TABLE 3

CANADIAN TRADE WITH MEXICO
OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS
(Cdn $000)

	EXPORTS TO MEXICO			IMPORTS FROM MEXICO		
	1988	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990
Transformers	76	4	49	4379	1832	1949
Static converters	0	116	119	526	233	1868
Inductors	61	34	0	865	988	1229
Parts	88	180	594	725	652	868
Capacitors	0	90	74	3847	4952	7347
Resistors	8	11	216	1636	1867	1815
Printed circuits	141	30	22	899	1713	589
Apparatus to protect elec. circuits, relays	717	2017	1193	9755	18478	11588
TV tubes, valveS	11322	12057	11697	6	4065	1406
Diodes	0	2	139	1443	1670	1956
Transistors	25	1	56	932	840	1398
Semiconductors	48	136	78	1006	2338	3178
Piezo electric crystals	0	0	30	14	139	188
TOTAL	12486	14678	14267	26033	39767	35379

Source: Statistics Canada - International Trade Division

Based on data published by Canadian authorities, total Mexican imports from Canada have fluctuated only slightly in the last four years, Total imports amounted to Cdn$14.3 million in 1990, down from Cdn$14.7 million in 1989. The largest export category has clarly been cathode ray tubes for televisions, which account for 70% of total exports.

Over 90% of Canadian imports from Mexico, which increased from the Cdn$26 million of 1988 to Cdn$39.8 million in 1989 and then fell to Cdn$35.4 million, are from the maquiladora industry, most of which is located on the Mexico-U.S. border. The maquiladora industry operates under a special legal status, basically importing materials in-bond, assembling them locally and subsequently exporting them, having basically no access to the domestic market. The number of maquiladora firms has increased rapidly since 1965. The most important segment of the maquiladora industry has been the "electrical-electronics sector" accounting for approximately 30% of the number of firms (or 300 companies), 40% of employment (or 88,000 persons) and 44% of total value added by the industry (or $1.3 billion). Sourcing by maquiladoras is almost totally done abroad. The total consumption of materials by the electronic maquiladoras is about 15 times greater than the consumption of the electronics