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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 87 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

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001-AGRI & FOOD PRODUCTS & SERVICE SAUDI ARABIA

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

ALL SUB-SECTORS

COMPLETE MARKET REPORT ON AGRICULTURE.

CONDUCT MARKET SURVEY FOR FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTED BY SAUDI ARABIA.

ENCOURAGE CANADIAN FIRMS TO INVITE LARGE FARM DWNERS TO CANADA FOR TRADE SHOWS AND OTHER EVENTS.

TRACKING:

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 AGRICULTURAL MISSION

QUARTER: 1 SAUDI AGRICULTURE 87

QUARTER: 2 -----

QUARTER: 3 TO INCREASE CDN PRESENCE IN AGRI-FOOD SECTOR BY IDENTIFYING NEW POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS.

QUARTER: 3 TOUR OF HA'IL & GASSIM.

QUARTER: 4 ----

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

RAISE INTEREST OF CANADIAN SUPPLIERS AND ENCOURAGE VISITS TO THE MARKET.

TO HAVE MORE CANADIAN PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN SAUDI MARKET.

ACQUAINT FARM OWNERS WITH CANADIAN EXPERTISE AND CAPABILITIES.

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

VISITED MAJOR FARMS IN KINGDOM, CO'S. NOW HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH END CLIENTS.

CDN CO'S MADE PERSENCE KNOWN IN MARKET, MAJOR POTENTIAL FORESEEN IN AREAS PF PEAT MOSS, SEED EQUIPMENT.

CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH TWO JEDDAH BASED COMPAN-IES WHICH ARE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH A NUMBER OF CON COMPANIES IN FOOD SECTOR.

VISIT TO MAJOR AGRIC. AREAS TO INCREASE INTEREST IN CON TECHNOLOGY PRIOR TO AG. SHOW.