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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 88 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

POST : 347-RIYADH

001-AGRI & FOOD PRODUCTS & SERVICE SAUDI ARABIA

PLANNING: ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

VISIT ON A REGULAR BASIS (TWICE PER YEAR) AGRICULTURAL AREAS

(HA'IL, TABUK, GASSIM AND AL KHARJ).

EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR FABA BEAN CANNING PLANT

DEVELOP PROGRAMME OF SEMINARS WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IN

AREAS OF POTATOES ETC.

TRACKING: ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 MAJOR FOOD PROMOTION EVENT TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN COOPERATION WITH LARGE FOOD IMPORTER.

QUARTER: 1 SAUDI AGRICULTURAL SHOW AND MISSION.

QUARTER: 3 ----

QUARTER: 4 ----

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

RAISE AWARENESS AMONG MAJOR FARMS OF CANADIAN TECH. AND OBTAIN RFQS.

JOINT VENTURE CARRING PLANT IN CANADA FOR EXPORT TO KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

RAISE CANADIAN PROFILE IN MINISTRY.

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

ONE COMPANY IS SERIOUSLY WORKING ON PROJECT WHICH WILL INVOLVE A NUMBER OF CANADIAN FOOD EXPORTERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BREAK INTO LOCAL MARKET FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SHOW MAY LEAD TO ONE J-V IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE SALES OF \$ 5 MILLION. MISSION TO HA'IL AND GASSIM IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL IN SEED CLEANING AND HANDLING AND ALTERNATIVE CROPS.