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WINDSOR COMPANY IN \$12.5 MILLION TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CONTRACT

The Minister of Trade, the Honourable Ed Lumley, announced today from Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, that a \$12.5 million contract for the resurfacing of the runways at Piarco and Crown Point airports has been awarded to a joint venture company comprising Marentette Bros. International Ltd., of Windsor, Ontario, and Alves Contracting Company Limited, of Port of Spain.

This contract is the first phase of the Canada-Trinidad and Tobago Agreement for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of airports in Trinidad and Tobago. Transport Canada, under the cost-recoverable technical assistance programme of the Department of External Affairs, is providing professional and advisory services, including design work and monitoring services, for this and other phases of the project. In the short term, these projects are expected to total more than \$40 million and could amount to several hundred million dollars if terminal buildings and other large construction projects are approved. The runway rehabilitation project is expected to be completed in one year.

Mr. Lumley and Canadian businessmen accompanying the trade mission held discussions with Trinidad and Tobago ministers and industry leaders regarding other large industrial projects, including an aluminum smelter, the upgrading of an oil refinery and the development of a liquid gas project.

Mr. Lumley and his trade mission are continuing on to Bogota, Colombia, for discussions with Colombian authorities regarding development projects in that country, including a multi-billion-dollar coal and harbour project offering substantial opportunities for Canadian manufactured goods and services.

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