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QUELLET ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced three appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Michael E.J. Phelps of North Vancouver, British Columbia, was appointed as Chairman, effective July 23, 1994, when the outgoing Chairman, Arthur Hara, O.C., completes his third term. Jacques Bougie, of Outremont, Quebec, and Pierre Choquette, of Calgary, Alberta, were appointed Directors. The new appointments are for a period of three years.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Mr. Ouellet and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will meet with the Board of Directors today to discuss the Foundation's achievements to date and their plans for the future. The general Board of Directors meeting will be held tomorrow, June 22, 1994.

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. The Foundation was established to promote closer ties between the peoples and institutions of Canada and those of the Asia Pacific region. Programs have been established by the Foundation to carry out this mandate and to further Canada's economic interests in the Asia Pacific region.

In 1989, the APF was selected as an implementing agency for the federal government's "Pacific 2000" strategy, which has three major components: the Pacific Business Strategy, the Japan Science and Technology Fund, and the Language and Awareness Program. The APF has recently embarked on a new five-year plan which will renew and refocus its efforts to ensure that its programming remains innovative and effective.

Biographies of the new Chairman and the new Directors are attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Michael Everett Joseph Phelps is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Westcoast Energy Inc., in Vancouver, British Columbia. Born in Montreal in 1947, Mr. Phelps holds a law degree from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Winnipeg.

Mr. Phelps joined Westcoast Transmission Company Limited as Special Advisor to the President and Chief Executive Officer (1982-83) and continued on to various senior positions before taking up his current position in 1988.

Mr. Phelps is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Union Energy Inc., Chairman of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. and Chairman of Union Gas Limited; he is also affiliated with a total of 12 other organizations in positions ranging from trustee to director. These organizations include utility companies, financial institutions, business councils, a university and a museum.

Jacques Bougie is President and Chief Executive Officer of Alcan Aluminum Limited. Born in Montreal in 1947, Mr. Bougie holds a law degree from the Université de Montréal and a degree in business administration from the École des Hautes Études Commerciales.

Mr. Bougie joined Alcan in 1979, as Manager of Beauharnois Works, part of Alcan Smelters and Chemicals Limited. In 1988, he became President of Alcan Enterprises and, in July 1989, he was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Alcan Aluminum Limited; he took up his present position in November 1993.

Mr. Bougie is a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Bank of Canada, Bell Canada, BCE Mobile Communications Inc. and the Conference Board of Canada.

Pierre Choquette is President of Novacorp International Inc. and Senior Vice President of NOVA Corporation of Alberta. Born in Sherbrooke in 1942, Mr. Choquette holds a Master of Science degree in chemical engineering from Université Laval and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University.

Between 1966 and 1980, Mr. Choquette held several senior assignments in the United States, in Europe and in Canada. In 1988, he became Senior Vice President of NOVA Corporation of Alberta and Executive Vice President, Novacor Chemicals Ltd. Mr. Choquette was appointed to his current position as President of Novacorp International Inc. in 1993.

Mr. Choquette is a director of several Novacor companies; a director of the Canada-China Trade Council; a member of the Advisory Board for the National Research Council Industrial Materials Institute; a member of the National Research Council; and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Research Council.