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MACLAREN NAMES NEW CHAIRPERSONS AND ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING OF SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUPS

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today appointed new chairpersons and members of the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs), which have been restructured and streamlined to reflect current domestic and international realities. Mr. MacLaren welcomed the chairpersons of the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC), its task forces and the SAGITs at a meeting in Ottawa.

"The SAGITs have provided an invaluable source of input into the formulation of Canadian trade policy, particularly during the trade negotiations of recent years. With an ever-growing range and number of trade issues affecting the success of Canadian interests abroad, there is a continuing need for frequent, open dialogue between the government and the private sector. I am confident that the renewed SAGITs will enable us to meet the challenges ahead."

While the total number of SAGITs will remain at 15, membership has been reduced from an average of 20 to 17 members. A new SAGIT, Medical and Health Care Products and Services, has been established to ensure that the views of this increasingly important sector are represented and other SAGITs have been combined to reflect common interests.

The ITAC and SAGITs, comprised of senior representatives of the business community, industry associations, labour and academia, provide the Minister for International Trade with advice on trade issues.

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An updated list of the ITAC and SAGITs and their chairpersons is attached.

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SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUPS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

Chairperson: Vacant

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Chairperson: (William Vaags - interim)
Past President, Canadian Pork Council
Dugald, Manitoba

APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR

Chairperson: Jeffrey H. Gertner
Executive Vice-President, Mister Leonard Inc.
Toronto, Ontario

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Chairperson: Ms. Lynn J. Haight
President, Institute of Certified Management Consultants
Toronto, Ontario

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Chairperson: David A. McAllister
Vice-President, Marketing, Sabian Limited
Meductic, New Brunswick

CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Chairperson: G. Scott McIntyre
President, Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.
Vancouver, British Columbia

ENERGY, CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS

Chairperson: Ms. Valerie A. A. Nielsen
Oil and Gas Consultant
Calgary, Alberta

FISH AND SEA PRODUCTS

Chairperson: Donald A. McLean
President and Chief Executive Officer
British Columbia Packers Limited
Richmond, British Columbia

FOREST PRODUCTS

Chairperson: (Mike Apsey - interim)
President and Chief Executive Officer
Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOM PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Chairperson: Ms. Janice Moyer
President, Information Technology Association of Canada
Mississauga, Ontario

MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Chairperson: Alan Backley
CMC, Principal
Resources Management Consultant
Toronto, Ontario

MINING, METALS AND MINERALS

Chairperson: Dr. C. George Miller
President, The Mining Association of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

TEXTILES, FUR AND LEATHER

Chairperson: Basile Toutoungi
President, Fils Spécialisés Dominion
Saint-Laurent, Quebec

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

Chairperson: Kenneth W. Harrigan
Past Chairman, Ford Canada
Oakville, Ontario

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Chairperson: Ms. Maria Rehner
President, The Canadian Industrial Transportation League
Don Mills, Ontario

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Chairperson: Marshall A. Cohen
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Molson Companies Ltd.
Toronto, Ontario

ITAC TASK FORCE ON TRADE POLICY

Chairperson: Ms. Marie-Josée Drouin
Director General
Hudson Institute
Montreal, Quebec

ITAC TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Derrick Rowe
President
NEWEast Wireless Inc.
St. John's, Newfoundland

ITAC TASK FORCE ON TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson: Gary Nash
Secretary-General
International Council on Metals and the Environment
Ottawa, Ontario

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