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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 89 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

POST :404-MILAN

SECTOR :009-FOREST PRODUCTS, EQUIP, SERVICES

ITALY

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

SUB-SECTOR: WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS

UPDATE FIVE YR "STRATEGIC MARKETING APPROACH" SUBMITTED - 87

UPDATE AND AGREEMENTS ON ACTION PLAN/OBJECTIVES

ELABORATION & DEF'N OF INFORMAL SELLER/BUYER ADVISORY COMM.
MORE COORDINATED MARKETING APPROACH

HOLD TWO/THREE CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS IN MAJOR CITIES
DISSEMINATION OF TECHNICAL INFO AND INCREASED AWARENESS OF

OUR SUPPLY POTENTIAL

I.D. NEW/RENEW PERSONAL CONTACTS AMONG MAJOR LUMBER DISTRIB.
ESTABLISH NEW DISTRIBUTORSHIPS AND EXPAND SALES OF LUMBER &

PLYWOOD

INVESTIGATE ITALIAN IMPORT MARKET - CDN SUPPLY CAPABILITIES

1.D. 2/3 SPECIFIC NICHES AND CDN SUPPLIERS FOR PAPER

PRODUCTS

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 a) Support and assist organizing a construction lumber mission to Italy.

- b) Forest products Eqpt/Services reports outlining potential tech acquisitions for Cda.
 - c) Visit Triveneto and SAIE 2 trade fairs.
- QUARTER: 2 Initiated calls and,generally, intelligence gathering exercise on woodworking machinery sector
 - Also initiated information gathering on advanced building materials sector
- QUARTER: 3 . Organize inst.participation at SAIE Building Show, assist enquirers & Cdn coys present.
 - . Organize Eastern softwood sales mission to Italy.
 - . Attend Marketplace

QUARTER: 4 All round assistance was provided to outgoing missions for BC Secondary Wood Products and Waferboard/OSB.

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

- a) Prom.local lumber trade & Cdn sources.Favourable support for Mission in Nov-Dec 89.
 - c) Data collection effected on woodwork in m/cs and advanced Mtl. reports to be released on time
 - c) Made 20 new contacts. Reports on show released
- Now in a position to initiate drafting of sectoral report focussing on industrial coop.
- First step done on preparation of sectoral report
 - . Over 5000 Eur.professionals visited stand; 500 enquiries handled; lots of literature distributed
 - . Unfavourable market conditions forced cancellation
 - . Roughly 20-25 worthwhile inquiries handled.

Cdn coys were able to establish very useful contacts with local agents/importers. Several additional visits/meetings were held with local lumber trade firms and 2 major shows were attended, resulting in valuable new business.