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## INDONESIAN SATELLITE GROUND STATION

### TO BE UPGRADED BY B.C. ENTERPRISE

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today that the government, working through the Export Development Corporation (EDC), will lend up to \$24,998,000 (U.S.) to the Republic of Indonesia to support its purchase of goods and services from MacDonalD Dettwiler Technologies Ltd. (MDT) of Richmond, British Columbia. MDT was awarded a contract by the Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space to upgrade a ground satellite station.

"MDT is a world leader in the development of satellite ground station technology," said Crosbie. "It is EDC's role to support exporters such as MDT and in this way maintain jobs in Canada.

For example, this transaction will generate approximately 660 person-years of employment in Canada."

The upgraded ground station will utilize remote sensing technology to improve the management of natural resources and the monitoring of environmental conditions.

EDC is Canada's official export credit agency, responsible for providing export credit insurance, loans, guarantees, and other financial services to promote Canadian export trade.

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