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CANADA PAVILION AT EXPO '92 COMPLETED

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced today that construction of the Canada Pavilion for Expo '92 in Seville, Spain, is complete.

The Pavilion, which reflects the Expo '92 theme, "The Age of Discovery," highlights innovations in Canadian science and technology, as well as Canada's history, people and land. Created by Vancouver architect Bing Thom, the Pavilion stands 27.5 metres high and has a floor area of 4,200 square metres.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Seville yesterday, Luc Lavoie, Commissioner General of the Canadian Pavilion, welcomed Virgilio Zapatero, the Spanish Minister Responsible for Expo '92, Emilio Cassinello, Commissioner General of Expo '92, Jacinto Pellon, President of the State Corporation, and Rafael del Pino, the general contractor. More than 500 construction workers who had worked on the site also attended the event.

"We are very proud of this Pavilion," said Mr. Wilson, who visited the construction site in July this year. "It is the result of a superb collaborative effort between Canadian designers and Spanish organizations."

The Pavilion is designed to encourage visitors to discover Canada, its people, its lifestyles and its products. The Pavilion houses a multi-image presentation show, an IMAX theatre, exhibit space to be occupied by the Governments of Canada, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, and a restaurant/boutique operated by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Expo '92, the largest universal exposition ever held, opens April 20 and runs until October 12, 1992. One hundred and eleven nations, 23 international organizations, 30 multinational corporations and 17 autonomous regions of Spain will participate.

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