

honeymoons, but a sizeable number are.

Motels compete for the honeymoon trade by offering special packages (three nights for \$225, includes love settee, colour TV, three breakfasts and free champagne, for example). Most packages include a honeymoon suite and a three

hour sightseeing tour plus a genuine Honeymoon Certificate, suitable for framing. Last year 25,000 certificates were handed out. The bride also gets complimentary passes to a variety of tourist attractions. The groom, however, does not!

Around the Region

Canadian Connections with ASEAN Countries

INDONESIA

The development of the lateritic nickel ore deposits in the remote Indonesian island of Sulawesi only began 14 years ago. It followed the selection of the **International Nickel Company of Canada Limited (INCO)**, Toronto, to negotiate a contract of work with the Indonesian government. Just 10 years later, in 1978, INCO's subsidiary, P.T. International Nickel Indonesia (P.T. INCO), had a planned annual production rate of 16,000 tonnes from its facility near Soroako on Sulawesi. Now, its present production capacity of approximately 34,000 tonnes of contained nickel in matte form per year places the Soroako plant among the major nickel producing complexes in the world.

The converted matte, containing 75 per cent nickel, is granulated for packaging and shipment to market, primarily in Japan. Nickel is a mainstay in the plating industry and in stainless steel production.

The project has created hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly, in a sparsely populated area, attracting Indonesians from more heavily populated

areas in Java and Sumatra, as well as from other parts of Sulawesi.

New housing developments have resulted and an extensive townsite has been developed to the west of the existing town of Soroako. In addition to housing, schools and places of worship, the town has an airport, hospital, stores and recreational facilities.

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Canada has won several key contracts in connection with the **Bukit Asam** coal mining project, which is part of Indonesia's program for the development of its thermal power resources. The project involves mining coal at Bukit Asam in the interior of South Sumatra, transporting it by rail to a new port, and shipping it across the Sunda Strait to a thermal generating plant at Suralaya, West Java.

Canadian involvement in this project focuses on the upgrading of the railway from the mine site to the Tarahan coal terminal, construction of the coal terminal on a turnkey basis, and installation of a telecommunications network to control the overall system.

Financing of \$122.7 million has been approved by the Canadian Export

Development Corporation (EDC) for the participation of Canadian firms in the project (see story on p. 5). This project also includes financing by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). A loan agreement was signed in Jakarta by the Indonesian Director-General for International Monetary Affairs, Dr. Soegito Sastromidjojo.

Three Canadian engineering firms—Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Ltd., Montreal Engineering Company Ltd., both of Montreal, and Swan Wooster Engineering Company Ltd. of Vancouver—have signed contracts valued at \$53 million for the railway portion and implementation of phase two of the project. The consultant's recommendations for the turnkey bids from Canadian firms for the Tarahan coal terminal will be submitted to Indonesian officials in the near future.

In addition, other Canadian firms will be bidding on the equipment and services contracts. The equipment required includes locomotives, hopper cars, rails, fastenings, switches, service equipment, microwave radio and multiplex equipment, phone systems, mobile radio systems, and conveyors and other handling equipment.

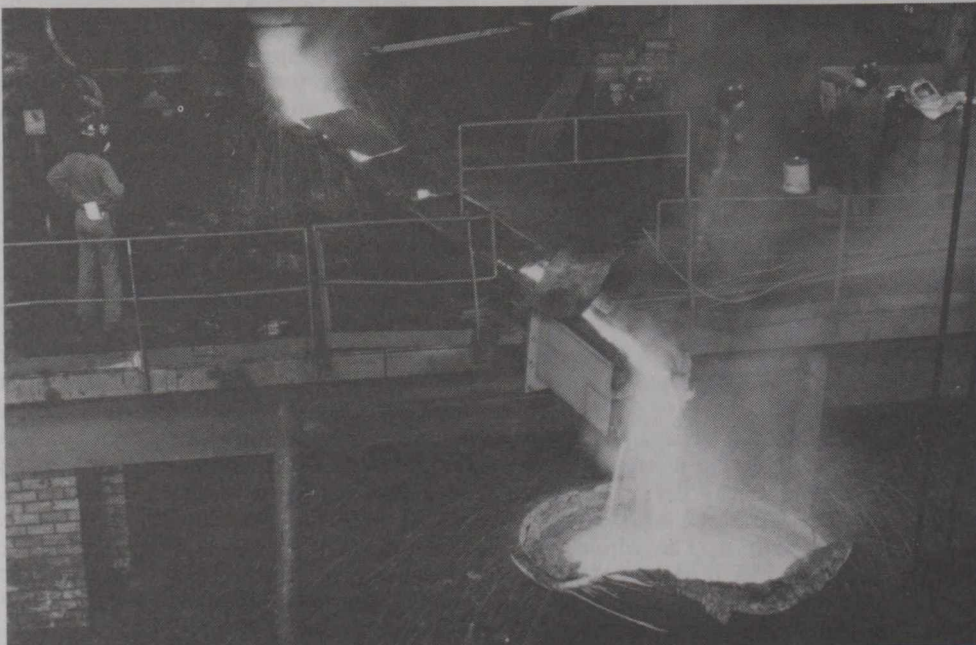
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The Canadian government provided a \$21.0 million development loan to assist in the financing of Indonesia's **Resource Evaluation Aerial Photography (REAP)** project—an assessment of the country's natural resource base.

The specific purpose of the REAP project is to develop a topographical mapping data base for Kalimantan and Sulawesi that will facilitate the production of topographical maps and related mapping materials and to provide aerial photography suitable for topographical mapping for Java, Bali and the Nusa Tenggara. The absence of such photography has been a major constraint on Indonesian resource exploitation and management.

In areas where there was no suitable aerial photography and topographical maps, the Canadian government, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), is supplying a topographical mapping data base that will provide a basis for reconnaissance forest inventory maps and for the assessment of other natural resources including mineral, petroleum and agricultural resources. It could also serve as an essential data base for general planning purposes.

The project consists of various physical survey and aerial photography activities. Output from these project activities will provide the Indonesian government, through its implementing agency (BAKOSURTANAL), with a topographical mapping data base



Processing nickel at INCO's plant in Soroako, Sulawesi.