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CANADIAN BUSINESS LEADERS VISIT GERMANY

A group of Canadian chief executives begins a two day visit to Germany today aimed at forging a closer and more productive working relationship between senior business leaders of both countries. The businessmen are members of Canada's Business Council on National Issues (BCNI), an organization composed of 150 chief executives of the country's leading enterprises.

"Germany is one of the world's leading industrial, trading and financial powers," said BCNI President and Chief Executive, **Thomas d'Aquino**, "and as such represents an important priority for the Business Council. With a population of over 80 million people, a united Germany now stands at the centre of Europe and holds a position of strategic importance in the European Union and in Central and Eastern Europe."

The BCNI delegation is composed of the following individuals: **Matthew W. Barrett, Bank of Montreal; Peter J.G. Bentley, Canfor Corporation; Thomas P. d'Aquino, Business Council on National Issues; J. Trevor Eyton, Brascan Limited; Ronald N. Mannix, Loram Corporation; Jean C. Monty, Northern Telecom Limited; J. Edward Newall, NOVA Corporation; and Guy Saint-Pierre, SNC-LAVALIN Group Inc. and Chairman, Business Council on National Issues.** The group represents a broad number of key sectors of the Canadian economy including telecommunications, banking, engineering, financial services, forest products, oil and gas, mining and metals, petrochemicals and power generation.

BCNI Chairman **Guy Saint-Pierre** explained the Council's mission objectives as follows:

- to attain a better grasp of the extraordinary economic and social changes that have taken place in Germany since unification;

