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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 87 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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FOST : 327-RABAT

009-FOREST PRODUCTS, EQUIP, SERVICES MOROCCO

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

ALL SUB-SECTORS

A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE MORDCCAN MARKET FOR CDN SOFTWOOD LUMBER HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BPIB.

UNDERTAKE JOINT MARKET STUDIES AND MARKETING INITIATIVES WITH THE CONSULTANT SELECTED BY CIDA TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN MOROC-CAN IMPORTERS AND CANADIAN EXPORTERS OF SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

PROVOKE A VISIT TO MOROCCO BY THE BPIB REPRESENTATIVE WHO COULD DRAW A MARKETING STRATEGY.

INTRODUCE NEW EXPORTERS TO THIS MARKET USING THE \$5M CIDA LINE OF CREDIT.

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 UNDERTAKE JOINT MARKET STUDIES AND MARKETING IN-ITIATIVES WITH THE CONSULTANT SELECTED BY CIDA TO ACT AS PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE NEW \$5M CIDA LINE OF CREDIT FOR SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS.

QUARTER: 2 INTRODUIRE AUPRES DES IMPORTATEURS LOCAUX LE CONSULTANT SELECTIONNE PAR L'ACDI POUR LANCER LE PROJET DE LIGNE DE CREDIT POUR PRODUITS DE BASE.

QUARTER: 3 ASSIST THE CIDA OFFICER & THE CIDA CONSULTANT IN PROMOTING THE USE OF THE CIDA LINE OF CREDIT FOR SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS.

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QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

CIDA LOAN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ONLY INMAY AND CONSULTANT WAS SELECTED IN JUNE, WE HAVE DONE ONLY GROUND WORK: ASSESSMENT OF MARKET POTENTIAL & LISTS OF MAIN EXPORTERS.O.C.P. REQUESTED GUOTATION FOR CDN WOOD.

PLUSIEURS INTRODUCTIONS ONT ETE FAITES DS CE CADRE & 2 VENTES SE SONT MATERIALISEES. DEUX SOCIETES CONES ONT PU SE PLACER SUR LA LISTE COURTE D'EVENTUELS FOURNISSEURS DE BOIS DE MINE A L'OCP, UNE PREMIERE.

WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE INTEREST OF LARGE PRIVATE SECTOR GROUP IN THIS LINE OF CREDIT. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHAKE UP TO MONOPOLY OF SCANDINA-VIAN COUNTRIES. MAJOR SALES ARE UNDER NEGOTIATIONS.

THE LINE OF CREDIT WORKS VERY WELL AND WE BEGIN TO DISPLACE TRADITIONAL SCANDINAVIAN SUPPLIERS.