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Minister Moore Highlights Widespread Manufacturing Benefits of Historic Canada-EU Trade Agreement at General Motors in Oshawa

Oshawa, ON, November 4, 2013 – The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, today underscored the benefits the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will have for manufacturers across the country. Minister Moore made the announcement at a meeting with industry leaders and MPs Colin Carrie, Erin O’Toole and John Carmichael at the General Motors Canada Oshawa assembly plant.

“Canada’s robust manufacturing sector encompasses aircraft, automobiles, medical testing equipment, high tech devices and numerous other industries,” said Minister Moore. “The Canada-EU Trade Agreement will eliminate tariffs on these high-quality products which will create the conditions to increase sales and directly benefit Canadian businesses. These businesses will be exposed to more than 500 million consumers, which will lead to new jobs, new opportunities and growth.”

“CETA represents a tremendous opportunity for exporters in Oshawa and Canada, particularly in the auto sector,” stated Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. “This agreement will open new markets to some of the most affluent consumers which mean more jobs for Oshawa and Canada.”

“We applaud Canada and the E.U. for completing a high-standard comprehensive economic and trade agreement that will provide enhanced opportunities for growth in both regions,” said Kevin Williams, president and managing director of General Motors of Canada. “We appreciate the hard work to improve market access for Canadian-produced automobiles, while ensuring Canada continues to benefit from the integrated manufacturing sector.”

An agreement-in-principle for this historic deal was announced by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso on October 18, 2013. When CETA comes into force, approximately 98 percent of European Union (EU) tariff lines will be duty-free for Canadian industrial products. Seven years later, 100 percent of these tariff lines will be duty-free.

The EU is the world’s largest integrated economy, with more than 500 million consumers and a GDP of \$17 trillion.

For more information on how the Canada-EU trade agreement will benefit the manufacturing sector, please visit Benefits to Manufacturers at:

<http://www.actionplan.gc.ca/en/page/ceta-aecg/increasing-exports-manufactured-products>

For more information on its benefits to every region of Canada, please visit [actionplan.gc.ca/CETA](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca/CETA).

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