



Northland Power President Jim Temerty (l) concludes deal with his Ukrainian counterpart on renovating Kyiv's Darnytsia Heat and Power Plant at the official signing ceremony following the IEC Inaugural Meeting.

#### NORTHLAND POWER

Northland President James Temerty said the Canadian side would raise the \$150 million from lending bodies, export development agencies, Western commercial banks and private sources. He added that Northland would operate the gas-powered plant and then take over 51% of shares when a new on-site facility was completed.

"Once all of this is done, we build the plant and turn it into a commercial operation," Temerty added that it would probably take two years.

The project provides for the introduction of three new technologies into Ukrainian power producing industry - a combined cycle system, utilizing boilers and modern automatic instrumentation systems. It will also save more than US\$10 million worth of fuel a year, reported InfoBank. It is also planned to double the generating power and significantly reduce harmful effluents into the atmosphere. The partners plan to use Ukrainian steam turbines and transformers.

#### SNC LAVALIN

The planned complex of SNC Lavalin, which is to be built in cooperation with the Kyiv construction company, KyivMiskBud, will include a convention centre, a hotel, an office tower, a shopping centre and parking facilities. Under the protocol, SNC Lavalin must first seek out investors interested in participating in the financing of the project.

Obtaining the commitment of a few key investors is an essential step to the continuation of the project, said an SNC Lavalin statement.

KyivMiskBud has offered five potential sites, mainly in Kyiv's left bank district. The sites are to be selected no later than two months after the signing of the protocol. A feasibility study of the project should be ready within 10 months.

#### PLEDGING NEW AID

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Canada has committed more than \$120-million in technical aid to help promote market reforms, install safety equipment in Ukraine's hazardous Soviet-era nuclear power stations and help victims of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

Minister Axworthy and Don Boudria, Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for La Francophonie, announced four new projects, worth a total of \$7.5 million, in which Canada is helping Ukraine to modernize aged hydroelectric power plants and electricity distribution, and to shut down the troubled Chernobyl nuclear power station.

"Reforming Ukraine's energy sector is critical to the country's economic development," said Boudria. "The Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) support for this effort reflects our desire to help Ukraine manage its nuclear energy, and to nurture an economic partnership between our countries."

"Canada wants to help ensure that there are no more accidents like the one

### Chronology of a Special Relationship

- ▶ Agreement on Trade and Commerce (signed Mar. 1994, in effect Aug. 1995) - extends most-favoured-nation treatment
- ▶ Agreement on Economic Cooperation (Oct. 1994, effective Aug. 1995) - pledges information exchange, establishes Intergovernmental Economic Commission
- ▶ Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investments (Oct. 1994, effective July 1995)
- ▶ Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital (initialled Oct. 1994, signed Mar. 1996)
- ▶ Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation (signed Oct. 1994) - strengthens relations and encourages contacts between respective provinces, institutions and individuals
- ▶ Joint Declaration on Special Partnership (Mar. 1994) - pledges facilitation of contacts in widest economic, academic, humanitarian and cultural cooperation
- ▶ Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (Sept. 1996) - facilitates transnational criminal investigations and prosecutions
- ▶ Memorandum of Cooperation in Health (Dec. 1996) - sets up a 3-year framework for Canadian-Ukrainian cooperation in areas of health and medical sciences.

at Chernobyl," said Axworthy during his visit. "These projects enable Canadian firms and provincial utilities to support Ukraine's



The SNC Lavalin agreement with Ukrainian partners will see a World Trade Centre built in Kyiv.