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48	Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. Mr. Ian J. McDonald Chairman and CEO Toronto ON	01 Feb. 2001	Mining	For	<i>(Trade facilitation, investment, dispute settlement, professional services)</i> - Based on experience in Costa Rica, it is imperative that clear guidelines and predetermined time frames exist for obtaining official government approvals in the interest of fair treatment and transparency. - There must be a strong dispute settlement procedure at as high a level as possible and be able to award compensation. - Internationally recognized professionals (consultants, engineers, etc.) should be designated and approved for in-country construction. - Large impediment to investment resides in the fact that (in Costa Rica) the law allows any government official who signs permits, resolutions, etc. to be personally liable for his actions. This means an administrator's capacity is blunted in favour of doing nothing.
49	Wulftec International Mr. Stéphane Côté Sales Manager Ayer's Cliff QC	15 Jan. 2001	Wrapping equipment	For	<i>(General)</i> - Free trade would be beneficial for his company, even more so if it was with Brazil. Brazil is currently their largest export market.
50	XCAN GRAIN K.L. Matchett Chief Executive Officer Winnipeg MB	06 Feb. 2001	Exporter/ Agri-food	For	<i>(Agriculture, multilateral and bilateral strategies, SPS)</i> - Canadian agriculture has been burdened with a number of trade obstacles including export and domestic subsidies, tariff and non-tariff barriers and restricted access to many markets. - Would not support an FTA with an agricultural carve-out. - Potential for expanded exports of beans, peas, lentils and canola oil and meal. Primary objective: parity treatment on any tariffs on the import of food into the CA4. - CA4 must agree to adhere to internationally recognized SPS protocols. - Support FTAs if they reinforce and complement multilateral trade initiatives.