

EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN MEXICO

Canadian exports to Mexico reached \$771 million in 1992, compared with \$561 million in 1991.

- ◆ The trade deal should open up a total North American auto parts market of more than \$12.8 billion by 1994.
- ◆ Mexico is updating and improving its telecommunications system to the tune of \$30 billion over the next 10 years.
- ◆ Mexico's commitment to addressing its pollution problem creates increased demand for more sophisticated and specialized pollution control equipment and technology -- a market worth more than \$280 million.
- ◆ Computer and computer parts exports to Mexico are growing fast. The computer software market alone -- estimated at \$1.4 billion this year -- could be one of the most lucrative for Canadian exporters under the NAFTA.
- ◆ The consumer and leisure products market in Mexico is rapidly expanding - Canada is already Mexico's sixth-largest supplier.
- ◆ Recent reductions in duties on electric components entering Mexico make foreign producers even more competitive than before.
- ◆ The Mexican forestry industry is highly dependent on imports of machinery, with a market estimated at \$55 million by 1994.
- ◆ Recent privatization in the steel industry and plans to modernize facilities will open a steel technology and equipment market worth some \$100 million by 1994.
- ◆ Mexico is the 13th-largest consumer of machine tools, importing 90% of its needs.
- ◆ The Mexican mining industry equipment and services, estimated at \$164 million by 1994, relies on imports for over 80% of its needs.
- ◆ The oil and gas equipment market in Mexico is worth more than \$2 billion.
- ◆ Mexican agricultural machinery purchases are expected to exceed \$273 million by 1994.
- ◆ There is a large market for expertise in irrigation and drainage.
- ◆ With the NAFTA, Canada should surpass its 1992 export level of \$214.4 million worth of agricultural products to Mexico.
- ◆ A growing \$2.5-billion-a-year tourism industry -- Mexico's second-largest industry after oil -- offers opportunities in restaurant equipment and supplies.

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