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MAUREEN LOFTHOUSE - Biographical Notes

Maureen Lofthouse is a Senior Project Manager in the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program. Since January 1984 she has worked in IRAP's Laboratory Network which assists private sector firms to access and commercialize technology originating in government or university laboratories. She now heads a group focussing on transfer of advanced materials and advanced manufacturing technologies. She also has special responsibility for IRAP's support to technology transfer efforts in Canadian universities.

Miss Lofthouse was previously Manager, Technical Services in the R&D Division of KHD Canada Inc., a subsidiary of the world's largest producer of air-cooled diesel engines, where she spent seven years as a member of the project management team responsible for development of a new family of air-cooled diesel engines for the North American truck market.

Prior to that, she was at Pratt & Whitney Canada for eight years where she worked on the development of various models of the PT6 turboprop engine, particularly the PT6A-50 engine for de Havilland's Dash-7 STOL aircraft.

Born in England, Miss Lofthouse graduated with a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1963. After two years work in a hospital design team and three years in the R&D labs of a steel-making/engineering consortium in the U.K. she immigrated to Canada in 1968. She gained an M.B.A. degree from McGill University in 1975.

She chairs the Women Engineers' Committee of the Engineering Centennial Commission which, in 1987, will celebrate one hundred years of engineering as an organized profession in Canada. In 1984, she chaired the founding board of a new women's resource centre for Ottawa, Women's Place, which opened in 1986. In 1983 she co-chaired the 2nd Convention of Women Engineers of Canada, held in Montreal.

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