

The data include foreign direct investment (FDI) in Canada and Canadian direct investment abroad (DIA), as compared to that of selected countries, and in terms of both stocks of investment and investment flows (where available). In addition, the study provides a breakdown and analysis of investment trends according to the relationship to trade, the type of industry involved (i.e., resource, technology and labour-based industries), and where possible, by the type of investment (i.e., acquisition, joint ventures, greenfield). Additional data tables are also provided for a number of emerging economies around the world.

The intent of the study is to provide *initial* data and analysis on global investment trends. The issue of investment and its place within the economic development environment is a very broad topic, which could potentially involve a number of detailed reports for each issue and for each economy. The intent of this report is to set the stage for understanding the issues associated with growing global investment levels, with emphasis on understanding the position of Canada within the global investment environment.

There are a number of data sources used in the study. Because of statistical differences among the various data sources, cross-tabulations and data comparisons across data sources should be done with caution. Please refer to Appendix A for a list of data sources and an explanation of some of the limitations associated with the data.

The industry type classifications used in this report are: resource-based, technology-based and labour-based industries. These three classifications were chosen based on a benchmark Industry Canada study that looked at Canadian-based multinationals in 1994.⁶

⁶ Please see *Canadian Based Multinationals: An analysis and Performance*, Working Paper Number 2, July 1994, Industry Canada.