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EXPORT TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Minister of State (International Trade), the Honourable Gerald Regan, announced today that he has received the Second Annual Report of the Export Trade Development Board from the Board's Chairman, Roger E. Hatch, President of Canpotex Ltd. The Minister commented on the high level of expertise within the group and on the considerable number of issues taken up by the Board during its second year of deliberations, including tax measures affecting export businesses, counter-trade, export financing, aid trade relationship, trade policy and export awareness and education.

Established in 1981, the Board is comprised of prominent Canadians chosen from business, labour and academia representing a cross-section of Canadian regions and industries and senior public sector members. "The advice of the Board is highly valuable to the government in formulating policy and implementing programs," said Mr. Regan. Among the Board's primary concerns are issues related to improved export performance.

Mr. Regan met with Board members at their last meeting in Ottawa on October 19th to discuss the Board's program for the coming year. The Minister said he was looking forward to the Board's advice on export issues during the coming months, particularly now that the world economy is showing definite signs of recovery and there are increasing opportunities for export business.

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