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CANADIAN COMPANY WINS MALAYSIAN CONTRACT

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, today announced a US \$143.7 million financing agreement to support a sale of Canadian goods and services for the South Sabah pulp and paper project in Malaysia. The announcement was made on the occasion of the official visit to Canada of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, and his delegation of officials and businessmen.

The project, totalling US \$324.5 million, will be built by a consortium led by Klockner-Stadler Hurter Ltd. (KSH) of Montreal; Klockner Industrie Anlagen GMBH of Germany and Voest-Alpine AG (Voest) of Austria are the other members.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) loan supports the Canadian portion of the contract. The German and Austrian portions are receiving similar support from the export credit agencies of Germany and Austria.

The sale is expected to generate about 4,000 person-years of employment at Klockner-Stadler Hurter Ltd. and its sub-suppliers.

The buyer is Sabah Forest Industries Sdn. Berhad, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Mr. Regan said "My visit to Malaysia in May, 1983 leading a trade mission of some 40 Canadian businessmen was a follow-up to Prime Minister Trudeau's earlier ASEAN tour. I am pleased that our combined efforts have contributed to the successful conclusion of negotiations for this very important project."



