

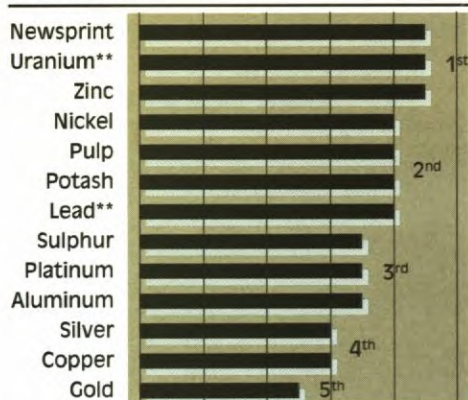
"THIS ACQUISITION IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A MAJOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN OIL AND GAS. OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS FOR NUMAC TO BECOME A MAJOR FORCE IN THE CANADIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY."

DR. CHENG YU-TUNG, HEAD OF A HONG KONG CONSORTIUM THAT ACQUIRED 41% OF NUMAC OIL AND GAS LTD. IN 1992

7. ABUNDANT RAW MATERIALS

Canada is renowned for its rich mineral reserves and productive agricultural land. These resources, and the cost-effectiveness of their extraction, enable Canada to be a leading exporter of key commodities in both raw and processed forms. Canada has very competitive suppliers of ferrous metals, aluminum, nickel, gold, zinc, copper, pulp and paper, lumber and potash, as well as grains, oilseeds, and meats that are internationally recognized for their high quality. Canadian-based processors and manufacturers can reduce transportation costs by being close to these globally competitive sources of supply.

World Leader in Mineral and Commodity Production
(rank of Canada as producer of various commodities - 1991*)



Sources: Energy, Mines and Resources, Canadian Minerals Yearbook; Canadian Pulp Association.

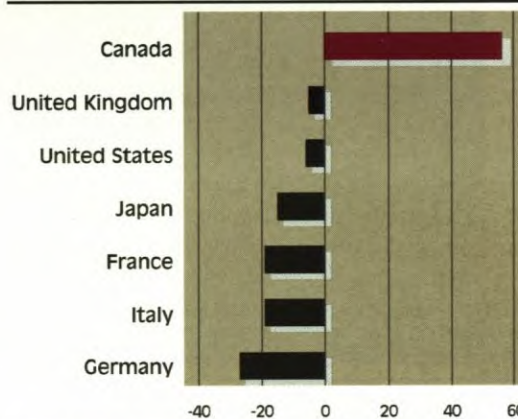
* Ranks for uranium, platinum, silver and gold are for 1990.

** Rank among western nations only.

8. VAST, LOW-COST ENERGY SUPPLIES

Canada is blessed with abundant deposits of mineral fuels and river systems that have been tapped for massive hydroelectric generating capacity. Canada is one of only two G-7 countries that is self-sufficient in oil supplies, and is the only G-7 country that is a net exporter of natural gas.

Plentiful Natural Gas
(net natural gas exports in thousands of TJ per capita - 1990)



Sources: International Energy Agency; OECD, Energy Statistics of OECD Countries, 1980-90, Paris 1992.