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Giustra initiative will affect countless lives

It made headlines across the country in June when Vancouver philanthropist and investment banker Frank Giustra and former U.S. president Bill Clinton announced a major new philanthropic venture, The Clinton-Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative (CGSGI).

Giustra announced that he was donating US\$100 million to partner with Clinton in supporting development projects. The initiative also received an initial US\$100-million commitment from Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim Helú.

CGSGI will work in Latin America and other parts of the developing world, identifying opportunities to help local leaders address social, economic, and environmental issues in a cost-effective and



PDAC president Patricia Dillon, watched by Frank Giustra, chats with former U.S. president Bill Clinton at the announcement of the Clinton-Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative.

sustainable way. In announcing the initiative, Giustra said, "I firmly believe that this innovative partnership between the Clinton Foundation and the business community – and the mining industry in particular – will have a profound and

positive effect on the lives of countless people in the developing world during the months and years ahead."

Giustra left investment banking in 1996 to start the Lions Gate film company. He left after four years and is now chair of a merchant banking firm, Endeavour Financial, which finances mining companies. His relationship with Clinton dates back to fundraising efforts for tsunami relief in 2004, and he is now a member of the board of trustees of the Clinton Foundation.

As well as seeding the Clinton-Giustra initiative with a large donation, Giustra has pledged to give half of all his future income from the natural resources sector to the initiative, and has challenged the mining sector to add its support.

More than 20 mining and finance companies have responded so far, including Teck Cominco, Consolidated AGX Resources Corp., Gold Fields Ltd. and Newmont Mining Corp.

In addition, the Vancouver-based Lundin Group of Companies has pledged \$100

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PDAC urges adoption of all-round investment strategy

The PDAC is urging the federal, provincial and territorial mines ministers to adopt an all-round strategy to improve Canada's exploration investment climate. The strategy requires an investment in geoscience, a tax policy favouring mineral exploration, reform of regulations and more efficient permitting, and promotion of Canada in the world of mining.

The strategy is outlined in a brief presented in mid-September by the PDAC at the Mines Ministers Conference in Whistler, B.C. The brief was developed in collaboration with the Canadian Mineral Industry Federation, which comprises Canada's national, provincial and territorial mineral associations.

The PDAC describes the four parts of the strategy as "major underpinnings of the investment climate for the mineral industry in Canada."

While Canada is in a prime position to supply much of the world's demand for commodities, it is currently limited by several factors. Mineral reserves are being depleted faster than new discoveries are being made and there is intense global competition for

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exploration investment. These drawbacks are intensified by the cyclical nature of the mining industry.

In order to overcome these challenges, says the PDAC brief, Canada must both establish and continue policies that will ensure high levels of investment in grassroots exploration for an extended period and maximize the potential for discovering new mines in Canada. These policies must enable Canada to replenish its reserves, maintain its competitiveness in mineral exploration and retain its foremost position in global exploration and mining expertise.

The PDAC makes several recommendations that establish a balance between incentives to enable the industry to be competitive and removal of the barriers impeding investment and growth.

Examining investment in geoscience, the PDAC refers to the Cooperative Geological Mapping Strategies (CGMS), a program agreed to unanimously by the mines ministers seven years ago but never implemented. The program requires a 10-year commitment of \$25 million annually by the federal government, triggering matching contributions from provincial and territorial governments.

The PDAC brief describes implementation as “more pressing than ever,” with inventories in decline and new mineral discoveries needed to replenish them. Investment in mineral exploration depends on ready access to current, high-quality geoscience information such as CGMS would provide, the brief adds.

As it has since 2000, the PDAC is once again urging the federal, provincial and territorial governments to make a long-term commitment to investment in geoscience mapping through support for CGMS.

The expiry of the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (METC), or super flow-through program, next March is another cause for concern. The credit provides those who invest in companies exploring in Canada with a 15 per cent tax credit on the flow-through shares they purchase. To the PDAC, METC is fundamental to any strategy that aims to increase exploration activity in Canada.

Its recommendation to the government is that METC become an established program, in a series of rolling three-year phases that include annual reviews of the program's benefits.

Editor's note: At its September 11 meeting, the board of directors agreed that the PDAC would now advocate for the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit to be made permanent.

The PDAC has long been advocating for including the costs of community consultations, baseline environmental studies and feasibility studies in Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE). Its recommendation to the mines ministers asks that the federal government clarify that CEE includes such costs. Treating these expenses as CEE will enhance the competitiveness of Canada's tax regime, the brief says, and assist companies in their efforts to work with aboriginal communities.

The PDAC is also asking the federal, provincial and territorial governments to work with the mining sector to continue to improve the regulatory environment in which the Canadian exploration and development sector operates.

The PDAC believes that an efficient regulatory regime and permitting process is a fundamental component of Canada's competitiveness. In order to promote economic development through mineral resources, governments must have a regulatory and planning regime that maximizes the landbase available for mineral exploration and development and that provides security and certainty of title, the brief says.

It adds that the federal, provincial and territorial governments should work with the mineral industry to resolve issues regarding exploration permitting and consultation requirements, particularly on aboriginal traditional lands and in the North, and project review and environmental assessment. Governments also need to improve clarity by removing regulatory duplication among themselves.

The PDAC's final recommendation to the mines ministers is to improve the investment climate by branding Canada in the world of mining. The association asks that the federal, provincial and territorial governments work with the mineral sector to promote Canada as one of the most attractive places to explore, mine and process minerals, and as a centre of excellence in geoscience education, training, financing, exploration, services, supplies, sustainable development and mining.

“National joint action is the best means for us to build the image of our mining industry,” the brief says. “For the Canadian mining industry to have the highest potential impact internationally, we must marshal companies, associations, local and regional economic development groups, and provincial, territorial and federal governments to work together in a common effort.”

Such unanimity of purpose would signal to the global mineral sector that Canada is a great place to invest in exploration and mining, the brief says. It would lead the sector to accept that Canadian outbound investment in mining is beneficial and to use preferentially Canadian mining products and services. It would also encourage those in the mineral sector worldwide to come to Canada for education or work, at a time when the industry is facing a human resources crisis.

GEOSCIENCE PETITION FOR MOBILITY

The PDAC is asking professional geoscientists to sign a petition urging full mobility that is directed toward Canada's ministers responsible for labour mobility.

The petition is posted on the PDAC website at www.pdac.ca. Go to What's New and click on the link under July 18, 2007, or go directly to our geoscience page.

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PDAC supports clean-up of Quebec exploration sites

The PDAC is supporting the clean-up of abandoned mineral exploration sites in the Nunavik region of northern Quebec. The association has pledged a grant of \$5,000 a year for five years to the Fond Restor-Action Nunavik, a foundation that has been established to clean up at least 25 sites.

The sites were abandoned from the 1950s to 1970s and pose a risk to the environment. Debris includes buildings, motors, tanks and heavy equipment.

The total cost of the clean-up is estimated at \$6 million. The Quebec government has committed \$4.1 million, and contributions from the mineral industry now exceed \$1.5 million.

The process of restoring the sites to their original state will include removing hazardous materials and on-site burning of combustible and non-toxic debris.

PDAC director André Gaumond, president of Virginia Mines, led in the creation of Fonds Restor-Action Nunavik to demonstrate that today's exploration companies are taking their social and environmental responsibilities seriously. More than 20 companies and organizations are involved, including the Mining Association of Québec and the Association de l'exploration minière du Québec. The program also involves local aboriginal communities.



Drill core samples spilling out of boxes are often found at abandoned exploration sites

Photo credit: Carolyn Purden

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million for charitable projects in Africa. In an interview with the *Globe and Mail*, group spokesman Paul Conibear said Giustra is "really leading the charge here and he's pushing other successful people in the industry...to ante up."

The PDAC is endorsing the initiative. In a statement, president Patricia Dillon said, "Canada's mining industry is a world leader and the incredible work being proposed by President Clinton and Frank Giustra to alleviate poverty and build strong local economies deserves our collective support." She added, "We look forward to sharing the details with our member organizations and finding practical ways in which we can help now, and in the months and years to come."

She said Canadian companies, which are working on some 8,500 projects around the world, are expected to set an example for other domestic and international players. This includes respecting indigenous rights and cultures, protecting and improving key infrastructure and benefiting the community.

"It's a responsibility that we encourage and welcome," she said.

Studies examine securities and mapping issues

The PDAC currently has two studies underway: one on securities, the other on geoscience mapping.

The PDAC has been advocating for a national securities regulator for many years. It has also been supported by the majority of Canadians in several polls. Now, federal Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty has made creation of a single regulator a priority and is looking for third-party support.

The PDAC securities committee has commissioned Angus Reid Strategies to poll the association's members. The survey will go beyond merely asking respondents if they favour a single regulator and will canvass them on related issues that are important to them, such as harmonization of securities laws across Canada.

The PDAC is also launching a geoscience research project to document the value of geoscience mapping.

The project will focus on the government's role in the collection of geoscience data and its dissemination through the publication of geological maps and reports that are subsequently used as the basis for exploration activity.

The project's primary objective is to highlight linkages between government geoscience activities and private sector investment in exploration and mine development in Canadian jurisdictions. The study will also document the role government geological surveys play in the employment and training of university students through summer mapping programs.

Geological surveys in Canada provide the geological database for mineral exploration, explains Richard Moore, chair of the PDAC geoscience committee.

"It gives Canada a real strategic advantage over other countries where this information isn't available," he says. "However, recently governments have been cutting back on producing more of this information."

Mining Matters seeks donations of shares

PDAC Mining Matters, a registered charity, is seeking donations of publicly listed securities, including flow-through shares, as charitable donations.

A donation of securities can offer significant tax benefits to the donor. Due to the recent elimination of capital gains tax on stocks, bonds and mutual funds donated to charity, a contribution to PDAC Mining Matters will return a tax receipt equal to the fair market value of the gift. Accrued capital gains will not be taxed, allowing the entire amount of a donor's tax credit to be used against other sources of income. "In effect, the tax benefit arising from your gift is the same as if your donated securities were cash," says project coordinator Laura Clinton.

Flow-through shares are a particularly attractive vehicle for donation, since the net purchasing cost is considerably lessened by the original tax write-off and deductions resulting from a donor's charitable receipt.

PDAC responds to CSR report

The PDAC is recommending that its members support the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Advisory Group Report that has been published in the wake of the CSR Roundtables held across the country last year. The report recommends an independent ombudsman, development of a Canadian CSR Framework and establishment of a new advisory group to work on the framework. The full report is available at www.pdac.ca.

For several years, the PDAC has been endorsing CSR and environmental stewardship through initiatives such as e3 Environmental Excellence in Exploration and the CSR Framework for Exploration, currently under development. The association's priorities are to clarify the expectations surrounding the rapidly evolving concept of CSR, provide guidelines and tools to help companies continually improve performance, and improve the governance environment of countries in which Canadian companies work.

In its response to the federal government, the PDAC says the report's objectives are generally in line with its own regarding CSR and the priorities that need to be addressed. However, it notes that many of the Advisory Group Report's recommendations are conceptual and much will depend on their development and application.

A significant weakness in the CSR Roundtable process, says the PDAC, was the lack of a systematic fact base to provide information about the scope of the

challenges and to assess current industry performance. Uninformed perspectives resulted, leading the PDAC's membership to conclude the Advisory Group Report was biased against industry and did not acknowledge progress that has been made in CSR practices.

"We strongly recommend that the continuing process contemplated in the Advisory Group Report be firmly rooted on facts, data and expert advice," the PDAC's response to government says.

The Advisory Group Report has two overarching themes: improvement of CSR performance of extractive companies working in developing countries and improving the governance environment of those countries in which extractive companies work. The PDAC regards both as equally important if progress is to be achieved.

The association is pleased that the Advisory Group report identifies and supports voluntary approaches to implementing CSR. "This certainly makes sense given the variability and complexity of conditions that individual companies find themselves dealing with at the sites of their operations," the PDAC response says. It adds that the majority of extractive companies are working hard to implement responsible practices but need tools to build capacity and expertise, and good practice guidelines against which to benchmark. Legal instruments should be left to those cases where people are intent on breaking the law, the association says.

The PDAC urges that a balance be kept between maintaining Canadian investment competitiveness and Canada taking a CSR leadership role. One of the risks of leadership is that resources might be developed by non-Canadian companies with low CSR standards and poor accountability. This must be kept top-of-mind during the design and implementation of a Canadian CSR Framework, the response says.

The PDAC notes that while the industry has a history of constructive relationships with research and development non-governmental (NGO) organizations, there has been a rise in the activities of anti-mining advocacy groups. The association therefore welcomes the report's recommendation advocating the implementation of measures to ensure civil society transparency, accountability and responsible public communications.

In addition, the PDAC response says, "We recommend that federal government departments, including CIDA, conduct appropriate due diligence to ensure that funds directed at supporting NGO activities are used for responsible, constructive activities and do not find their way into the hands of advocacy NGOs who are instrumental in fomenting conflict and disseminating inaccurate information about Canadian exploration and mining operations."

The PDAC supports the report's recommendation to establish an independent ombudsman mandated to provide advisory, fact-finding and reporting functions. The association cautions that the position must have adequate funding and human resources.

The PDAC's support for the establishment of an ombudsman is contingent on the office being mandated to receive complaints from all parties, including companies, civil society, and communities.

The PDAC supports the report's recommendation that a multi-stakeholder Canadian Extractive Sector Advisory Group be formed to advise the government on the development and implementation of a Canadian CSR Framework. It recommends that developmental NGOs be invited to participate.

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e3 photo contest announces winner



Overall winner of the 2007 e3 Environmental Excellence in Exploration photo contest is Robert Sarcher, director of Mindoro Resources. His entry shows the minimal environmental impact of drilling an epithermal gold prospect on Mindoro's Kay Tanda project in the Philippines.

PDAC launches professional liability insurance plan

PDAC members often have problems obtaining reasonably-priced professional commercial insurance. The reasons are two-fold.

Insurance companies do not understand the mineral exploration and mining business and its associated risks. And exploration industry members cannot provide the volume of business an insurance company needs to keep premiums low. As a result, PDAC members are paying more for professional insurance than they should.

The association, recognizing the need for an industry-designed insurance package, has launched a new commercial insurance program for its members. It includes comprehensive affordable professional liability insurance (errors and omissions liability) as well as commercial general liability, property, transit, kidnap ransom, crime and directors' and officers' insurance. Non-owned aircraft and special event travel accident insurance are also available.

There are two insurance packages.

The Consultants Package is for individuals and firms in the independent geological consulting business. The Explorers and Operators Package is for larger public and private corporations, explorers and operators. Each package can be customized to specific professional needs.

The insurance plan, which does not cover private insurance requirements such as health and automobile insurance, is available through Partners Indemnity Insurance Brokers Ltd. and JLT Northern Underwriting Services. Full information is available at www.pdac.ca.

The need for professional liability insurance has increased in recent years, as Canadians increasingly turn to the courts for the redress of wrongs. It protects professionals and companies by shielding their assets and paying their defence costs if a client makes a claim alleging faulty performance. It also protects clients and third parties by ensuring that there are adequate funds to pay damages if professional services are shown to be faulty.

NOMINATIONS TO PDAC BOARD

The PDAC is inviting nominations for motivated men and women to serve on its Board of Directors. Directors serve a three-year term and will be elected at the PDAC's annual meeting in March 2008.

The Board of Directors is responsible for advancing the industry's interests, particularly with governments. It approves the association's position and policy on all major issues affecting the industry, and is responsible for overall stewardship of the association's affairs.

Directors also have an unparalleled opportunity to work with dedicated men and women from across the country who have a broad range of expertise on many of the issues confronting industry today. For more information, contact executive director Tony Andrews at 416 362 1969 ext. 222 or aandrews@pdac.ca.

In Brief

Author writing sequel to popular mining book

An Ontario author is writing a sequel to *Free Gold*, a well-known book about mining by Arnold Hoffman.

Hoffman's book covered the story of Canadian mining to 1946; now Michael Barnes, who has written 11 other industry-related books, has taken the story from 1946 to the present.

More than Free Gold: Mineral exploration in Canada since WWII is published under the auspices of the PDAC, with proceeds going to PDAC Mining Matters.

New chairs named

The PDAC Board of Directors has appointed two new committee chairs. Joe Hinzer, president of Watts, Griffis and McOuat, will assume leadership of the convention planning committee in May 2008. Joe Hamilton, chief operating officer of African Copper PLC and a former chair of the convention committee, will head the financial and taxation committee.

Mining Hall of Fame celebrates milestone

In 2008, the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame celebrates its 20th anniversary. The annual induction ceremony takes place on Jan. 17 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. To date, 131 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, including legendary figures such as Sir Harry Oakes, Sir William Logan and Viola MacMillan.

Fontaine to address industry



Phil Fontaine, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, gives a keynote address to the mining industry in Toronto on Oct. 12. The topic of his speech is *Progress through partnerships: Exploring economic opportunities between First Nations and the mineral industry*. The event is organized by the PDAC. Please see the PDAC website for details regarding tickets.

PDAC staff honoured

Executive director Tony Andrews and director, sustainability Philip Bousquet recently received the Merit Award from Natural Resources Canada for their work on the Mining Information Kit for Aboriginal Communities.

In Manitoba, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists has presented its Leadership Award to PDAC director of regulatory affairs MaryAnn Mihychuk.

Open Session Call for Papers:

PDAC invites policy and technical papers for presentation during the Open Session at the 2008 Convention.

All interested individuals are welcome to apply. The types of papers chosen for presentation vary from year to year. Please note, presentations of a company promotional nature are not appropriate for this Forum.

While all papers are welcome, those on the following topics are of particular interest:

- Properties of merit (their recent exploration and development history)
- Geochemical practices in the areas of active exploration
- New concepts and technical developments (particularly their application to deposit discovery and definition)
- Socio-economic issues
- Case studies
- Legal and regulatory issues
- Sustainability/environmental issues
- Land access

Submit your 200 word abstract at www.pdac.ca

Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2007. Space is limited. Selected applicants will be notified of acceptance in January 2008.

New facilities allow growth in international presence

The PDAC International Convention will move to a new site in 2008.

The growth in attendance in recent years has strained the resources of the convention's usual location, in the north building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Therefore, the PDAC Board of Directors has decided to move the event to the centre's south building.

The new location adjoins the north building, and is a five-minute indoor walk away from its main entrance. Those travelling via the subway to the convention will find no difference in travel time.

The south building offers a registration area on the first floor, a range of session rooms on the second floor and 250,000 square feet of exhibit area on the lower floor.

The expanded facilities in 2008 are allowing some international delegations to increase their presence at the convention, and enabling others to be at the convention for the first time.

Among the newcomers is Chile, which will have a large pavilion in the Trade Show. It is expected that the Chilean minister in charge of mines will attend the convention.

There will also be increased participation from India.

The country had a presentation room at this year's convention and is planning to upgrade its presence with booths in the 2008 Trade Show.

Mexico will also increase its profile. It is signing up for additional booths at the Trade Show and will also send a delegation of senior mining officials.

Colombia will once again have a presentation room. The room was one of the most popular sites at the 2007 convention, with crowds overflowing into the hallway.

Angola is increasing the number of its Trade Show booths to six, and will also have a significant delegation at the convention. Australia has booked 14 booths for its pavilion.

The convention program is quickly taking shape. The popular events that delegates have come to expect will be on the agenda: the Sunday commodities and

market outlook session, eight short courses and the final day session on new discoveries.

The subjects of the convention's technical sessions include diamonds, the Proterozoic, geophysics and finance. The regions in the exploration spotlight will be India and Pakistan and Central Asia.

Following the success of last year's expanded aboriginal issues session, the convention will again devote part of a day to discussion of aboriginal participation in the mining industry. Examples will be drawn from northern Canada and Latin America.

The opening keynote session will have as its theme "Adapting to growth – opportunities and challenges in the mineral industry." The session will examine the possible causes, opportunities and challenges posed by what appears to be the early stages of a commodities super-cycle.

The session will provide an overview of the industry in the context of the global economy, industry constituents, commodity price projections, human resources and corporate social responsibility.

Further details about the convention will appear in the next issue of *In Brief*.

Global forum precedes convention

For a fifth time, the PDAC International Convention takes place in conjunction with the World Mines Ministries Forum (WMMF), to be held in Toronto in early March.

Established in 1999 and meeting in 2000, then biannually, WMMF brings together government and industry representatives, environmental organizations and aboriginal peoples to discuss common concerns around mining and exploration.

The gathering allows participants to engage in high-level dialogue, share best practices and capacity-build.

For details about the 2008 meeting, visit www.wmmf.org.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Chief helps industry, First Nations communicate

When Glenn Nolan, chief of the Missanabie Cree First Nation, agreed to join the PDAC aboriginal affairs committee in 2004, he thought he could assist both First Nation communities and the PDAC better understand each other's point of view.

Nolan, who has been a director of the PDAC since 2005, says his role with aboriginal communities is not to be an advocate for mining but to be an advocate for informing First Nation people.

"One of the biggest concerns we have in our communities is lack of opportunities, either because we're not skilled or we don't understand what mining can offer," he says. "We need to get more information out to the communities and I felt that was the PDAC's goal."

At the same time, Nolan felt the PDAC faced a significant challenge in understanding First Nation issues and he thought he could help. For example, he explains, First Nations and industry approach the land from different points of view. There is a perception that industry's goal is to make money from the land, while the priority of First Nations is to protect it.

In his role with the PDAC, Nolan has suggested ways in which industry deal with First Nations.

"Don't talk to them about all the benefits without bringing forward some of the more negative things that can happen," he says. "And you need to talk about what you're going to do to mitigate those things, and talk about it in real terms as opposed to using technical jargon that only the experts can understand."

Born and raised in northern Ontario, Nolan went to high school in Atikokan before attending the College of Applied Arts and Technology in Sault Ste. Marie. There he studied geological technology.

After graduation in 1978, Nolan worked



Glenn Nolan, chief of the Missanabie Cree First Nation and PDAC director

in geophysics, first in Saskatchewan and then with Cominco in Vancouver, before starting his own business. In 1989 he returned to Atikokan and started doing community development work with First Nations organizations and environmental groups. Working from home, he focused on proposal writing and fundraising.

He says there were two reasons for leaving his geophysics consultancy, which had taken him across western Canada and into the North. He and his wife, teacher Maureen Hatherley, had two young children and Nolan did not want to be away from his family. And, he adds, both First Nation and environmental causes were close to his heart.

Today, most of Nolan's work is focused on First Nations, either in helping their development work or in his work as chief. He was first elected to lead the Missanabie Cree First Nation in 2001 and has just been re-elected to his third three-year term.

Nolan says the PDAC's approach to First Nations communities has changed during the past three years. Industry is showing an appreciation of First Nation issues and the association has developed a number of processes to inform First Nations communities, such as the Mining Information Kit for Aboriginal Communities (in which Nolan's own company is featured) and taking PDAC Mining Matters

workshops into northern schools. The association is also advocating with government on issues such as the resolution of land claims, resource revenue-sharing with communities and training for First Nations people.

A recent initiative, which took place with Nolan's help, involved the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). In July, Nolan and the chair of the aboriginal affairs committee, Don Bubar, met with AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine, the regional chiefs and their staffs to create a greater awareness of the industry. The next day, Bubar addressed the general assembly.

Nolan says the regional chiefs have a strong interest in the mining sector and by obtaining information first-hand from the PDAC, they will be able to give some reassurance to local chiefs who have dealings with industry.

"I think we've made really big strides in getting these things done," Nolan says, adding that the challenge will be to continue the momentum of that work.

Nolan says that governments need to develop a better consultative process to ensure the participation of First Nations as they deal with issues such as land. They also need to put in place a regime of revenue-sharing that would treat communities as full participants as opposed to a labour force.

Nolan says First Nations also need to engage adequately with the industry. "That's what I hope I've been able to do over the last few years by working with them and informing them about the opportunities they have," he says.

For the next year, Nolan will be able to take his message to industry representatives across the country. He has just been named a Distinguished Speaker by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum and until next April, will be on the lecture circuit.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Ralph Cheesman advocated for the industry

Ralph Cheesman, an outstanding figure in the mining industry and winner of the PDAC's Distinguished Service Award in 2000, died in June at age 83. He was the PDAC's regional representative for Saskatchewan for many years.

A graduate of the University of London, Cheesman worked as a geologist with Saskatchewan's Department of Mineral Resources until 1969.

In 1972, he joined the Saskatchewan Mining Association as manager-consultant. During that period, he served on many committees, and was also responsible for programs to raise public awareness of the benefits of mineral development.

Cheesman spent more than 30 years as a consulting geologist in private practice. In 1997, he was appointed adjunct professor at the University of Regina and was still teaching at the time of his death.

Cheesman is survived by his wife Tweelee.

Dit Holt: a stalwart of the industry

During his 77 years, prospector Meredyth (Dit) Holt made many contributions as a volunteer to the mining industry. He was a longtime member of the PDAC, serving as a director for 16 years and as its president in 1979 and 1980. He also helped establish the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in Elliot Lake, Ont. and served as an ex-officio committee member of the Uranium Museum in that town. In 1988, he received the PDAC Distinguished Service Award.

Holt died in Barrie, Ont. on July 31 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Meredyth Holt grew up in Kirkland Lake, Ont. and after joining American Barrick (now Barrick Gold) was instrumental in the development of the Holt-McDermott gold mine near the town.

Poor health forced Holt to take early retirement, but he continued to be involved with the mining industry. Holt is survived by his wife Marilyn, his children and grandchildren.

Industry teed off for Mining Matters

This summer, PDAC Mining Matters raised \$40,000 through its first-ever golf tournament.

The Diamond in the Rough Golf Classic, held at the Glenway Country Club in Newmarket, Ont., attracted 36 foursomes of mineral exploration industry representatives and industry suppliers.

The money raised will go to Mining Matters earth science programs to broaden student awareness of the Canadian mining industry.

Guiding led to films

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As well as being a PDAC volunteer and a First Nation chief, Nolan is an award-winning documentary film-maker whose work has been shown in England, the United States and across Canada. In the early 1990s, he started a wilderness travel company, guiding people from all over the world through northern Ontario. That led him to start making documentary films about the wilderness and canoeing.

Nolan and Maureen canoe every year. They have traveled all over Canada, their trips lasting from two weeks to as long as three months, if work permits. "It's our passion," Nolan says.

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