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## Independent Report Finds IFA Program Has Substantial Impact on BC's Economy

**VANCOUVER** – A study by MMK Consulting, released in April 2009, found that the International Financial Activity (IFA) program was a significant contributor to British Columbia's economy.

The IFA program provides eligible corporations and specialists who work for those corporations a refund of the British Columbia income tax paid on income related to the corporation's international financial activities carried on in British Columbia. Most qualifying activities are financially based and all activities are international in nature, meaning one side of the transaction is conducted with, for, or on behalf of a non-resident.

For 2007, the study found the IFA program positively impacted BC's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and jobs:

- The program contributed \$1/2 billion to \$3/4 billion to British Columbia's GDP. That figure represented .26% to .39% of British Columbia's GDP in 2007.
- The program supported between 5,000 and 8,000 jobs in 2007.
- Each \$1 of IFA refunds paid yielded from \$36 to \$52 in provincial GDP.

The objective of the study, which was sponsored by the International Financial Centre British Columbia (IFC BC), was to estimate the total provincial economic impacts associated with the IFA program. Overall, the study found that the IFA program generates net positive provincial tax revenues as the Province collected from \$3 to \$4.50 in other tax revenue for every dollar of refund paid.

The International Financial Centre British Columbia is a non-profit organization with a mandate to promote international financial activity in British Columbia. The IFC BC communicates the many advantages British Columbia offers as a location for investment, including competitive tax rates, a welcoming business climate, a lower cost environment, and a quality of life unsurpassed in North America.

For further information, please contact Bruce Flexman at the IFC BC as (604) 683—6626 or email [info@ifcbc.com](mailto:info@ifcbc.com). [Click here](#) to view a copy of the report, "Review of the British Columbia International Financial Activities Program".