

"It will also provide balance of payments support at a time when Indonesia has been particularly hard hit by falling international oil prices," Mr. Kelleher added.

Indonesia has a population of 160 million and a per capita income of \$700 a year. Canadian development assistance to Indonesia since the program began includes \$53.5 million in contributions, \$207.8 million in loans, and \$31.2 million in food aid. This assistance now concentrates on the long-term needs of human resource development and natural resources management.

"We welcome this opportunity to assist Indonesia with its balance of payments situation and look forward to expanding markets for our potash and a steady growth in both commercial and cultural relations between our two countries," Mr. Kelleher said.

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