

KOREAN INVESTMENT IN CANADA

Han Yang Chemical Corporation, a member company of Korea Explosives Group, has signed a joint venture agreement with a Canadian counterpart to invest in a "greenfield" project to build a \$16.5 million PVC window frame plant in St. John's, Newfoundland. The investors anticipate sales in 1989 of \$18 million with a doubling of plant capacity in the near future.

Shinho Group of Korea has plans to invest up to \$120 million in a new pulp mill in the Thunder Bay area, to be completed by 1990. It will supply 100,000 tons/year of pulp 50% of which will be exported to the Korean market. Initial investment is \$30 million, should create 100 jobs. They also purchased Kakabeka Falls timber plant for \$3.3 million.

Hyundai Motor Company of Korea has a head office and distribution centre in Markham, Ontario, a \$20 million automobile aluminum wheel manufacturing plant and a \$350 million automobile assembly plant in Bromont, Quebec.

Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co. owns a majority interest in a joint venture with Kerkhoff Bridge Ltd. of B.C., formed in late 1986 for construction related to the Vancouver Advanced Light Rapid Transit "Skytrain" and diversion tunnels for the Old Man River Dam project in Alberta.

In 1979, POSCO (Pohang Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.) and Westar Mining established a joint venture to produce both metallurgical and thermal coal, much of which is exported to Korea. The Korean investment totalled \$3 million.

Korea Electric Power Corp. (KEPCO) has a joint-venture with Canadian Mining and Energy Limited in an uranium mine development project at Cigar Lake and Key Lake located in Saskatchewan. Investment is \$2,5 million.

Another \$4 million uranium mining project at Baker Lake, N.W.T., involves Daewoo Corporation and Urangesellschaft Ltd.

Sammi Steel recently announced their intention to purchase Atlas Steel from Rio Algom for \$250 million. Sammi also plans to spend another \$200 million for expansion on one of the plants in either Quebec or Ontario.