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Mandate of Royal Mint

The Royal Canadian Mint was originally established in 1908 and has as its primary mandate the production of coinage for Canada and the refining of Canadian mined gold. A federal Crown corporation since 1969, it competes today in the international coin market with other national and private mints to strike coinage for other countries.

As well, it produces bullion products, collector coins, medals, medallions, tokens and trade dollars.

One of the largest and most versatile mints in the world, the Royal Canadian Mint treats precious metals and produces coins in virtually any size and in most shapes and finishes. By virtue of these activities the Mint has gained recognition throughout the world for its advanced technology and its rigorous standards of craftsmanship and quality.



Jewellers have designed mountings to present coins as rings, earrings, bracelets and pendants.



Canadian gold maple leaf coins are very popular in the Far East and Japan because of their 9999 purity. Since the first one-ounce was produced in 1979, over four million of these special collector items have been sold.

First helicopter plant

The federal and Quebec governments, in partnership with a major US helicopter firm, have announced a \$766-million project to establish the country's first helicopter manufacturing plant.

The agreement calls for an investment of \$514 million for the helicopter plant and an additional \$252 million for Pratt and Whitney Canada Inc. to develop a new helicopter engine. But the federal and provincial governments will pick up nearly half the cost.

The federal government will sink \$265 million into the project, including both the helicopter plant and the engine development, and Quebec will donate \$110 million for the helicopter plant, federal Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Edward Lumley said.

Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. will put up \$238.7 million for its plant while Pratt and Whitney will spend \$152 million on the new engine, which will be used in the new series of light twin helicopters which Bell intends to build.

EDC signs new agreements

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed three financing agreements totalling \$4 692 252 to support sales of Canadian goods and services to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Gabon.

They are:

- a \$3-million (US) multiple disbursement loan agreement to support a \$3.78-million (Cdn.) sale of goods and services to Office du Chemin de Fer transgabonais of the Republic of Gabon for the trans-Gabon railway project. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide parallel financing of \$2 million (Cdn.). The sale involves the supply of technical assistance services valued at \$3 million (Cdn.) by Tecult International Limited of Montreal and seven road graders valued at \$.78 million (Cdn.) by Champion Road Machinery Ltd. of Goderich, Ontario;
- a \$1.1-million (US) allocation under a line of credit agreement with the Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank to support a \$2.52-million (Cdn.) sale of geophysical survey sensing systems and related training by Geoterrex Ltd. of Ottawa to Mineralimpex, a Bulgarian foreign trade organization; and
- a \$592 252 (US) allocation under a