



## High-Level Energy Conference to take place in Brussels

Brussels, September 20, 2004 – The Canada Europe Round Table for Business (CERT) will hold an Energy Roundtable in Brussels, Belgium on **September 20, 2004**, at the Brussels' headquarters of energy giant Suez-Tractebel.

Focusing on the theme, “*A Showcase of opportunities for the European Investors*” the roundtable discussions will focus on the significant investment opportunities in Canadian energy markets, notably, with regards to power generation and distribution. The meeting will feature CEOs, senior executives and political decision-makers from the energy sectors in Canada and the European Union.

Central to the discussions will be an overview of the Ontario regulatory environment by *Dwight Duncan*, Ontario's Minister of Energy. The event is a key component of Minister Duncan's first trip to Europe, where he will meet with European investors to discuss the expected \$40 billion investment in energy infrastructure construction costs that the province will require in the coming years.

*“Ontario faces a huge challenge to fill the anticipated gap between electricity supply and demand, but where there's challenge, there's opportunity,”* said Ontario Energy Minister Dwight Duncan. *“Ontario is an attractive, vital market, and we're working hard to demonstrate that investors are welcome, and that we mean business.”*

In addition to Minister Duncan, other speakers for the event include Duncan Hawthorne, President & CEO of Bruce Power, Dr. Dave Torgerson, Senior Vice President & Chief Technology Officer for Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, John Beck, Chairman of Aecon Group Inc., Ralf Guntermann, Group President for Power Generation, Siemens AG, Maury Parsons, Chair, Alberta Electric System Operators and Richard Nesbitt, President of TSX Markets.

Speakers will outline investment opportunities to an audience of senior investors drawn from a selection of major European energy utilities, engineering and power generation firms and financial institutions.

Founded in 1999, CERT is a permanent association for dialogue on major trade and investment matters among senior business leaders, Canadian and European, and among business leaders and governments. Its membership comprises companies and business associations in the European Union and Canada.

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