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The State of Industrial Research and Development in Canada

Fredericton, August 28, 2013 - The Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) have released their report on the State of Industrial Research and Development in Canada. This evidenced-based report is the product of an expert panel with diverse industry representation. RPC's Executive Director, Eric Cook, was an invited panel member.

The effort incorporated multiple methodologies to collect and analyze data including inputs (expenditures and personnel), outputs (patents and publications) and outcomes (innovations and economic outcomes). The findings include the identification of four areas of industrial R&D strength which include:

- Aerospace products and parts manufacturing;
- Information and communication technologies;
- Oil and gas extraction, and;
- Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing.

Other findings included that the Canadian business sector invests relatively little in R&D compared to peers abroad. The panel also observed that there is not a linear relationship between science and technology (academic research) and industrial research and development.

The CCA's recent report on the State of Science and Technology in Canada concluded that Canada's S&T performance is strong. This report on IR&D presents evidence that Canada's IR&D performance is less vibrant. The full report is available through the CCA website at: <http://www.scienceadvice.ca/en.aspx>

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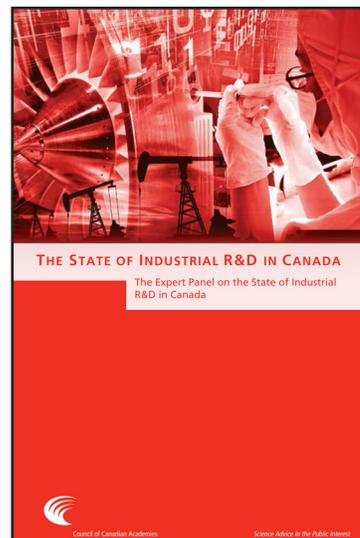
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