

airlines, five American airlines and nine foreign carriers. Together these airlines provide direct services to six European cities, 14 cities in the Asia-Pacific region, ten cities in America and Mexico and all major Canadian cities. With the signing of the open-skies agreement between Canada and America, in the next 14 months, five more American airlines are scheduled to commence flights to Vancouver, providing direct flights to an additional 12 American cities. A new terminal and runway are under construction.

The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest port and Canada's only Pacific Ocean port. Measured in term of cargo volumes handled, the Vancouver port is the same size as the three busiest American ports: New York, Los Angeles and Long Beach, each of which handle approximately 65 to 70 million tons of cargo annually. The Vancouver port also has the advantage of being one-day's sailing time closer to the main Asian markets than the ports of Los Angeles or Long Beach.

Railway services to Greater Vancouver are provided by CN Rail, CP Rail, Burlington Northern, and BC Rail, with good rail access from Langley. By road, Seattle and its market of 2.1 million potential consumers are less than 2.5 hours away. There is one Canadian-US border crossing located in Langley, and the start of the U.S. Interstate Highway to Seattle and California, the I5, is only minutes from Langley. A number of sizable road freight companies are headquartered in Langley, with many more from Greater Vancouver being available to provide road freight services.

Examples of recent business investment decisions in Langley include the following:

- General Motors of Canada (Pacific Division) is moving their parts distribution, training and office facilities to a new CDN\$9 million, 160,000 square foot building in Langley. This facility is scheduled to be opened in April 1995 and will see the creation of 75 new jobs. In addition, the training facility is expected to host from 100 to 150 trainees daily.
- Columbia Chrome, a producer of turbine and mechanical power components, has chosen to locate its world headquarters in Langley. Internationally, Columbia Chrome employs 400 people, of which 45 are based in Langley. The numbers are expected to increase in the near future, as the company has recently signed a major new contract.
- Ledalite Architectural Products Inc. moved their manufacturing plants and corporate headquarters from a U.S. location to Langley. The company manufactures interior fluorescent lights for public spaces and ergonomic office environments, with 70% of their market in the United States. Their new facility employs 110 people and includes 50,000 square feet of office and plant space.