



**Geovic Mining Corp**

## **GEOVIC ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA A. FILAS AS SENIOR V.P., CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT**

February 17, 2009 – Denver, CO - Geovic Mining Corp. (“Geovic” or “the Company”, TSX: GMC, OTC:BB:GVCN), is pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara A. (“Barb”) Filas, P.E., C.E.M., as Senior Vice President, Corporate Development.

Ms. Filas brings to Geovic more than 25 years of experience as a mining engineer on more than 30 major projects on six continents, with expertise in a variety of fields including operations, engineering, social and environmental impact assessment, and regulatory support. Such projects involve a diversified portfolio of commodities including uranium, coal, precious metals, and base metals, yielding a broad knowledge of global mining and resource markets.

Moreover, in her most recent role as President of the U.S. business of the global engineering firm Knight Piésold, Ms. Filas served as Project Principal in charge of preparing the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Action Plan for Geovic’s flagship Nkamouna cobalt project in Cameroon, Africa. Thus, she has been deeply entrenched with Geovic’s activities for some time.

In addition to aiding the progress of the Cameroonian operations, Ms. Filas will be involved with new ventures undertaken by the Company and Geovic Energy, Geovic Mining’s wholly-owned subsidiary exploring other mining and resource projects worldwide. Some of these projects are discussed on Geovic Energy’s proprietary website, [www.geovicenergy.com](http://www.geovicenergy.com).

John E. (“Jack”) Sherborne, CEO of Geovic Mining, comments “We are thrilled to add Barb to our senior management team. Her wealth of experience in many facets of global mining and engineering should greatly augment our operations in Cameroon, as well as other projects currently under consideration by Geovic.”

### **Geovic Background**

Geovic is a U.S.-based corporation whose principal asset is a significant cobalt-nickel-manganese deposit in the Republic of Cameroon. Additionally, the company controls a diverse portfolio of energy, precious metals, base metals, and uranium projects in the United States, operated through its wholly-owned subsidiary Geovic Energy ([www.geovicenergy.com](http://www.geovicenergy.com)).

Additional Company and project information may be found on the websites [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). For more information, please go to [www.geovic.net](http://www.geovic.net) or contact:

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On behalf of the Board  
John E. Sherborne, CEO and Director

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