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MACLAREN VISITS JAPAN, LEADS TRADE MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA AND ATTENDS APEC MEETING

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit Japan on November 6 and 7 and lead a delegation of senior Canadian business representatives to the Philippines and Indonesia from November 8 to 15. He will also attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting in Osaka, Japan, on November 16 and 17 and he will remain in Osaka for the APEC Leaders Summit on November 18 and 19.

"I look forward to promoting Canada's trade and investment interests in the Asia-Pacific region during this visit," said Mr. MacLaren.

At the APEC Ministerial Meeting, Mr. MacLaren and ministers from other APEC economies will review the Action Agenda, a blueprint to be presented to APEC leaders for trade and investment liberalization and economic and technical co-operation in the region. Mr. MacLaren will hold bilateral talks with several APEC trade ministers during his stay in Osaka.

"Over the last year, Canada, together with its APEC partners, has worked hard to ensure that leaders are presented with a comprehensive framework on how to achieve the Bogor vision of free and open trade and investment in the region."

While in Tokyo on November 6 and 7, Mr. MacLaren will meet Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Trade Ryutaro Hashimoto and Minister of Construction Yoshiro Mori, as well as senior Japanese and Canadian business executives.

He will open a Canadian Space Seminar, which will present Canadian space technology to over 200 Japanese government and industry representatives. He will also attend the Japan Home



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Show where more than 75 Canadian companies are exhibiting the strengths of Canadian building products — Canada's largest single export to Japan.

In Manila from November 8 to 11, Mr. MacLaren will call on President Fidel Ramos and meet Secretary of Trade and Industry Rizalino Navarro and Secretary of Transportation and Communications Jesus Garcia. He will also meet with Asian Development Bank Acting President Bong-Suh Lee and address a Rotary Club of Manila luncheon and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines.

Mr. MacLaren will then visit Jakarta from November 11 to 15 where he will meet Minister of Trade Satrio Joedono, Minister of Mines and Energy Ida Bagus Sudjana, Co-ordinating Minister for Industry and Trade Hartarto and senior representatives of several state companies. He will also address the Indonesia-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

A list of companies participating in the Minister's program in the Philippines and Indonesia is attached.

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LIST OF COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN MINISTERIAL VISIT TO PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA

The Philippines

Aghitech Canada Inc. (Laval, Que.)

AGRA Industries (Mississauga, Ont.)

Ashley-Robinson Brodie (Milton, Ont.)

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (Ottawa, Ont.)

Barrick Gold (Toronto, Ont.)

Bell Helicopter (Montreal, ... Que.)

Canadian Airlines International (Montreal, Que.)

Canadian Highways International Corporation (Mississauga, Ont.)

CAE Electronics (St-Laurent, Que.)

CCI CAD Power Canada (Winnipeg, Man.)

Colony International (Coquitlam, B.C.)

Cree Construction (St-Laurent, Que.)

EDC (Ottawa, Ont.)

Field Aviation (Mississauga, Ont.)

Harris Farinon (Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que.) LanSer Technologies (Westmount, Que.)

La Prairie Group (Prince George, B.C.)

Manulife Financial (Toronto, Ont.)

Maple Reinders Group (Brampton, Ont.)

New World Housing Systems (Airdrie, Alta.)

Northern Telecom (Mississauga, Ont.)

SaskTel International (Regina, Sask.)

SNC-LAVALIN International
(Montreal, Que.)

SR Telecom (Montreal, Que.)

Teleconsult (Vancouver, B.C.)

Teleglobe International (Montreal, Que.)

TransCanada Pipelines (Calgary, Alta.)

Viceroy (Vancouver, B.C.)

WESCAM Inc. (Hamilton, Ont.)

Westcoast Energy (Vancouver, B.C.)

World Tel (Vancouver, B.C.)

Indonesia

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (Ottawa, Ont.)

Asia Power Pacific Group (Montreal, Que.)

Babcock & Wilcox (Cambridge, Ont.)

Barrick Gold (Toronto, Ont.)

CAE Electronics (St-Laurent, Que.)

EDC (Ottawa, Ont.)

Gulf Canada (Calgary, Alta.)

Harris Farinon (Dollard-des-Ormeaux,Que.)

Klöckner Stadler Hurter (Montreal, Que.)

LanSer Technologies (Westmount, Que.)

Manulife Financial (Toronto, Ont.)

Nova Corporation & Nova Gas International (Calgary, Alta.)

SNC-LAVALIN International (Montreal, Que.)

SR Telecom (Montreal, Que.)

TransCanada Pipelines (Calgary, Alta.)

Viceroy (Vancouver, B.C.)