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APGO Education Foundation Appoints Eilidh Lewis and Pierre Vaillancourt to Board of Directors

July 17, 2025, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation (“APGOEF”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Eilidh Lewis, P.Geo. and Pierre Vaillancourt to the Board of Directors.

Eilidh Lewis, P.Geo. was born in Glasgow, Scotland and emigrated to Canada in 2006 to pursue an M.Sc. degree in Geology at Laurentian University. She previously earned her B.Sc. in Earth Science from University of Glasgow. Eilidh’s work experience includes Ontario Geological Survey as a senior assistant, KGHM International as production geologist, drill geologist and exploration geologist, Wallbridge Mining Company as a production geologist and a brief teaching position at Cambrian College in Sudbury. She joined Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) as Assistant Registrar in 2019 and was appointed Registrar in 2023.

Pierre Vaillancourt is a Senior Analyst at Haywood Securities with over 20 years experience as a geologist in research, exploration and project development, and as a financial analyst with expertise in project evaluation, financial modeling and company analysis. He has a strong ability to source and evaluate investment opportunities in the mining sector, leveraging hands-on perspective from project-related experience and hundreds of site visits, along with financial skills and an extensive network of contacts in the mining and investment industries. He is respected as a trusted advisor who combines deep analytical skills with a collaborative approach to creatively solve problems and produce results through decisive planning and execution.

The Foundation also announces the retirement of Kristin Hanson, P.Geo., Dr. Neil Westoll, P.Geo. and Andrea Waldie, P.Geo. from the Board of Directors. Both Ms. Hanson and Dr. Westoll are founding directors while Ms. Waldie has been involved since 2008 when the concept of founding a charitable education foundation was first advanced by Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo.. Ms. Waldie subsequently served as APGOEF Business Manager from 2015 to 2021 after which she joined the Board of Directors.

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Chair of the Foundation, commented: “I want to give a special thanks to Kristin, Neil and Andrea for their tremendous contributions to the impressive development and growth of APGOEF over the past decade. We wish them well in their future endeavours. We are delighted to welcome Eilidh and Pierre to our Board. Both bring a strong passion for educating the public about geoscience and will be important contributors to our success going forward.

About the APGO Education Foundation

The APGO Education Foundation is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience – see <https://apgoef.ca>. [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://apgoef.ca), developed by the Foundation, is an innovative one-stop spot for the public to gather information about the earth beneath their feet. This website provides interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is the highlighting of virtual field trips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area in person or while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™.



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