

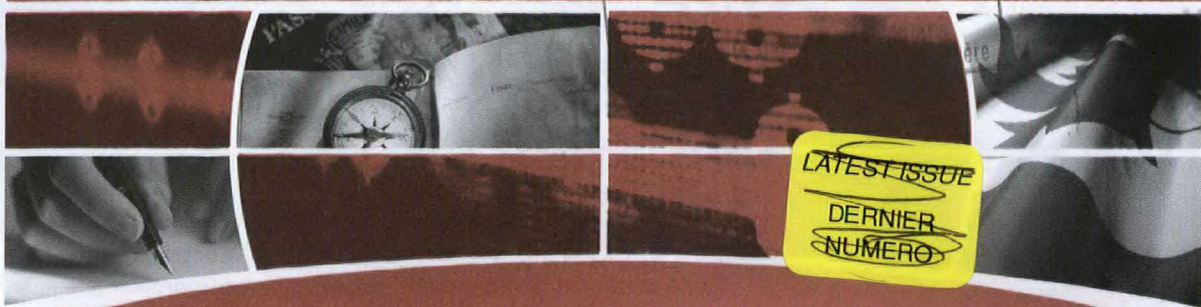
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## Canadian diamonds sparkle in Belgium

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**O**n January 9, 2003, International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew visited Belgium to promote Canada's world-renowned diamonds to our fourth-ranking export market in Europe.

The meeting with the Diamond High Council (HRD) in Antwerp—the hub of the world's diamond market—provided an opportunity to strengthen Canada's relationship with Belgium's most influential diamond organization. In addition, the meeting allowed Minister Pettigrew to meet with the two Diavik project partners, Aber and Rio Tinto, who have invested \$1.3 billion in Canada's second diamond mine in the Northwest Territories. The Diavik

project should create 450 mining jobs, with the first diamonds from the new mine expected to arrive in Antwerp in May 2003.

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Minister Pettigrew (right), with Christopher Ryder, Managing Director of the BHP-Billiton Diamonds' Antwerp sales office, examines a sample of Canadian diamonds.

## CANDU: Success in China

On January 5, 2003, the Qinshan Phase III (Unit 1) 728 kWe CANDU nuclear reactor was accepted into commercial service by its Chinese owner, the Third Qinshan Nuclear Power Corporation (TQNPC). The reactor's early completion and entry into commercial service represents the culmination of an 8-year

marketing and construction effort by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL), the Canadian government and its commercial partners.

The \$4 billion project is the largest Canadian infrastructure venture ever undertaken in Asia. Prime Minister

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