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Governing Board to meet at Oregon State Library in Salem March 6, 2009

Portland, Oregon: The Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will meet at 8:30 AM, March 6, 2009 at the Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St. NE in Salem. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda Items include an update on recruitment for an open Board position, the 2007-2009 Ending Balance Report and General Fund Disappropriation, an Environmental Justice Report submitted to the Legislature, review of the 2009-2015 Agency Strategic Plan, and regulatory issues affecting the Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program.

Following adjournment and lunch, Governing Board members will tour the new geology exhibit at the State Capitol entitled “Oregon: 150 Years of Statehood, 150 Million Years in the Making.”

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS: 
Don Haagensen, Portland, Chairperson
Steve Macnab, Bend, Vice Chairperson
R. Charles Vars, Corvallis
Larry Givens, Milton-Freewater

The five-member Governing Board, citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, oversees the Agency. The Board sets policy and oversees general operations. The Board meets quarterly at sites around the state to encourage participation from the public, local government, industry and other geologists.

The mission of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.

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