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ST. LAWRENCE ACTION PLAN OFF TO A GOOD START

MONTREAL -- 8 June 1989 -- Environment Canada today released, on behalf of the federal government, the first annual report of the St. Lawrence Action Plan. This \$110-million, five-year project also involves two other federal departments: the Department of Industry, Science and Technology and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The managers responsible for implementing this vast undertaking consider the progress made to date to be very promising.

The first year of the St. Lawrence Action Plan was marked by a major phase of organization and consolidation. Activities included the establishment of the operating mechanisms of the St. Lawrence Centre, the recruitment of some of the personnel and the creation of a network of partners. A total of \$4 million had been invested by the three federal departments in the project: \$3.2 million by Environment Canada; \$100,000 by Industry, Science and Technology Canada; and \$743,000 by Fisheries and Oceans. Next year, the departments plan to allocate \$17.5 million to pursue their activities.

Among the most notable achievements of the first year is the inventory, conducted as part of the plan's protection component, of industrial plants located along the St. Lawrence River, and the compilation of a list of the fifty most serious industrial polluters to which priority will be given by the federal and provincial governments.

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In the past few months, Environment Canada has also characterized the waste of the following eight plants: Reynolds Canada Ltd. in Baie Comeau; Nacan Products Ltd., Alcan Smelters and Chemicals Ltd. in Jonqui re; Pratt and Whitney, Petromont Inc., Lockweld, Kruger Inc. and Consolidated Bathurst, Trois-Rivi res. The analysis of the characterizations is currently under way and Environment Canada plans to release the results in the months ahead.

This year, Environment Canada also plans to complete the characterization of the fifty priority plants targeted by the St. Lawrence Action Plan. The cost of the characterizations will be shared 50 per cent by the plants in question and 50 per cent by the governments. Environment Canada also plans to implement clean-up programs at approximately ten priority plants in conjunction with the Quebec government.

The first annual report provides a detailed chart of the various projects conducted by each federal department and an overview of current and upcoming projects. It also provides a list of contracts awarded to outside firms for the implementation of the activities of the St. Lawrence Action Plan, and the list of the fifty plants to which priority will be given.

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FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS TACKLE INDUSTRIAL TOXIC WASTE IN THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

MONTREAL -- 8 June 1989 -- Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard and his Quebec counterpart, Lise Bacon, today released a list of fifty industrial plants located along the St. Lawrence River which will be given priority by the two governments in the next few years. The announcement was made at the signing of an agreement under which the two governments undertook to join forces to protect, conserve, restore and enhance the St. Lawrence River.

The two governments set as their objective a 90 per cent reduction in all liquid toxic waste by the most serious industrial polluters along the St. Lawrence River by 1993. The main sectors in question include the pulp and paper industry, the metallurgy industry, the chemical industry, the petroleum industry, the mining industry, and the surface-finishing industry. In June 1988, the federal government announced a \$110-million plan under which \$14 million would be allocated to evaluate the nature and quantity of toxic waste, and to develop priority action. The federal and Quebec governments have also agreed to negotiate pollution-control protocols with the plants, or to pursue their negotiations, using all legislative and regulatory instruments available.

"The federal government, through the St. Lawrence Centre and the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, will ensure the development and application of clean-up technology adapted to the needs of the targeted plants", said Environment Minister Bouchard.

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According to the two ministers, the initiatives of their governments to clean up the St. Lawrence River will afford an excellent opportunity to reconcile the economic and environmental requirements of our society and to show that this reconciliation is the basis of sustainable development.

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LIST OF THE 50 PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

in alphabetical order

1. Pulp and Paper Industries

- Abitibi Price Inc., Alma
- Abitibi Price Ltd., Beaupré
- Abitibi Price Inc., Jonquière
- Canadian Pacific Forest Products Ltd., Trois-Rivières
- Cascades (Jonquière) Inc. (CIP), Jonquière
- Consolidated-Bathurst Inc., La Baie
- Consolidated-Bathurst Inc., Trois-Rivières
- Daishowa Forest Products Ltd., Québec
- * Domtar Inc. (Fine Papers Division), Beauharnois
- Domtar Inc. (Newsprint and Kraft Pulp Division), Donnacona
- Donohue Inc., Clermont
- F.F. Soucy Inc., Rivière-du-Loup
- Kruger Inc., Trois-Rivières
- Perkins Papers Ltd., Candiac
- Quebec and Ontario Paper Co. Ltd., Baie-Comeau

2. Metal Industries

A. Aluminum Industry

- * A.B.I., Bécancour
- Alcan Smelters & Chemicals Ltd., Alma
- Alcan Smelters & Chemicals Ltd., Jonquière
- * Alcan Smelters & Chemicals Ltd., La Baie
- * Alcan Aluminum Ltd., Melocheville
- Reynolds Canada Ltd., Baie-Comeau

B. Copper and Zinc Industries

- C.E. Zinc Canada Ltd., Valleyfield
- Noranda Inc., (CCR Division), Montreal-East

C. Carbon-based Metal Industry

- Elkem Metal Canada Inc., Beauharnois

D. Iron and Steel Industries

- ** Atlas Steel Ltd., Rio Algom Division, Tracy
- ** Q.I.T. Inc., Sorel
- Sidbec-Dosco Ltd., Contrecoeur

3. Chemical Industries

A. Petrochemical (primary)

- Commercial Alcohols Ltd., Varennes
- Kemtec Inc., (Gulf), Montreal-East
- Pétromont Inc., Varennes
- * Union Carbide of Canada Inc., Montreal-East

B. Petrochemical (secondary)

- ** Hoescht Canada Inc., Varennes
- Monsanto Canada Inc., Ville LaSalle
- Nacan Products Ltd., Boucherville

C. Explosives

- ** Expro Chemical Products Inc., Saint-Timothée

D. Inorganic Chemicals

- Albright & Wilson Americas, Varennes
- * C.I.L. Inc., Bécancour
- ** N.L. Chem Canada Inc., Varennes
- * P.P.G. Canada Inc., Beauharnois
- ** Tioxide Canada Inc., Tracy

4. Petroleum Industry

Petro-Canada Inc./Petrochem, Pointe-aux-Trembles
Shell Canada Inc., Montreal-East
Ultramar Canada Inc., Saint-Romuald

5. Mining Industry

T.M.G. Services Inc., Saint-Honoré

6. Surface-finishing Industry

- ** Héroux Inc., Longueuil
- * Locweld Inc., Candiac
- ** Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc., Longueuil

7. Miscellaneous Industries

- ** Dominion Textile Inc., Saint-Timothée
- Reynolds Canada Ltd., Cap-de-la-Madeleine
- Wood Preservation Industries Ltd., Tracy

- * Work completed, follow-up now in progress
- ** Work underway

Note : This list was prepared jointly by Environment Canada
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