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Export and Investment Promotion Planning System

MISSION: 631 BUENOS AIRES

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Projects or portion of projects which are still in the planning stage and for which Canadian companies might have reasonable prospects.

iii) Project Name: UREA FERTILIZER PLANT 350.000 TONNES Approximate Value: \$ 200 M Financing Source: 013 NFR For further info. please contact: W. PERKINS/EMBASSY TLX: 33-21383

The Trade Office reports that the following factors influence Canadian

export performance in this market for this sector (sub-sector). - the degree of import duty protection of local industry tends to be moderate

In the Trade Office's opinion, Canadian export performance in this sector (sub-sector) in this market is lower than optimum mainly because of:

- a lack of interest in the market on the part of Canadian exporters - non competitive pricing
- the apparent limited sectoral capability in Canada compared to other competing export countries
- difficulties of adaptation of marketing techniques to the market by some Canadian companies

Some Canadian exporters to this market in this sector(sub-sector) have enjoyed success previously as a result of a variety of factors which the trade office reports to include:

- aggressive marketing on the part of Canadian Exporters
- use of Canadian Government export promotion activities
- competitive export pricing for this market
- strong sectoral capability in Canada
- the availability of competitive Canadian financing

The Trade Office has recommended that a comprehensive market study of this sector (sub-sector) would enhance the knowledge of Canadian exporters to this market.

For the next fiscal year, the Trade Office is planning to undertake the following new export support initiative(s) in this sector (sub-sector);

Activity: SECTORIAL STUDY OF PETRO AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

Results Expected: TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.