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GEOIDE Network announces new Chair of the Board

July 24, 2008, Québec City – GEOIDE is proud to announce that Mr. Kevin O’Neill, Director of Business Development for MDA Geospatial Services in Vancouver, BC, has been elected Chair of its board of directors. He replaces Dr. Phil Lapp, who served for the past 10 years.

Mr. Kevin O’Neill has served on GEOIDE’s board since 2006 and on the Research Management Committee from 2001-2006. Mr. O’Neill has been with MDA for over 20 years in a variety of roles including systems engineering, management and business development. He has led multi-disciplinary teams to implement complex information systems and managed business development activities for these systems and large geomatics services contracts. His activities have primarily focussed on North America and Europe.

“I am delighted to accept the position of Chair of GEOIDE’s Board,” said Mr. O’Neill. “GEOIDE has played a pivotal role in shaping the geomatics sector in Canada and abroad. I hope to continue the growth in geomatics research to provide career opportunities for Canadians and maintain Canada’s leadership position in the sector.”

“Kevin O’Neill’s experience in the industry and with the Network gives him a clear sense of how geomatics brings value to the economy,” said Nicholas Chrisman, GEOIDE’s Scientific Director. “We are confident that he will provide strong leadership for the Board and for the geomatics research community in Canada.”

GEOIDE’s mission is to consolidate and strengthen the domestic geomatics industry while making optimum use of Canada’s research and development resources, and to create a sustainable networking structure that integrates all sectors of the Canadian geomatics community.

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