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MINISTER WILSON OPENS TRADE OFFICE IN DUBAI

Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade Michael H. Wilson today officially opened the Canada-Arab Business Council's (CABC) Canadian Trade Office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The CABC is an independent business organization to which the federal government provides funding and support. With headquarters in Ottawa, the CABC provides information on market and investment opportunities, and organizes trade missions and related services to help Canadian exporters in 20 Arab countries.

The new Dubai office will work closely with the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait, whose area of responsibility includes the Emirates.

"The UAE, with a per-capita income of about \$20,000, represents an extremely promising market for Canadian firms," Mr. Wilson said. "As the country develops, Canada's world-class leadership in fields such as telecommunications, transportation, energy, construction, agriculture, financial services, engineering and mining, can be of great assistance."

The Minister pointed out that two-way trade with the United Arab Emirates has more than tripled in the past four years, and Canadian firms have established a firm foothold in the country.