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## Media Advisory

### **Canadian Firms Taking Corporate Social Responsibility Seriously in Americas, Study Shows**

#### ***Placer Dome, Scotiabank, among Canadian companies making important contributions to social development in Latin America and Caribbean***

Ottawa, September 8, 2005 – On Tuesday, September 13, 2005, Eduardo del Buey, Executive Director of FOCAL, Canada's leading hemispheric think-tank, will release the results of a survey of investment in social development by Canadian companies with operations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Who: Eduardo del Buey, Executive Director, FOCAL

What: Release of Survey of Canadian Corporate Investments in Social Development

When: 13:00– 15:30, Tuesday September 13, 2005

Where: IDRC Theatre, 14<sup>th</sup> floor  
250 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON

The forum for release of the survey results will be a roundtable meeting on the eve of an important summit at the United Nations on the *Millennium Development Goals*, which Prime Minister Paul Martin is expected to attend as co-Chair of the United Nations Commission on the Private Sector and Development.

After presenting highlights of the study, Mr. del Buey, a former Canadian diplomat and senior executive at the Organization of American States, will introduce a panel of private sector representatives and international experts to discuss the findings in detail. Executives from Placer Dome and Scotiabank will participate in the roundtable organized by FOCAL, an independent policy institute based in Ottawa that fosters informed analysis and debate on social, political and economic issues facing the Americas.

NB: The meeting will be webcast. For more information, visit [www.focal.ca](http://www.focal.ca) or call:

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