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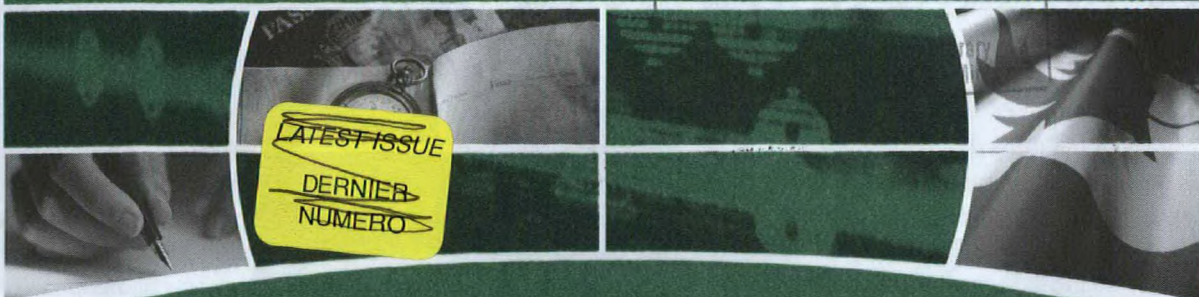
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Russia's Sakhalin Island

Energy mega project means mega opportunities

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Seven major oil and gas development projects are in the development and start-up phases on Sakhalin Island in Russia's Far East. It is estimated that these projects will require over US\$20 billion in investment over the next 20 years—good news for Canadian exporters.

These projects could provide significant opportunities for Canadian suppliers in the oil and gas, building

and infrastructure sectors. In fact, a number of Canadian equipment and service providers and contractors have already benefited from the project's first phase, Sakhalin I, which is being developed by a consortium led by ExxonMobil with an investment estimated at some US\$5 billion. Sakhalin II, being led by Shell, Mitsubishi and Mitsui, is valued at US\$10 billion.

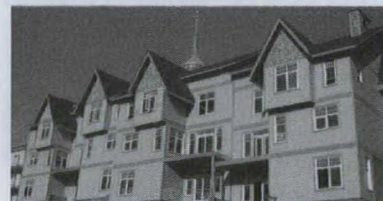
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A jewel in the dragon's crown

Canadian light steel frame houses in China

The Chinese housing market is an attractive market for many companies looking to expand their business outside of North America. Yet many companies attempting to break into this market find themselves confronting a seemingly endless number of obstacles.

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The before and after view of BPA Group's light steel frame houses in Dalian, China.

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