

COLOMBIAN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The transportation sector has for long been the Cinderella of the Colombian economy, deprived of investment by both the public and private sectors. However, as Colombia increasingly seeks to open up its economy to foreign trade it has come to recognize the importance of an efficient transportation infrastructure. The objective of this report is to provide a convenient reference document for Canadians interested in pursuing commercial opportunities in this sector.

The report is divided into three sections: a brief overview of Colombia and its current economic and political situation; a review of the industry itself focusing on its past, present and future; and a section dedicated to "how to do business" in this sector.

Annexes to this report contain reference information, including sectoral statistics, names and addresses of companies and organizations active in this sector, and a list of potential agents for new entrants to this market.

Similar reports are available on the oil and gas, mining, telecommunications and advanced technology, electric power, and agriculture sectors. The Commercial Division welcomes suggestions for improvement to future updates.