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## MACLAREN LEADS MAJOR TRADE MISSION TO INDIA AND VISITS BANGLADESH

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit the Republic of India and the People's Republic of Bangladesh from October 8 to 15.

During his visit to India, Mr. MacLaren will be accompanied by a business delegation of over 40 participants. This mission will enable him to promote Canadian capabilities and to support the marketing efforts of numerous Canadian companies pursuing new opportunities in this market.

"India is one of the most promising markets in the Asia-Pacific region for Canadian business," said Mr. MacLaren. "Since 1991, the Indian economy has undergone vast economic reforms, which have substantially enhanced internal competition and foreign access to this market. As India proceeds with further reform, the opportunities for Canadian business will grow."

During his stay in New Delhi from October 8 to 11, Mr. MacLaren will meet with the Prime Minister of India, The Right Honourable Narashimha Rao, the Minister of Finance, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, and other senior ministers. He will open the Joint Business Council's (JBC) Indo-Canadian Joint Venture Conference, and will deliver a keynote address to a luncheon sponsored by the JBC and the Indo-Canadian Business Club.

Mr. MacLaren will also witness the signing of a \$6-million contract between Met-Chem Canada Inc. and the Uttar Pradesh State Mineral Development Corporation, and will visit the site of the Bank of Nova Scotia's new branch in New Delhi.

While in Bombay on October 12, Mr. MacLaren will meet the Chief Minister of Maharashtra State, deliver a speech to local business people and attend the dedication of the new Bell Northern Research facility in Borivili, a suburb of Bombay.

Mr. MacLaren will conclude his South Asian visit in Bangladesh on October 15, where he will meet with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Right Honourable Khaleda Zia, and other members of the Cabinet. The visit to Dhaka is in support of Canadian companies pursuing business opportunities there.

A list of Canadian companies and associations participating in the Minister's program is attached.

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## LIST OF PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

Acres International Ltd.  
Niagara Falls, Ontario

AGRA Industries Ltd.  
Mississauga, Ontario

Agri Tec Canada Inc.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Association of Canadian  
Community Colleges  
Ottawa, Ontario

B.C. Hydro International Ltd.  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Bank of Nova Scotia  
Toronto, Ontario

Beament Green Dust  
Ottawa, Ontario

Bell Canada International Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Bell Northern Research  
Ottawa, Ontario

Bombardier Regional Aircraft  
Division  
Downsview, Ontario

Canac/Microtel  
Coquitlam, British Columbia

Canada Steamship Lines Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Canada-India Business Council  
Ottawa, Ontario

Canadian Commercial  
Corporation  
Ottawa, Ontario

CanAm Industries  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Cancoil Thermal Corporation  
Kingston, Ontario

DNV Trade & Tech. Corp.  
Don Mills, Ontario

Export Development Corporation  
Ottawa, Ontario

Foundation Company of  
Canada Ltd.  
Scarborough, Ontario

GEC Alsthom Electro-  
Mechanique Inc.  
Tracy, Quebec

HIR International Ltd.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Info-Electronics Systems Inc.  
Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec

Met-Chem Canada Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Mitel Corporation  
Kanata, Ontario

N.D. Lea International Ltd.  
North York, Ontario

Niko Resources Ltd.  
Calgary, Alberta

NovAtel Communications Ltd.  
Calgary, Alberta

Paul L. Wilkinson & Associates  
Montreal, Quebec

Plitron Manufacturing Inc.  
Downsview, Ontario

Quester Tangent Corp.  
Sidney, British Columbia

Ram-Par Industries Ltd.  
North Vancouver, British  
Columbia

Rousseau Sauvé Warren Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

S.R. Roessler Associates Ltd.  
Ottawa, Ontario

Security Information Systems  
Brampton, Ontario

Sinclair Radio  
Laboratories Ltd.  
Aurora, Ontario

SNC-Lavalin International Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Spar Aerospace Ltd.  
Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec

Statpower Technologies  
Corporation  
Burnaby, British Columbia

Tele-Direct  
(Publications) Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Teleglobe Cable Systems  
Montreal, Quebec

The Delphi Group  
Ottawa, Ontario

The Electrolyser  
Corporation Ltd.  
Etobicoke, Ontario

TransAlta Utilities Corp.  
Calgary, Alberta

Universal Paper  
Export Co. Ltd.  
Montreal, Quebec

Wardrop Engineering Inc.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba