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Remington launches LEED project in Markham

Toronto-based Remington Group recently announced the launch of its Downtown Markham project on June 22, 2006. The \$3-billion project, which will be the largest planned mixed use development in Canada, will include retail, residential and commercial properties in a community that includes LEED standard buildings and strategies to promote environmentally friendly living.

According to Remington, Downtown Markham is designed as a "European-inspired mixed-use community." The proximity of amenities and green spaces is designed to reduce the need for cars and promote pedestrian travel.

Says Rudy Bratty, Chairman and CEO of The Remington Group: "Residents of Downtown Markham can live, work and play in an economically vibrant community that emphasizes sustainable development, public space, alternative energy and a higher quality of life."

Sustainable building features include: energy efficiency power sources and LEED certified residential buildings. The community will be supplied with district energy, a system that utilizes one plant to produce steam, hot water or cold water in a single location and distribute it to surrounding buildings. Individual houses and buildings do not require separate heating or cooling units. District energy is highly efficient and low maintenance, and can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The 98-hectare community will accommodate 9,500 residents in 3,900 new condominiums and townhouses, the first of which will be available for purchase in July. Approximately 4.2 million square feet of office space will also provide working space for more than 16,000 people. Public transit access is facilitated throughout the development.

The development is also integrated into Markham's natural setting, with protection for local river ecology and other measures to reduce the environmental footprint.

For further information, visit: <http://www.downtownmarkham.ca>