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Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., FGC has over 50 years of experience in the national and international mining industry and has carried out exploration and development programs in 17 countries around the world. He is formerly Vice President, Exploration for Desert Sun Mining Corp. (prior to April 2006 takeover by Yamana Gold Inc.), Executive Vice President, Exploration for Central Sun (prior to April 2009 takeover by B2Gold Inc.) and President & CEO of Coastal Gold Corp., (prior to a July 2015 takeover by First Mining). Currently, he is Executive Vice President, Exploration for Eoro Resources exploring a major silver-tin discovery in southern Bolivia. Dr. Pearson is the recipient of the 2015 PDAC Distinguished Service Award for his service to Canada's Mineral and Exploration Industry and is a member of CIM's Fifty Year Club.

Dr. Pearson convened the first meeting of the Committee for the Professional Registration of Geoscientists of Ontario (CPRGO) in March 1989, which he chaired for seven years. He was President of the Association of Geoscientists of Ontario (AGO) from 1996 to 2000 and was the founding President of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) from 2000 to 2003 (now Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO)). In addition to his work for the geoscience profession in Ontario, Dr. Pearson was instrumental in the formation of the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists (CCPG now Geoscientists Canada), where he served on the Task Force that founded CCPG and later served on the Board as the Ontario representative. He is founder and Chair of the APGO Education Foundation which is a charitable foundation focussed on educating the public about geoscience. He is a member of the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame for his work building the sport of masters throwing in Ontario and Canada.