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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 88 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

POST :347-RIYADH

001-AGRI & FOOD PRODUCTS & SERVICE SAUDI ARABIA

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

VISIT ON A REGULAR BASIS (TWICE PER YEAR) AGRICULTURAL AREAS (HA'IL, TABUK, GASSIM AND AL KHARJ).

EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR FABA BEAN CANNING PLANT

DEVELOP PROGRAMME OF SEMINARS WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IN RAISE CANADIAN PROFILE IN MINISTRY. AREAS OF POTATOES ETC.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

RAISE AWARENESS AMONG MAJOR FARMS OF CANADIAN TECH. AND OBTAIN RFQS.

JOINT VENTURE CARRING PLANT IN CANADA FOR EXPORT TO KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

TRACKING: ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 MAJOR FOOD PROMOTION EVENT TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN COOPERATION WITH LARGE FOOD IMPORTER.

QUARTER: 1 SAUDI AGRICULTURAL SHOW AND MISSION.

QUARTER: 2 Follow-up with Saudi business visitors to Regina Western Canada Farm Show - June 22-25/88. Pacific, Vancouver, August 30 - September 2/88.

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QUARTER: 4 -----

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

ONE COMPANY IS SERIOUSLY WORKING ON PROJECT WHICH WILL INVOLVE A NUMBER OF CANADIAN FOOD EXPORTERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BREAK INTO LOCAL MARKET FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SHOW MAY LEAD TO ONE J-V IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE SALES OF \$ 5 MILLION. MISSION TO HA'IL AND GASSIM IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL IN SEED CLEANING AND HANDLING AND ALTERNATIVE CROPS.

Sale of 341 holstein cows for Saudi dairy farm under negotia'n; estimated value \$1/2 mn, \$1mn Follow-up with Saudi business visitors to Food j.v. for poultry farm being negociated. 3 reps. of Saudi cos. attended the show. Expected sales in next 12 mths estimated to be \$1.2 million.