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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FY 87 TRADE TRACKING PROGRESS REPORT OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

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IRELAND

TRACKING: ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER

QUARTER : 1

ALERT MAJOR IRISH FIRMS, THE BANKING COMMUNITY ETC. OF THE MERITS OF INVESTING AND/OR ESTABLISHING SUBSIDIARIES IN CANADA.

RESULTS REPORTED

AER LINGUS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPANDING ITS INVESTMENT IN CANADA WHERE THE AIRLINE HAS MAJOR SHARES IN TOOLING SYSTEMS OF KITCHENER A ROBOTICS MANUFACTURER.

QUARTER : 2

LIAISING WITH MAJOR COMPANIES CONCERNING POS-SIBLE NEW PROJECTS OR EXPANSIONS.

APART FROM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. AUTOMATED TOOLING SYSTEMS OF KITCHENER, IN WHICH AER LINGUS HAS A MAJORITY HOLDING - CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND PROSPER.

QUARTER : 3

MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACT WITH SELECT GROUP OF IRISH COMPANIES CONCERNING THEIR INVESTMENT PLANS & EXPANSIONS. WHILST INTEREST IN THE CDN ECONOMY STILL EXISTS WE DETECT A MORE SUBDUED APPROACH TO INVESTMENT ABROAD DURING LATE 1987 I.E. CONSOLIDATION OF NEW PROJECTS & TAKEOVERS AT HOME & ABROAD. GODDMAN INTERNATIONAL (EUROPE'S LARGEST BEEF PROCESSOR) IS NOW LOOKING AT CDA BUT THE TIME FRAME REMAINS UNCERTAIN).

QUARTER : 4

DEVELOP OUR EXISTING CONTACTS AND APPROACH POTENTIAL NEW INVESTMENT CANDIDATES. INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE NEW FREE TRADE AGREEMENT. SEVERAL PUBLIC COMPANIES HAVE INTIMATED THAT THEY WOULD INVEST IF THE RIGHT TAKE-OVER CANDI-DATES IN CANADA EMERGED. TGREE OR FOUR CO-OPERA-TIVES ARE NOW SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISH-ING OPERATIONS ABROAD - INCLUDING NORTH AMERICA. EUROPLEX LTD ARE GRADUALLY EXPANDING THEIR SCARBOROUGH PLANT - ASSEMBLY MULTIPLEXING SECU-RITY EQUIPMENT.