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As part of the Canada-France Joint Economic Commission activities, International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew visited the head office of TotalFinaElf (TFE) in Paris. TFE is a world-class oil and gas group (the fifth-largest petroleum corporation in the world). TFE recently announced its acquisition of a 43.5% interest in the Surmont, Alberta concession, which could result in TFE investing \$435 million in this estimated \$1-billion project in the Athabasca tar sands.

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From left: Daniel Alliot, Vice-President, North America, Exploration and Production, TFE; Philippe Armand, Senior Vice-President, Americas, Exploration and Production, TFE; Minister Pettigrew; Jacques de Boissésou, Director of International Relations, TFE; and Georges Farrah, Member of Parliament for Bonaventure-Gaspé

Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan

## Trade Mission gearing up

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade is organizing a **trade mission to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan from April 6 to 15, 2003.**

This mission will focus on the oil and gas, mining, and agriculture sectors and will be led by Secretary of State (Central and Eastern Europe and the

Middle East) Gar Knutson. The mission will be visiting Almaty, Astana, Atyrau, Tashkent and Bishkek.

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