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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

POST : 409-BERNE

005-COMM. & INFORM. EQP. & SERV SWITZERLAND

PLANNING: ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

WORKPLACE AUTOMATION

OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CURRENT MARKET AND ASCERTAIN NEEDS OF SWISS SUPPLIERS OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND REPORT TO CDN. SUPPLIERS.

ALERT COMPANIES ACTIVE IN THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT SECTOR OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN FAIRS.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INC SPACE)

TO FOLLOW UP WITH SWISS PTT RE THEIR VISIT TO CDA IN ORDER TO DRAW ATTENTION ON CDN CAPABILITY IN TELECOMMUNICATION PRODUCTS AND CDN CATV TECHNOLOGY

TO DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MAJOR SWISS TELECOMMUNICA-TION FIRMS, HASLER, AUTOPHON, GFELLER, HELVECOM, ASSOC SUISSE DES TELERESEAUX

PROMOTE CDN TELECOM. TECHNOLOGY & GENERATE INTEREST IN ORDER TO BRING TOGETHER CDN SUPPLIERS(ATTENDING TELECOM'87 & THE MONTREUX TV SYMPOSIUM'87) AND SWISS KEY DECISION MAKERS IN CHARGE OF SELECTING EQUIPMENT FOR SWITZERLAND

MONITOR TO INFORM THE CDN INDUSTRY ON COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES REF: PLANNED MULTIBILLION SFR FIBRE OPTIC NETWORK FOR THE SWISS PTT, AND THE DEVELOPING INTEREST IN HOME SATELLITE TV RECEIVING EQUIPMENT.

USE OF LOCAL SPECIALIZED MAGAZINES TO INTRODUCE NEW CDN PRODUCTS (FREE PRODUCTS INTRODUCTION ARTICLES OFFERED BY MANY PUBLISHERS CONTACTED)

VISIT LOCAL REGIONAL FAIRS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY NEW LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS AND DRAW ATTENTION TO CDN PRODUCTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION AT COMPUTER 87 LAUSANNE.

AUTOMATION OF OUR REFERENCE SYSTEM(RE SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTORS)

BROADCASTING (INC CATV)

OBTAIN TENDER INFORMATION FOR GENEVA CABLE PROJECTS, FOLLOW-UP WITH CDN COS RE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

INCREASE CDN. SUPPLIER VISITS

INCREASE AWARENESS OF CDN. CAPABILITY.

TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST IN CON TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTS AND GENERATE SALES.

TO GENERATE INTEREST IN CDN ELECTRONIC COMPO-NENTS AND CDN TECHNOLOGY TO ASSESS POTENTIAL FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

TO INCREASE CON SHARE OF IMPORTED TELECOM. PRODUCTS

TO INCREASE VISIBILITY FOR ADVANCED CDN TELECOM. PRODUCTS.

TO BRING MORE VISIBILITY ON CON PRODUCTS TO INCREASE EXPORTS

TO INCREASE CON SHARE OF THE MARKET.

TO PROVIDE MORE PRECISE INFO TO DISTRIBUTORS AND TO DO DIRECT AGRESSIVE MARKETING RE PROMISING PRODUCTS

TO POSITION CON COS FAVOURABLY AND GENERATE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SALES.