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OUELLET WELCOMES NEW CANADIAN BUSINESS LINKS WITH LEBANON

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today witnessed the signing of a major contract during his visit to Lebanon. Mr. Ouellet is on a two-day official visit to that country.

"The reconstruction of Lebanon offers Canadian companies innumerable opportunities in a wide range of sectors," Mr. Ouellet noted. "I am very pleased that a number of Canadian firms have recognized the potential and are successfully seeking new business in this lucrative and burgeoning market."

Mr. Ouellet travelled today to Tripoli, Lebanon, to witness the signing of a C\$23-million contract recently won by AFCAN Ltd. of Montreal. The company, which specializes in the design, construction and outfitting of facilities in the health sector, is involved in the building of a major new medical centre in Tripoli and today signed an agreement allowing it to proceed with the second stage of the project. The Canadian content of the contract is more than 90 per cent and involves the direct participation of more than 60 Canadian suppliers, including many Canadian manufacturers of high technology medical equipment.

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