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## **News briefs**

Thermon Canada Limited of Montreal, Quebec, has developed engineering software that calculates the thermal requirements of metallic piping systems for frost protection, temperature maintenance or heating up. The package is organized to enable a user to design systems for mineral insulated, constant power density or self-regulating electric systems. It runs on the IBM PC and IBM compatibles.

The Export Development Corporation has announced the signing of a \$102 000 (US) financing agreement to support a sale to Mexico by Trench Electric, a division of Guthrie Canadian Investments Limited of Scarborough, Ontario. The sale involves the supply of 74 high-voltage line traps to Comision Federal de Electricidad of Mexico.

Novatel Communications Limited of Calgary, Alberta has announced a \$3.5-million sale of mobile telephone units to Carphone Group of Bath, England. A Novatel spokesman said the British sale is one of the largest orders among 12 major deals signed since the company was formed in late 1972. Novatel will be the prime supplier of mobile telephone units to the Carphone Group and the sale includes both the units and spare parts.

I.P. Sharp Associates of Toronto, Ontario have announced a new Business Information Wire from Canadian Press (CPNEWS) that is available online. Each business day, Canadian Press, Reuters, The Associated Press and Agence France-Presse supply more than 200 stories covering major national and international events, as they happen. Canadian Press selects and arranges the news into 18 story categories continually throughout the day. With CPNEWS, educators, government staff, business professionals and others can receive this up-to-the-minute news without waiting for newspaper.

Linda Ryan-Nye and Pat Hacker, both of Toronto, are in the process of completing a new computer network to link women across the country and around the globe. They hope to have the system fully operational by the beginning of August.

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