"SMEs are critical to Canada's economic growth," noted Mr. MacLaren. "I welcome this new commitment by the banks. I encourage them to pursue all efforts to meet the objectives of the SME Action Plan. The involvement of EDC and financial institutions is essential if we are to help SMEs realize their job- and wealth-creating potential through exporting."

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