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MRS. MONIQUE LANDRY ANNOUNCES \$55 MILLION
PROJECT FOR GABON

MONTREAL -- International Trade Minister Pat Carney and External Relations Minister Monique Landry today announced that Tecsum International Limited, of Montreal, will undertake a \$55.36 million water supply and electrification project covering eight rural centres in Gabon.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) will provide a loan for \$35.85 million. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide \$11.95 million and the balance of \$7.56 million will be from the Government of Gabon.

A signing ceremony for the contract and the financing arrangements was attended by Mrs. Landry and a high-level delegation from Gabon including Mr. Jean-Pierre Lembomba-Lepandou, Minister for Finance, Budget and Investment, Mr. Pascal Nze, Minister for Planning and Economy and Mr. Divin Divungi Di Ndinge, Minister for Energy and Water Resources. EDC, CIDA and External Affairs representatives were also attending.

When the project is completed in 1992, eight rural communities will be supplied with treated water and electricity. There will be two mini-hydro power stations and three transmission lines. Under the terms of the contract, Tecsum will act as project engineer, supervisor and purchasing agent, while construction work will be sub-contracted to other Canadian firms.

Tecsum, one of the largest engineering-consulting firms in Quebec, has been active in Africa for 25 years. It is presently active in 15 African countries. Cooperation with Gabon began in 1973 and Tecsum has had a permanent office in Libreville since 1982.

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