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## **Business Council Welcomes Competition Council Report**

The Business Council of British Columbia welcomed the release today of the BC Competition Council report and its main commendations.

“We congratulate the members of the BC Competition Council for a job well done,” stated Jerry Lampert, President and Chief Executive of the Business Council. “Based on our initial review of the report, we believe the Competition Council has charted a direction for improving BC’s competitiveness that is both reasonable and affordable.”

In undertaking its work, the Competition Council was supported by a dozen Industry Advisory Committees representing key sectors of the BC economy. “It is clear that the input provided by the Advisory Committees was invaluable in helping the Competition Council prepare a realistic and forward-looking report,” noted Mr. Lampert.

The Business Council agrees with the main “cross-cutting issues” affecting BC’s competitiveness identified by the Competition Council. “We fully support the emphasis which the Competition Council has placed on enhancing BC’s human resources, strengthening access to markets, land and resources, and building a highly competitive business climate,” observed Jock Finlayson, the Business Council’s Executive Vice President of Policy. “In our view, these are the broad areas where progress must be made if BC is to develop a more prosperous and globally competitive economy.”

The Competition Council’s report contains upward of 40 specific recommendations. In the coming weeks, the Business Council intends to review these recommendations and examine the submissions made by the various Industry Advisory Committees. Following this internal review, the Business Council will be writing to the provincial government with a more detailed response to the Competition Council’s report.