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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR B7 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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POST : 643-CARACAS

009-FOREST PRODUCTS, EQUIP, SERVICES VENEZUELA

PLANHING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

ALL SUB-SECTORS

POST HAS BEEN REPORTING ON NEWSPRINT + PULP MARKET DEVELOPMENTS, PULP + NEWSPRINT PROJECT AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF FOLLOWING UP.

CONTINUE TO GATHER MARKET INFORMATION ON PROJECT AND COMPETITION ON UVERITO NEWSPRINT + PULP MILL.

TO CONDUCT A NEWSPRINT + PULP MARKET SURVEY.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

INCREASED AWARENESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CANADIAN SUPPLIERS ON MARKET STRATEGY

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AS A FOREIGN PARTNER IN THE PROJECT.

MAINTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF MARKET AND REPORT CHANGES AND SITUATION.

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 ----

QUARTER: 2 CONTINUE TO GATHER MARKET INFORMATION AND COMPETITION ON UVERITO (PULPA DRINOCO) NEWS-PRINT AND PULPMILL.

QUARTER: 3 CONTINUE TO GATHER MARKET INFORMATION & COMPETI-TION ON UVERITO (PULPA ORINOCO) NEWSPRING & PULPMILL.

QUARTER: 4 ----

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

THERE ARE NOW THREE COMPANIES SHORT-LISTED TWO OF WHICH ARE CANADIAN. BOTH ABITIBI-PRICE AND CONSOLIDATED BATHURST HAVE BEEN COUNSELED AND BRIEFED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

3 COS. ARE SHORTLISTED FOR THIS \$500M PROJECT, 2 OF WHICH ARE CDN. IN LAST QUARTER POST HAS LOB-BIED AGGRESSIVELY IN FAVOUR OF CDN EXPERTISE WITH VENEZUELAN POLITICIANS & BUREAUCRATS.