/or development of world-class PGE deposits.

**Presenters:**

Jim Mungall, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada  
Jake Hanley, Geological Survey of Finland, Rovaniemi, Finland  
Catherine Farrow, FNX Mining Company Inc., Sudbury, Canada  
Tony Green, Gnevyn Consulting, Toronto, Canada  
Dave Peck, Anglo-American, Vancouver, Canada  
Steve Balch, Aeroquest International Limited, Toronto, Canada  
Wolf Maier, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia  
Keiko Hattori, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada  
Markku Iijina, Geological Survey of Finland, Rovaniemi, Finland  
Nick Arndt, CNRS, Grenoble, France  
Sarah-Jane Barnes, University of Quebec, Chicoutimi, Quebec

**Course fee**

Free – however, you must register (space is limited)

### Mineral project disclosure: Understanding NI 43-101 and keys to keeping Canadian securities regulators from calling

**Friday, February 29**  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Organizers:** Ontario Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission  
**Sponsors:** Toronto Stock Exchange, Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada

This popular course is essential for all individuals and professionals involved in the mining industry. With today’s hot metals market, the level of activity by resource companies and consultants is unprecedented. The “what, when, how and who” regarding public disclosure of scientific and technical information about mineral projects must comply with NI 43-101 standards of disclosure for mineral projects. A poor understanding of the mining disclosure rules may delay or prove fatal to a company’s window of opportunity for obtaining financing or moving a project forward. This is an opportunity to gain practical knowledge and insight from Canadian securities regulators that will assist in understanding the rules and may help you avoid a call from the regulators.

The course will consist of a series of special sessions covering topics from the basic principles to more advanced issues. Some of the topics include:

- Fundamentals of NI 43-101  
- Mineral resource and reserve disclosure and historical estimates  
- Technical report triggers, the life cycle of a mining company  
- Compliant technical reports: what is required  
- Disclosure requirements of the TSX  
- Good disclosure practices: learning from others  
- Mining prospectus filings: getting it right the first time  
- Canadian and US disclosure rules for cross-border companies  
- Regulators’ red flags, disclosure dos and don’ts  
- Ask a regulator: questions and answers

**Presenters:**

Craig Waldie, Senior Geologist, Ontario Securities Commission  
Robert Holland, Chief Mining Advisor, British Columbia Securities Commission  
Fran Manns, Manager, Mining Compliance and Disclosure, Toronto Stock Exchange

**Course fee**

Free – however, you must register (space is limited)

### Exploration geochemistry: A review of current best practices

**Saturday, March 1**  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Organizers:** Association of Applied Geochemists & Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada  
**Chairs:** Hugh de Souza, SGS Minerals Services, Lakefield, Canada and Scott Long, AMEC, Phoenix, USA

This one-day workshop will explore current issues concerning geochemical best practices in mineral exploration for base and precious metals, uranium and diamonds. Relevant topics include sampling and preparation issues, the expanding areas of metadata and geometallurgical data, quality control and quality assurance as part of the data verification practice, certification and limitations of standard reference materials in a geochemical program, limitations in current laboratory proficiency testing, and the role and responsibilities of the exploration company in maintaining assay data quality and security.

**Presenters:**

Sarah-Jane Barnes, University of Quebec, Chicoutimi, Quebec

**Course fee**

$425 for course material, lunches and refreshments  
$625 for payment received or postmarked on or before February 4, 2008  
$150 student fee (to qualify for this rate you must be a student member of PDAC and be enrolled full time in a recognized academic program. Student spaces are limited)
4 Understanding mineral exploration and resource development: The relationship to company stock prices

Saturday, March 1 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Course fee (includes course material, lunch and refreshments)
$350 for payment received or postmarked on or before February 4, 2008
$550 for payment received or postmarked after February 4, 2008
$100 student fee (to qualify for this rate you must be a student member of PDAC and enrolled full-time in a recognized academic program. Student spaces are limited.)

4 Understanding mineral exploration and resource development: The relationship to company stock prices

Saturday, March 1 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sponsored by: CHF Investor Relations

Organizers: Augen Capital Corp. & Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada

Back by popular demand, this investment course was sold out at last year’s convention. With commodity prices still very much on investors’ radar screens, participation in the resource equity markets is one important component of a diversified investment portfolio.

Large mining companies continue to grow, principally by merging or taking over their competitors. Intermediate and junior mining or exploration companies are developing and exploring and may make profits or at least a significant discovery. There is potential to make or lose money in the market, so you need to be informed to make the best investment decisions. Times have changed since the last mining boom. Regulations are in place to protect the investor, but it is still very much caveat emptor. With this in mind, we are pleased to present once again a one-day workshop about mineral exploration and resource development and their relationship to company stock prices. This resource investment primer will be of use to both the inexperienced and experienced investor alike. Practical knowledge and insight from some of the industry’s top professionals may help you avoid a costly mistake or recognize that diamond in the rough.

Presenters:
James Whyte, The Northern Miner, Toronto, Canada
Graham Clow, Scott Wilson Roscoe Postle Associates Inc., Toronto, Canada
William Roscoe, Scott Wilson Roscoe Postle Associates Inc., Toronto, Canada
Lawrence Smith, CVRD Inco, Toronto, Canada
Michael Fowler, Augen Capital Corp., Toronto, Canada

Course fee
$125 (includes course material, lunch and refreshments)

5 Learning community engagement strategies for First Nations and Indigenous Peoples for the exploration and mining sector

Saturday, March 1 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Organizers: Rena Guenduez, Public Engagement and Development Strategist, Gartner Lee Limited and Glenn Nolan, Chief of the Missanabie Cree First Nation

The need to consider First Nations and Indigenous Peoples in project decision-making processes and planning has become an important part of doing business in the minerals and mining industry both in Canada and abroad.

This interactive workshop is all about getting it ‘right’ when it comes to establishing credible, strong community and working relationships with First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. The program will highlight key regulatory and legal requirements relating to consultation/community engagement in both Canada and abroad. It will also look at some of the trends and influences that are shaping the need to make community engagement an integral part of internal corporate planning and delivery.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn and understand what consultation and engagement mean to First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. Interactive activities and a series of guest panelists and facilitators will set the stage for developing and creating insight and awareness as well as providing participants with the necessary tools and skills to engage effectively with First Nations/Indigenous Peoples. On completing this workshop participants should have an understanding of:

• The regulatory and legal framework governing First Nations and Indigenous Peoples when it comes to consultation and engagement
• The role and responsibilities of exploration and mining companies through case studies
• The issues and relationships from a First Nations and Indigenous Peoples perspective
• The protocols and cultural practices of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples
• And the necessary skills, techniques and tools for effective cross-cultural awareness and understanding

This course will be of interest to those wishing to effectively engage with First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. Participants will receive a tool kit and have an opportunity to engage in a networking reception post workshop.

Course fee (includes course material, lunch and refreshments)
$395 for payment received or postmarked on or before February 4, 2008
$595 for payment received or postmarked after February 4, 2008
$100 student fee (to qualify for this rate you must be a student member of PDAC and be enrolled full time in a recognized academic program. Student spaces are limited.)

6 The development of Canadian securities law since Bre-X

Tuesday, March 4 7:00 am – 8:45 am

Offered in cooperation with the Natural Resources and Energy Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association

Chair: Barbara Hendrickson, McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP

The forum will consist of presentations and panel discussions on developments in securities laws since Bre-X. Since Bre-X occurred over 10 years ago, there have been a number of changes to Ontario securities laws, most notably the introduction of Bill 198 – civil liability for continuous disclosure and National Instrument 43-101 “Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects”. There also have been a number of important enforcement cases.

The esteemed panel will address the issue of whether or not Canadian securities regulators have more clout today to deal with a Bre-X type situation than they did 10 years ago.

Presentations and panelists:
The aftermath of Bre-X: The industry’s reaction to the decision and the lessons we all have learned, Joe Groia, Groia & Company
Representations in the secondary securities market: the impact of Bre-X and Bill 198, Tom Heintzman, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
Mineral industry standards for professionals, Alicia Ferdinand, CJ Stafford & Associates Inc.

Course fee (includes course material and breakfast)
$90 for payment received or postmarked on or before February 4, 2008
$125 for payment received or postmarked after February 4, 2008
**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

**Welcome Reception**  

Meet with friends and make new contacts at the biggest networking event of the convention — our wine and cheese welcome reception. Shuttle bus service will be available between MTCC South Building and the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.  

6:00 – 8:30 pm Fairmont Royal York, Canadian Room  
Admission with convention badge

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**MONDAY, MARCH 3**

**Mineral Outlook Luncheon**  
Sponsored by Newmont Mining Corporation  
12 noon – 2:00 pm  
Level 700, South Building  
PDAC welcomes back Bjorn Lomborg, head of the Copenhagen Consensus Center and author of *Cool It*, his latest book. His presentation will focus on the work of the Consensus Center, in which solutions to world problems are prioritized according to efficiency, and based on economic and scientific analyses. Lomborg offers a different perspective about global warming, based on human needs and environmental concerns. **Tickets: $55 each**

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

**Diamond Lunch**  
Sponsored by Diamonds North Resources Ltd., Stornoway Diamond Corporation, Shore Gold Inc.  
12 noon – 2:00 pm  
Level 700, South Building  
This upscale networking lunch features Canadian companies that are active in diamond exploration, development and early production. Located in a larger venue than in previous years, this stand-up event will showcase diamonds in all their forms—from rough and polished stones to stunning designer diamond jewellery. Complimentary beer and wine will be served, and large buffet stations will offer appetizing hot and cold menu selections. **Tickets: $45 each**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

**PDAC-CIM Luncheon**  
Sponsored by PriceWaterhouseCoopers  
12 noon – 2:00 pm  
Level 700, South Building  
**Strong markets, big challenges:** presented by Tom Albanese, Chief Executive Officer, Rio Tinto. Historically high demand for materials, linked with globalization and consolidation, have put the mining industry on a high. But this brings with it some serious challenges. How are we to meet unprecedented and sustained demand, find the orebodies and the human resources we need, and keep production costs under control? Rio Tinto’s takeover of Alcan is an example of a way forward — consolidation to gain greater scale that will help meet the challenges. **Tickets: $55 each**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 3**

**AWARDS EVENING**

Sponsored by Barrick  
**Outstanding contributions to the mineral industry, success and excellence are the exceptional qualities shared by this year’s winners at the PDAC awards evening.**

A hosted reception begins this distinguished event. Accompanied by live music, a delicious three-course dinner is served, matched with fine wine. An elegant coffee and liqueur networking reception concludes the evening.  

A fast-paced, professionally produced awards presentation pays tribute to our 2008 winners. This year will mark the introduction of a new award, the Skookum Jim Award, which recognizes and honours Canadian aboriginal achievement in exploration and/or mining.

6:00 – 7:00 pm Reception  
7:00 – 8:30 pm Dinner  
Wine sponsored by CIBC World Markets  
8:30 – 9:30 pm Awards Presentations  
9:30 Coffee-and-Liqueur Networking Reception

**Tickets:** $85 each  
Corporate tables of 10 receive a $100 discount  
Dress: Business Attire, Black Tie Optional  
Fairmont Royal York, Canadian Room
Tuesday, March 4
CMP Mining Night

The tradition lives on … a fantastic dance band, cold draught beer, bar snacks and a great night of fun. Don’t miss this annual favourite.

9:00 pm – 1:00 am Fairmont Royal York, Canadian Room
Admission with convention badge

Guest Hospitality Breakfasts
Monday, March 3 – Wednesday, March 5
8:30 – 11:00 am Library Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Daily Continental Breakfast
Available to guests of registered convention delegates. The $50 guest registration fee includes three continental breakfasts and daily admission to the Trade Show & Investors Exchange.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Latin Fever! wrap party

This night is hot, hot, hot … the passion and heat of Latin culture comes to life with dazzling colours, sizzling music, sultry dance and sensational food. The hip-swaying rhythms of salsa, rumba, tango and flamenco ignite this indoor street party. Casino games are in the house – play to win cash prizes totalling $5,000. Join the party ... host bar reception, elaborate buffet dinner, wine, entertainment, dancing, casino, souvenir photos, prizes … the hottest ticket in Toronto. Always a sold-out event.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Reception
Sponsored by IBK Capital Corp.

7:00 pm – 12:30 am Dinner & Entertainment
Wine bars sponsored by SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Tickets: $95.00 (includes host bar reception, dinner with wine, entertainment, dancing, casino, souvenir photo and prize draws)
Corporate tables of 10 receive a $100 discount.

IMPORTANT!

• Tickets sell out quickly for luncheon and evening events.
  Buy your tickets in advance with your convention registration.
  Don’t be disappointed.
• All luncheons are held in the South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
• All evening events are held in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel
• Reservations for company tables (luncheons or dinners) are available when you purchase a full table of 10 tickets.
The Great Canadian Diamond Giveaway

A beautiful, high quality EKATI diamond, from Canada’s first diamond mine, will be awarded to one lucky PDAC delegate. Generously provided by BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc., this princess-cut diamond weighs in at 1.54 carats and has a retail value of C$16,000. To win this spectacular prize, complete the passport in your delegate bag and visit all 10 participating exhibitors in the Trade Show. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, March 5, and the prize awarded in the BHP Billiton Booth #802.

PDAC/CAMESE Exhibitors Innovation Forum

We are once again partnering with the Canadian Association of Mining Equipment and Services for Export (CAMESE) to promote information exchange between exhibitors and delegates. Presentations by select Trade Show exhibitors will allow attendees to learn about new product, service and exploration developments, as well as mining jurisdictions from around the globe. Visit pdac.ca from January for a complete schedule.

Meet face-to-face with exhibitors representing:

- Analytical laboratories
- Associations
- Aviation services
- Consulting geologists and engineers
- Drilling contract services and equipment suppliers
- Educational institutions
- Environmental equipment and service suppliers
- Geological surveys
- Geophysical instrumentation companies
- Geophysics companies
- Governments
- Insurance companies
- Law firms
- Loading and hauling equipment and parts suppliers
- Management consulting services
- Mapping services
- Media/trade journals
- Mineral processing services & suppliers
- Mining engineering and contracting companies
- Mining instrumentation suppliers
- Satellite communication companies
- Shelter, tent and camp suppliers
- Software companies
- Underground mining support equipment suppliers

PDAC 2008 will be our largest and most comprehensive convention to date, with over 950 exhibitors and more than 18,500 attendees expected. To help attendees and exhibitors make the most of their time at the show, we have partnered with Mining Communications UK to bring you Virtual PDAC. This interactive website will include a searchable interactive floorplan that allows attendees to research and plan their visit prior to the convention and then navigate the show more efficiently onsite. Basic exhibitor profiles include information such as type of company, commodity, region of operation and market capitalization. Exhibitors can choose to upgrade their profiles to include management bios, presentations, photos and videos. In addition to being a navigational tool, Virtual PDAC is also a networking tool that allows attendees and exhibitors to book appointments and connect by secure instant messaging. To explore Virtual PDAC, visit www.virtual-exhibition.com/VPDAC.
Level 800, South Building
Sunday – Tuesday 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 12 noon

Investors Forum
Sunday, March 2
Gain valuable insight from these mineral investment experts:

Ian McAvity, Deliberations on World Markets
John Kaiser, Kaiser Bottom-Fish Online
David Coffin, Hard Rock Analyst
John Doody, Gold Stock Analyst
Lawrence Roulston, Resource Opportunities
David Skarica, addictedtoprofits.net
Paul van Eeden, Paul van Eeden Inc.
Greg McCoach, The Mining Speculator Newsletter
Ian Gordon, The Long Wave Analyst
Adrian Day, Adrian Day Asset Management
Jay Taylor, J. Taylor’s Gold & Technology Stocks

Exchange Forum
Monday, March 3 – Wednesday, March 5
This very popular series of company presentations at the Investors Exchange features high quality, technically excellent papers. Expanded for 2008, over 100 selected companies will present up-to-the-minute information about their current activities and investment potential. A detailed schedule will be available at pdac.ca from mid-January.

Prospectors Tent
These booths are reserved exclusively for self-employed or independent prospectors to display their maps, samples and claim results. Contact the PDAC should you wish to participate.

According to a survey conducted by PDAC, Investors Exchange attendees held more than half of their total investments in mining and resources. In addition, 83% of respondents were likely to make new investments in mining and resources after attending the convention.
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