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CANADIAN LEADERSHIP IN ANKARA SUBWAY PROJECT

The Honourable John McDermid, Minister of State of Privatization and Regulatory Affairs, represented Canada today at a ceremony in Ankara, Turkey marking progress in arrangements for a \$700 million subway project using Canadian expertise and technology.

"I am extremely pleased with our progress on this project", said the Minister. "It clearly demonstrates Canada's international competitiveness in the development and installation of large-scale transportation systems".

UTDC Inc. of Kingston, Ontario, a subsidiary of Lavalin Industries Inc., is the Canadian project leader for the Ankara Urban Transportation Project (AUTP), which will serve commuters in Ankara. The first section of the AUTP system will be 14 kilometres long and is scheduled to come into service in 1992. The fully automated AUTP system will use subway cars similar to the Toronto Transit Commission's new subway vehicles.

UTDC will provide all project management, system design and engineering, equipment, procurement and vehicle supply. Two major Turkish firms are participating in the consortium which will design, build and operate the system for at least 10 years.

Today's ceremonial signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the consortium and Turkish authorities represents an important milestone for the project. The MOU covers technical and pricing conditions.

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