



Securetech 2014 Day One Luncheon

Introductory Remarks

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IF I COULD HAVE EVERYONE STAND AND OBSERVE ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE IN HONOUR OF OUR FALLEN, CORPORAL NATHAN CIRILLO AND WARRANT OFFICER PATRICE VINCENT.

BIENVENUE À TOUS. WELCOME TO SECURETECH 2014. THIS IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM HOSTING DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF CADSI, AND TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS AT ONE OF OUR FLAGSHIP EVENTS IS BOTH EXCITING AND FANTASTIC. IT IS MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL TODAY BECAUSE I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT CADSI IS PARTNERING WITH CANADA COMPANY AND THEIR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE ALL CADSI MEMBERS TO CONSIDER HIRING VETERANS. AT CANSEC 2014 WE ANNOUNCED JOINTLY WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE HIRE-A-VETERAN PROGRAM AND THIS IS THE NEXT STEP.

BEFORE STARTING MY CAREER IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY, I WAS A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN FORCES AND I ATTENDED THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA. AS A YOUNG OFFICER CADET, THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DAY YOU STAND AT ATTENTION ON THE PARADE SQUARE WAITING FOR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF TO HOPEFULLY NOT NOTICE THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TO TAKE THE DRY-CLEANING TAG OFF YOUR SCARLETS FOLLOWING THE LAST MESS DINNER.

IT'S A MOMENT YOU NEVER FORGET, PARTIALLY BECAUSE YOU'RE NOW AFRAID YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, BUT MORESO BECAUSE IT IS BOTH AN HONOUR AND A PRIVILEGE AT A FORMATIVE TIME IN ONE'S LIFE AND CAREER. I FEEL THIS WAY RIGHT NOW: THAT IT IS A FORMATIVE TIME - THE DEFENCE AND SECURITIES INDUSTRIES IN CANADA IS POSITIONED FOR A PERIOD OF GROWTH AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE AND TODAY IT IS BOTH AN HONOUR AND MY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE THE HONOURABLE ROB NICHOLSON, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

THIS PAST MAY AT CANSEC 2014, MINISTER NICHOLSON REMINDED US IN HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH THAT IN THE FACE OF EVER-INCREASING GLOBAL CONFLICT AND IN A SECURITY ENVIRONMENT THAT IS RAPIDLY EVOLVING, TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. HE ALSO REMINDED US THAT WITH THE RELEASE OF THE DEFENCE ACQUISITION GUIDE, A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WAS BEING SOUGHT, ONE OF THE OUTCOMES OF WHICH WAS FOR ALL OF US

TO BETTER ALIGN OUR OFFERINGS TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ON OUR BEHALF.

SECURETECH 2014 IS ABOUT JUST THAT. IT'S ABOUT ACHIEVING A CLOSER COLLABORATION TO EXPOSE CAPABILITY GAPS, IDENTIFY NEEDS, FIND SOLUTIONS AND DEVELOP FUTURE INNOVATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY COMMUNITIES. NOUS POUVONS ACCOMPLIR CECI PAR DIVERS MOYENS : PARTAGE ET ÉCHANGE DES CONNAISSANCES ET DE LA TECHNOLOGIE, ENTREPRISE À ENTREPRISE, ENTREPRISE À GOUVERNEMENT ET COMMUNICATION INTRA ET INTERMINISTÉRIELLE À PALIERS MULTIPLES.

MR. NICHOLSON HAS BEEN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DURING SOME VERY CHALLENGING TIMES FOR OUR COUNTRY, BOTH INTERNATIONALLY AND MOST RECENTLY DOMESTICALLY. YET, THROUGH ALL OF THIS, HE HAS BEEN A FRIEND TO INDUSTRY, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT.

ÉLU POUR LA PREMIÈRE FOIS AU PARLEMENT EN 1984, ET RÉÉLU POUR CINQ MANDATS CONSÉCUTIFS, M. NICHOLSON A ÉTÉ NOMMÉ MINISTRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE EN JUILLET 2013. AU COURS DE SA LONGUE ET DISTINGUÉE CARRIÈRE, IL A OCCUPÉ DIVERS AUTRES POSTES AU SEIN DU CABINET, Y COMPRIS MINISTRE DE LA JUSTICE ET PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL DU CANADA, LEADER DU GOUVERNEMENT À LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES ET MINISTRE DE LA RÉFORME DÉMOCRATIQUE, MINISTRE DES SCIENCES, ET MINISTRE CHARGÉ DE LA PETITE ENTREPRISE. M. NICHOLSON PRATIQUAIT LE DROIT AVANT DE SE LANCER EN POLITIQUE. IL DÉTIENT UN DIPLÔME EN DROIT DE L'UNIVERSITÉ DE WINDSOR ET EST MEMBRE DU BARREAU DU HAUT-CANADA.

MINISTER NICHOLSON, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO JOIN US, ALWAYS, BUT ESPECIALLY AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

FOLLOWING THE MINISTER'S PRESENTATION, MR. LOUIS BIBEAU, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF LOGISTIK UNICORP, WILL PROVIDE THE CLOSING REMARKS. ON BEHALF OF CADSI, OUR COLLABORATORS, INCLUDING THE CANADIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL DEFENCE, DRDC, CSSP, OUR MEMBERS AND THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE JOINED US HERE TODAY, I INVITE YOU, SIR, TO PLEASE COME FORWARD AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US.