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Canadian Securities Regulators Request New Members for Mining Technical **Advisory and Monitoring Committee**

Toronto - The Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) is inviting new applications for membership on its Mining Technical Advisory and Monitoring Committee (MTAMC) as it expands the committee from 10 members to 15.

The MTAMC advises the CSA on a variety of mining related regulatory issues and serves as a forum for communication between the CSA and the mining industry. It is composed of volunteers from across Canada drawn from different sectors of the mining industry, from early stage exploration to production. In view of increased industry activity, the CSA feels expanding the committee would more accurately represent all sectors of the mining industry. The MTAMC meets approximately four times a year, mostly by teleconference. Members will serve two-year terms.

Members are expected to have extensive technical expertise and a strong interest in securities regulatory policy as it relates to the mining industry. As such, familiarity with the CSA legislation and policies would be very useful. Individual practitioners and representatives of small and large public mining companies, mining analysts and other interested persons are invited to apply for membership by April 12, 2007, in writing indicating their areas of practice and relevant experience.

Applications and any queries regarding this committee may be forwarded to:

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