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By understanding better the nature of our industries, the environment in which they are operating and the competition they face, all of the partners in the Canadian economy will have better foundations for planning and building the future. One of the key activities of the new Department of Industry, Science and Technology will be to promote such understanding through ongoing consultations with the participants in the Canadian and international industry, labour, science and

technology communities. The industry profiles will represent just one of the products and services which the new department will offer to support the stable and effective growth of the Canadian economy in the coming years.