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## **BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN MISSION TO CHINA OF CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER AND PREMIERS**

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Thomas d'Aquino, President and Chief Executive of the Business Council on National Issues (BCNI) announced in Ottawa today that fifteen Council members (see attached), all leaders of major Canadian companies, will be among the delegation accompanying the Prime Minister and Premiers to China later this week.

"China is a strategic priority for the Business Council," said Mr. d'Aquino, "and it is not difficult to understand why. With a population in excess of 1.2 billion, a stunning growth rate and an economy undergoing rapid structural advances, the opportunities for Canadian business are extraordinary."

"But the BCNI's commitment to China does not rest on its awesome economic promise alone," added Mr. d'Aquino. "There now can be little doubt that China has the potential over the next quarter century to become a major force in the world. This reality must be taken into account in Canada's foreign and international economic policy and in the plans of Canada's private sector leaders."

Council members travelling to China with the Prime Minister and the Premiers represent a significant cross-section of Canadian business including aerospace, transportation, banking, insurance, retail, mining, pulp and paper, energy, engineering, and petrochemicals.

While in Beijing, the BCNI will participate in Prime Minister Chrétien's "Team Canada Forum" and in the Annual General Meeting and Policy Conference of the Canada China Business Council.

The BCNI is Canada's senior business organization. Active nationally and internationally, it is composed of the chief executives of 150 leading Canadian enterprises. Member companies represent every major sector of the Canadian economy and are responsible for a significant majority of Canada's private sector investment, exports and research and development. With about 1.3 million employees, member companies administer in excess of CDN \$1.2 trillion in assets, and have an annual turnover of approximately CDN \$400 billion.

The Council's Chairman is J. Edward Newall, Chief Executive Officer of NOVA Corporation. The Council's Vice-Chairmen are Peter J.G. Bentley, Charles H. Hantho, Guy Saint-Pierre, and William W. Stinson, chief executives respectively of Canfor Corporation, Dominion Textile Inc., SNC-LAVALIN Group Inc., and Canadian Pacific Limited.

"The BCNI's participation in the China mission is part of the Council's Global Strategy Initiative," said Mr. d'Aquino, "a sustained effort on the part of the BCNI that aims at enhancing the global perspective of Canadian chief executives, ensuring that Canadian business has an influential voice on international economic, trade and investment issues, and developing private sector linkages in dynamic markets on a global basis."

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**MEMBERS OF THE  
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NOVEMBER 1994**

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Bombardier Inc.

**John E. Cleghorn**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Bank of Canada

**Dominic D'Alessandro**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
The Manufacturers Life Insurance  
Company

**Thomas P. d'Aquino**

President and Chief Executive  
Business Council on National Issues

**Hollis L. Harris**

Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
Air Canada

**George J. Kosich**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hudson's Bay Company

**André LeBel**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Teleglobe Canada Inc.

**John D. MacNaughton**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Spar Aerospace Limited

**Gerald J. Maier**

Chairman  
TransCanada PipeLines

**Ronald N. Mannix**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Loram Corporation

**Jean C. Monty**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Telecom Limited

**George S. Petty**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Repap Enterprises Inc.

**Michael E.J. Phelps**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Westcoast Energy Inc.

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James Richardson & Sons, Limited

**Guy Saint-Pierre**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
SNC-LAVALIN Group Inc.

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