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The Korea Development Bank has formed a partnership with a Canadian financier to provide support to Korean companies seeking to invest in natural resources in Canada, the Korean lender said yesterday. Min Euoo-sung, CEO of the Korea's state policy bank, and John Park, CEO of RCI Capital Group Inc., signed the agreement in Seoul yesterday, KDB officials said.

The two institutions plan to meet potential investors here in the coming days, including Korea National Oil Corp., to explain the ample natural resources Canada offers, such as oil sands and natural gas. The KDB hopes this would open doors for Korean companies to participate in projects in resources-rich Canada by helping them to get local funding.

Based in Vancouver, RCI Capital, which manages \$1.6 billion in investor capital, is differentiated from other financial institutions through its focus on engaging aboriginal communities through financial investment and resources development.



From left to right, John Douglas Reynolds, Nonexecutive Director of RCI Capital Group John Douglas Reynolds, John Park, Founder, Director and CEO of RCI Capital Group, Ted Lipman, Canadian Ambassador and Kim Jong-Bae, Vice Chairman of Korea Development Bank.