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MACLAREN LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL FAXLINK SERVICE

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today inaugurated the FaxLink International Information Service, designed to provide foreign traders, investors and business people with information on Canada, its business environment, laws and export capabilities.

Run by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's InfoCentre, the service will also show how to access relevant government and private sector services and sources of information.

"This new service will instantly provide information of use to our trade and investment partners around the world," Mr. MacLaren said. "It is one more tool in our kit of programs to strengthen the Canadian economy through trade and investment."

The FaxLink International Information Service complements the FaxLink service provided to Canadians since February 1994. The domestic service includes more than 700 documents providing information on subjects such as export financing, government programs and services, industry sectors, and the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Both the domestic and international services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are accessed by calling from a fax machine handset. The international service can be reached by calling (613) 944-6500; the domestic service phone number is (613) 944-4500.

For more information on either service, call the FaxLink Administrator at (613) 944-1488 or (613) 944-1490.

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