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WILSON ANNOUNCES TRADE MISSION TO GREECE

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced today that the Honourable John McDermid, Minister of State (Finance and Privatization) will lead a trade mission composed of seven Canadian companies to Athens, Greece, May 1-6.

"The visit will serve to advance the interests of Canadian firms bidding on specific infrastructure projects in Greece," Mr. Wilson said.

Mr. McDermid will also meet Greek government officials to discuss Canadian experience with respect to the privatization of government operations. The Greek government is embarking on a program to privatize some 200 state enterprises.

"This is an opportunity to discuss in some detail the increased efficiency and other benefits derived from our continuing effort to privatize certain operations of government since 1984," Mr. McDermid added.

Firms participating in the mission are Bombardier Inc. (Canadair), Conair Air Aviation Ltd., Huang & Danczkay Properties Inc., Indal Technologies Inc., Northern Telecom Ltd., Ontario Bus Industries Inc. and SR Telecom Inc.

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