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QUÉBEC EXPLORATION 2005 ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Québec, May 30, 2005 – “On target!” is the theme selected for the third edition of Québec Exploration, which will be held in Québec from November 21 to 24, 2005. Jointly organized by the *Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune* and the Québec Mineral Exploration Association, the event, which is the largest in terms of mineral exploration in eastern Canada, will bring together roughly 1,200 exploration industry and scientific and financial stakeholders.

“Québec is presently one of the most explored territories in the world and current forecasts indicate that 2005 will be an outstanding year for mineral exploration. In that context, Québec Exploration 2005 will promote synergy, vitality and ongoing productive discussions between mineral exploration stakeholders,” stated Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife, Mr. Pierre Corbeil.

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Québec Exploration 2005 will be held under the honorary chairmanship of Sean Boyd, President and Chief Executive Officer of Agnico-Eagle. “I am very honored and pleased to accept the invitation extended to me from the Quebec Mineral Exploration Association and the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife. It is my pleasure to serve as Honorary Chairman of this great event in Quebec” said he. “We are honoured that Mr. Boyd accepted our invitation. In keeping with the convention's theme, Agnico-Eagle's success is a very eloquent example of a team that has been “on target” in exploring Québec,” stated the President of the Québec Mineral Exploration Association, Mr. Gérald Riverin.

A top-notch program!

Québec Exploration 2005 will be offering participants no less than forty technical sessions and as many promotional presentations dealing with new discoveries and exploration technologies and with the finance, business and investment sector. Exploration for uranium, volcanogenic massive sulphides and architectural stone will also be discussed.

The event will also feature a major trade show, involving the most active mining industry stakeholders in Québec and Canada, and include presentations on the most promising projects in progress!

A day spotlighting hydrocarbon exploration in Québec has also been set up. It will allow people and groups involved in the oil and gas industry in Québec to get an update on this flourishing sector.

To find out more about the program for Québec Exploration 2005, please visit the event's Website (www.QuebecExploration.qc.ca/english/).

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