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BOMA Canada Announces 1100th BOMA BEST Building

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BOMA Canada is proud to announce the certification of the 1100th BOMA BEST building, which represents an important milestone for this very successful environmental certification program. Markham Ontario's Trillium Executive Centre, managed by GWL Realty Advisors and owned by bclMC Realty Corporation, has become the 1100th building to attain BOMA BEST certification under Canada's leading program for environmental assessment and certification of existing buildings.

BEST stands for Building Environmental Standards. First launched nationally by BOMA Canada four years ago, the voluntary program has been embraced by the commercial real estate industry in Canada which recognizes its value in providing the mechanisms for common practices and increased sustainability across the industry.

"Given that we have at present 220 additional applications in process, with new ones being added to the queue all the time, we expect many more buildings to attain certifications this year," says Diana Osler Zortea, President of BOMA Canada. "The continuing surge of queries and applications is firm proof of the success of this innovative and worthwhile program."

The Trillium Executive Centre achieved BOMA BEST Level 3 certification. Built in 1989, it is a 676,000 square foot, seven-storey building comprised of a beautiful atrium connecting three office towers. Among the building's numerous tenants are Ceridian Canada Ltd. and Stantec Consulting Ltd. The office building operates 12 hours per day, 5 days per week and includes energy-efficiency features such as energy-efficient light emitting diodes (LEDs) on exit signs as well as automated lighting controls with motion sensors in the parking garage. Other features include tenant submetering and zone control rain sensors which are used to reduce the need for additional irrigation on this suburban property.

"We chose to pursue BOMA BEST certification for the Trillium Executive Centre because we believe that the program provides a concrete way to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability while improving our properties' performance on key environmental benchmarks," says Carmen Romagnuolo, Director, Technical Services of GWL Realty Advisors. "BOMA BEST is now a vital part of our strategic planning because it provides a consistent, effective methodology that tenants recognize as enhancing their workplaces."

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Canada is the voice of Canada's commercial real estate industry with over 2,900 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 Billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education, advocacy, and recognition. Complete details about BOMA BEST, including a list of all certified buildings, are available at www.bomabest.com.

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