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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 87 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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POST : 404-MILAN

009-FOREST PRODUCTS, EQUIP, SERVICES

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS

COMPLETE FOREST PRODUCTS STRATEGY COORDINATING ACTIVITY OF COFI (COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES FOR B.C.) AND BP IB(QUEBEC LUMBER MANUFACTURERS)

MILAN NOW HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF ITALY. DEVELOP NEW CONTACTS IN SOUTH.

TRADE LIAISON VISIT TO ALL MAJOR BUYERS THROUGHOUT ITALY

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

COORDINATED MARKETING APPROACH TO AVOID CON ENTITIES COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER.

ESTABLISH FOUR NEW MAJOR DISTRIBUTORS IN SOUTH.

EXPANDED SALES

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 RESPOND TO EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES FROM ITALIAN LUM-BER TRADE. PLAN ALL LOGISTICS RELATED TO ONTARIO LUMBER MFTRS. MISSION (COMPOSED OF 10 COMPANIES, ONE ASSOCIATION AND 1 GOVT. REP.) OR VISITS TO MILAN & NAPLES.

GUARTER: 2 GIVE DIRECT SUPPORT & MKTG ASSIST. TO CDN
FORESTRY PRODS FIRMS WISHING TO RE-ENTER ITLN
MKT BECAUSE OF EMERGING CDN PRICE COMPETITIVITY.
OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WAS TO ENCOURAGE CDN FIRMS
TO RE-ENTER THIS MKT TO REGAIN CDA'S DOMINANT

QUARTER: 3 ORGANIZED WOOD IN CONSTRUCTION SEMINAR, ASCERTAIN CURRENT COMPETITIVE STATUS OF CDN FOREST PRODS IN ITALY IN LIGHT OF \$ FLUCTUATION & EXPLOIT THE SITUATION, UNDETAKE MARKETING VISIT TO SOUTHERN ITALY, VISIT BATIMAT F. TO EXPAND & RENEW CONTACTS

QUARTER: 4 ----

GUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

10 NEW EXPORT AGREEMENTS EXPEDITED BY MILAN OFF-ICE, TWO NEW MAJOR BUYING CONNECTIONS ESTABLISHED OVER 75 ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ONT COS. & ITALIAN COS. FROM ALL OVER ITALY THAT TOOK TIME TO VISIT MISSION MEMBERS IN EITHER MI-

THE SECOND GUARTER (JULY, AUG., SEPT) IS THE GUIETEST BUSINESS PERIOD OF THE YEAR. \$2,180,000 WORTH OF SALES WERE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS ACTIVITY.

SENSITIZED ITAL. ARCHITECTS & TOWN PLANNERS RE CDN BUILDING MATERIALS & PRACTICES.CDN FOREST PRODUCTS ARE INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE.CDN SUPPLIERS ALERTED TO OPPORTUNITIES (8 NEW BUYING CONNECTIONS & 4 NEW AGENCY AGREEMENTS). TRAVEL