

News Briefs

Northern Telecom Ltd. of Montreal has announced that the Austrian Post, Telephone and Telegraph Administration, has chosen the company's technology for DMS-100 and DMS-200 digital switching systems as the basis of future expansion of the Austrian telecommunications system.

The Northern Telecom technology will be used by Austrian electronics and telecommunications systems manufacturers under licencing arrangements made with the company.

Northern Telecom Ltd. has developed a hospital/clinic feature package for its SL-1 digital business communications system. The package includes features which automate communications, increase productivity, enhance system administration, and offer all the cost saving features of a standard SL-1 system together with several new features such as group call and automatic handsfree answerback, and a message centre.

The company has an ongoing program to identify special health care communications requirements and to develop system enhancements to meet future needs. Currently, it has 110,000 lines in service in hospitals and clinics throughout the U.S. and Canada. The system can also be provided worldwide.

Canada has sold 51 more diesel locomotives to Egypt, bringing to 143 the total of Canadian locomotives purchased by Egypt since June this year.

The total locomotive package is worth \$155-million to General Motors of Canada Ltd., Oshawa, Ontario.

The purchase is being financed partly by a \$109-million loan from the Export Development Corporation of Canada.

The National Organization of Egyptian Railways committed itself 25 years ago to purchasing GM diesel locomotives, which it generally buys from either Canada, West Germany or the United States. About 85 per cent of Egyptian locomotives are made in Canada.

B.C. Coal Ltd., a 67 per cent owned subsidiary of British Columbia Resources Investment Corp., has signed a 20-year sales contract to deliver 500,000 metric tons a year of metallurgical coal to Pohang Iron and Steel Co. of South Korea.

The two companies plan a \$282 million joint venture for coal development at the Greenhills Coal Mine, 40 kilometres north of Sparwood, British Columbia. B.C. Coal would own 80 per cent of the new mine and the Korean company 20 per cent.

Production is scheduled to begin in 1983. The mine is expected to be fully operational in 1984, with a workforce of 650 and annual production capacity of 1.8 million tons of coal.

Bombardier Inc. of Montreal, Canada, has contracted to supply Mexico with rubber-wheeled subway trains of nine cars each for \$150 million, thereby displacing the original suppliers from France. Other equipment for the third phase of the Mexico City Metro, scheduled for completion by December 1982, will be supplied by B.G. Checo International Ltd., also of Montreal. The *Bureau de Transport Metropolitan*, a business operated by the Urban Community of Montreal to sell its rapid-transit expertise, will provide consulting services.

Computing Devices Company (ComDev), a division of Control Data Canada Ltd., Ottawa, which has extensive experience in acoustic processing systems both in the U.K. and in North America, has won a major acoustic subcontract to supply the British Royal Air Force. ComDev will design and construct the acoustic subsystem for two Mission Support Systems (MSS) that the Wells Division of EMI Electronics Limited (EMIE) have been awarded a \$18-million contract by the U.K. Ministry of Defence to manufacture. The MSS will be capable of providing full mission support for Nimrod MR MK 2 and most other NATO Maritime Patrol Aircraft, which will greatly enhance their operational effectiveness.

CAE Electronics of Montreal, Canada, recently signed a \$34-million contract with the federal government to develop and manufacture three aircraft flight simulators for the Canadian Armed Forces' new fighter aircraft, the McDonnell Douglas CF-18 Hornet. Two of the simulators will feature VITAL IV visual systems, while the third will be installed in a 12.2 metre-diameter dome with an air combat manoeuvring visual system. All will include CAE-developed G-suit and G-seat motion enhancement systems. Tactical simulation will include radar and weapons systems, with provision for the future addition of electronics warfare and digital radar land mass simulation.

A group of Canadian businessmen signed agreements with Chinese officials while on a tour in China sponsored by the Canada-China Trade Council.

One of the agreements reached during the 11-day visit by 50 members of the council was that its agricultural committee will proceed with plans to build a model farm in northeast China to demonstrate the effectiveness of Canadian agricultural practices.

In addition, China will buy \$750,000 in glass tableware from Cutler Brands and Designs Incorporated of Toronto, and the diesel division of General Motors of Canada Ltd., Oshawa, Ontario, has agreed to co-operate with China's Ministry

of Metallurgical Industry to explore the possibilities of compensation trade.

Kipp Kelly Ltd., a manufacturer of specialized dry process separation machinery in Winnipeg, Canada, recently installed machines to clean soybeans in a soya milk plant in Thailand and to clean rice for market upgrading in the Philippines. The company had already supplied machines working on cocoa, palm kernel, and tin in Malaysia.

The Kip Kelly machines are designed to separate particles by their specific gravity as opposed to their size. This unique ability allows them to differentiate between good and bad seeds, valuable and non-valuable ores, impurities and rejects from all valuable dry free flowing materials.

Mitel Corporation of Ottawa has reached a four-year \$80-million agreement with Telefonos de Mexico. The agreement will result in the creation of a joint company called Mitelmex which will be housed in a \$20-million production plant in Mexico. The plant will go into production next year, turning out a line of computer systems and electronic circuitry for the phone company.

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