



# News Release

## **MINEFINDERS CAPS OFF BREAKOUT YEAR FOR WELLPOINT IN MINING INDUSTRY**

CALGARY, Alberta, January 9, 2006 - WellPoint Systems Inc. ("WellPoint") (TSX -V:WPS), the premier supplier of innovative software solutions to the energy sector, has announced a major contract with Minefinders Corporation Ltd. ("Minefinders") (TSX:MFL). Under the terms of the agreement, WellPoint will implement a comprehensive financial and enterprise asset management solution. The agreement was signed just before the holiday season began and helped to put an exclamation point on the tremendous success that WellPoint experienced in the mining industry throughout 2005.

As they were able to do on many occasions over the course of the past year, the WellPoint team was able to prove to Minefinders that not only is the Dynamics AX (formerly Microsoft Axapta) technology an outstanding platform for integration but also that it is the exclusive foundation for a number of robust add-on modules that are optimized for the mining industry. These advantages, coupled with the fact that the WellPoint proposal was a very cost-effective alternative relative to other mining-oriented solutions, convinced the management team at Minefinders that Dynamics AX was the right solution for their business.

"Minefinders represents yet another highly successful, growth-oriented company that sees the advantages to investing in a technology that is both affordable and configurable to the unique needs of the mining industry," says Tom Mawhinney, President of WellPoint Systems. "Having just scratched the surface of this dynamic industry in 2005, we are incredibly excited about the global prospects for our solution over the next twelve months."

WellPoint is one of Alberta's fastest growing companies, with revenues up more than 500% over the last 5 years.

### **About Minefinders Corporation Ltd**

Minefinders is a highly successful precious metals exploration company with advanced projects in Mexico and the United States. The Company currently controls a large gold-silver resource at the Dolores project, has several excellent exploration projects, and is actively seeking new discoveries. Minefinders is listed as MFL on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and as MFN on the American Stock Exchange (AMEX).

### **About WellPoint Systems Inc.**

WellPoint Systems provides premier software and related services for managing critical operations within the energy industry. Aligning tightly with Microsoft Corporation, WellPoint is the only Independent Software Vendor (ISV) and Microsoft Dynamics partner in the energy sector. It is breaking new ground with the creation of a more comprehensive, integrated energy software suite based on existing Microsoft ERP technology that utilizes state-of-the-art Dynamics AX® and .NET architectures. WellPoint became a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner in 2005.

Founded in 1997, Calgary based WellPoint Systems also has operations in Houston, Texas through its subsidiary company, WellPoint Systems, Inc.

WellPoint is publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WPS.

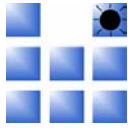
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