

and institutions own more than 51% of CDC. The federal government recently announced its intention to realize on its holding in CDC over time in an orderly way when financial markets are more favourable and an appropriate return on its investment is possible.

The corporation's three main objectives are: to develop and maintain strong, Canadian-controlled and managed corporations in the private sector, to widen the investment opportunities open to Canadians, and to operate profitably and in the best interests of all shareholders.

To reach these objectives, CDC generally acquires effective control positions and builds up managerial, entrepreneurial, technical and research talents in these companies so that they can attain maximum profitability and growth.

In keeping with the corporation's objectives, ownership of CDC voting shares is restricted by law to citizens or residents of Canada and to Canadian-controlled corporations. At present, no individual or corporate entity may hold more than 3% of the outstanding CDC shares.

CDC's holdings include the fourth largest Canadian-controlled oil and gas and sulphur company, a large producer of zinc, copper, silver, lead, tin and cadmium, as well as potash, and a manufacturer of a wide range of petrochemical products.

CDC further owns 78% of a leading company in word-processing equipment, as well as having active companies in the East Coast fishing industry, industrial automation, life sciences and venture and expansion capital.

16.6 Federal protection and standards

16.6.1 Patents and trade marks

The intellectual property directorate, a part of the corporate affairs bureau of the consumer and corporate affairs department, administers legislation covering patents, trade marks, copyright and industrial design.

Patents. Patents for inventions are issued under the provisions of the Patent Act (RSC 1970, c.P-4; 1970-72 c.1) and the patent rules. Applications for patents for inventions and requests for information about such patents should be addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Ottawa-Hull K1A 0E1.

By March 31, 1984, the patent office had issued nearly 1.2 million patents which are classified by subject matter so that they can be searched easily.

Patents remain in force for 17 years from the date of issue. Paper copies of Canadian patents issued before 1948 may be purchased from the Commissioner of Patents. Patents issued after January 1, 1948 are available from Micromedia Ltd., Hull, Que. J8X 3X2. Microfiche copies of all Canadian patents are available from Micromedia Ltd. The official journal of the patent office, the *Patent office record*,

is published weekly and contains information about all patents issued during that week. It is available from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa K1A 0S9.

The patent office has a public search room holding many journals, textbooks and reports, as well as the patents of other countries including the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Trade marks. Trade marks are registered under the provisions of the Trade Marks Act and the trade mark rules. Applications for registration of a trade mark should be sent to the Registrar of Trade Marks, Ottawa-Hull K1A 0E1.

Applications are examined for compliance with the requirements of the Trade Marks Act and rules and, if found acceptable, are advertised in the *Trade marks journal*. There is a 30-day period after advertisement in which anyone can oppose the registration of a trade mark. A trade mark registration lasts for 15 years and can be renewed for further periods of 15 years.

The *Trade marks journal*, published weekly, is available from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa K1A 0S9. The Trade Marks Office has a public search room which contains details on all registered trade marks.

Copyright. Copyright is registered under the provisions of the Copyright Act and rules. Applications for registration and requests for information should be sent to: Copyright and Industrial Design Branch, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, Ottawa-Hull K1A 0C9.

Copyright generally lasts for the life of the creator plus 50 additional years.

16.6.2 Industrial design and timber marks

Industrial designs are registered under provisions of the Industrial Design Act and rules. An industrial design is any original shape, pattern or ornamentation applied to an article made by an industrial process. An industrial design registration gives protection of an initial period of five years and can be renewed for a further period of up to five years. The protection given by a registered industrial design prevents anyone other than the owner from using that design in Canada during the life of the registration. There is a public search room in Hull, Que. where all previously registered designs can be searched.

Applications for registration or requests for information should be sent to: Copyright and Industrial Design Branch, Bureau of Corporate Affairs, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, Ottawa-Hull K1A 0C9.

Individuals or companies floating timber on the inland waters of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick must, under the Timber Marking Act, select a mark or marks for the timber and apply for the