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MINISTER CARNEY CONCLUDES HER BILATERAL VISIT TO INDONESIA

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, announced at the conclusion of her two day visit to Jakarta, Indonesia, that new business had been secured for Canadian exporters.

Hawker Siddeley of Trenton, Nova Scotia, has received an order for coal transport hopper cars worth \$17 million and it is expected that General Motors Diesel Division of London, Ontario, will shortly obtain an order for locomotives valued at \$28 million. The hopper cars and locomotives will be used on the South Sumatra railway as part of a plan by the Indonesian Government to develop its domestic-use coal reserves. The Minister indicated that further orders are also close to completion for steel rail valued at \$7 million from Sydney Steel, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and for a \$9 million extension to the Merak Serpong Communications Network linking Sumatra and Java.

Indonesia is Canada's largest market in South East Asia. To further strengthen Canada's competitive position Miss Carney met with several Indonesian Ministers, including Ali Wardhana, Indonesia's Co-ordinating Economic Minister. She advised them that Canada will provide a major new concessional line of credit to Canadian firms to match the terms offered by their competitors in the market. Miss Carney said, "This new credit underlines the Canadian Government's commitment to expanding the Canadian private sector's participation in Indonesia's economic development." The Minister noted that this new concessional credit was additional to the more than \$125 million in financing offered by Canada in recent months.

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Minister Carney's host during her official visit to Indonesia was Indonesia's Trade Minister Rachmat Saleh. Together they discussed the new Canada-U.S.A. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and progress at the Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) -- a continuing negotiation which will lead to improvements in the world trading environment.

Miss Carney emphasized that the FTA is part of a broader two-track trade strategy which seeks to liberalize trade through both bilateral negotiations and the MTN.

The Minister said that Canada has recently provided training to Indonesian officials to assist them in participating fully in the complex MTN discussions and offered to provide further assistance should Indonesia wish it.

Miss Carney said, "The continued active participation of Indonesia and other developing countries in the MTN is a top priority for Canada and one that my visit to Indonesia was designed to encourage. The MTN will further liberalize world trade to the advantage of countries such as Canada and Indonesia and will strengthen international economic growth."

Miss Carney undertook her visit to Indonesia in the context of Canada's commitment to expanding relations with the Asia-Pacific region and with the ASEAN countries in particular. In the last few years, Canada's trade with ASEAN has tripled.

At a press conference at the end of her visit to Indonesia Miss Carney said the objectives she set for her visit had been met: to strengthen Canada's growing economic and commercial relationship with Indonesia and to support the activities of Canadian companies in the Indonesian market.