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VANDYK Group of Companies expands internal operations and moves to larger premises.

Mississauga, September 6, 2011 – VANDYK Group of Companies is pleased to announce the relocation of its head office to 1944 Fowler Dr. in Mississauga. The new headquarters is a two-storey building within the Van Mills Centre at Erin Mills Parkway and Fowler Dr., which is owned and managed by VANDYK. Within the same retail complex, VANDYK is also opening a New Homes Store Presentation Centre for its new Windows on the Green condominium community, scheduled for release this fall.

Formerly, the site of a KEG Steakhouse and Bar, the Van Mills Centre has been under development for the last 18 months, in conjunction with the adjacent Van Mills Plaza, which is also owned by VANDYK. Flagship tenants at Van Mills Centre include RBC, IDA Pharmacy and Pizza Hut. Both the Centre and Plaza are home to approximately 30 retail operations, with the remaining tenants expected to move in, in the next month.

VANDYK's corporate offices occupy 10,000 sq. ft. of the Centre's 40,000 sq. ft. of space, and include offices, boardrooms, and the company's Décor Studio, where purchasers consult with on-site interior decorators in selecting finishes for their new homes. The new premises gives VANDYK's staff an additional 4,000 sq. ft. of space, and the office's central location is more convenient for clients of all divisions of the company.

"VANDYK is experiencing rapid growth, and we needed more space to accommodate our plans for expansion," says John Vandyk, President of VANDYK Group of Companies. "This is a state-of-the-art facility that enables us to better serve our clients. All of VANDYK's companies are under one roof and the office's location is a central hub, close to the QEW and Erin Mills Parkway."

Founded in 1986, VANDYK Group of Companies includes specialized divisions in the residential, commercial, retail and industrial sectors, as well as land development and investment services. In the residential market, the company began as a builder of luxury custom homes and has to its credit more than 400 prestigious design/build projects in the most desirable neighbourhoods in Mississauga and Oakville. Over the decades, the company expanded its residential work to include condominiums, townhomes and single detached homes in master planned communities, and has several projects on the go, including brand new communities in Mississauga, Oakville, Shelburne and Cobourg.

"We've recently branded our residential division 'VANDYK Communities,'" Vandyk says. "We are now a well-known developer of multi-family homes in communities across the GTA and beyond, so it made sense to make this distinction. VANDYK builds, not just homes, but entire communities that are vibrant and essential to the fabric of the local landscape."

As a full-service development/construction company, VANDYK offers design/build, construction management and general contracting expertise for commercial, retail and industrial projects. The company also provides construction management and general contracting services for corporate office interiors, as well as retail, restaurant and industrial spaces. VANDYK is an advocate of LEED/green building practices and works with clients to develop a green strategy in the construction of their facilities. IBM, Rogers Communication Inc. and Pharma Plus is just a sampling of the high profile clientele that has come to rely on VANDYK's interior fit-out services.

In addition to Van Mills Centre and Van Mills Plaza, another VANDYK retail project is Meadow Park Plaza in Falconer Drive in Mississauga. Northwest of Brampton, in Shelburne, VANDYK has also constructed Shelburne Business Park, a 70-acre complex that offers build to suite and leasing opportunities. The business park, along with the company's retail and mixed-used projects, displays VANDYK's signature architectural style, which includes ample use of stone, decorative brickwork and interesting rooflines.

"We approach the aesthetics of our retail projects with the same attention to detail that we give to each of our home designs," VANDYK says. "VANDYK has a strong background in architecture, which is evident in our retail and industrial spaces. These centres are not your typical bland, box-like buildings; they are distinctive landmarks, with a southwestern Arizona style and several design details that add elegance and character to the space."

The newest company to join the VANDYK Group is VANGUARD, which is an extension of the land acquisitions and development services of VANDYK Development Group. VANGUARD Investments Limited gives clients access to VANDYK's wealth of experience and expertise in all areas related to land development, which includes business acumen in financing a project.

Land owners inexperienced in preparing a property for sale, or in developing a property, can turn to the VANDYK Team for the best possible solution. The company can convert a commercial space to residential, or the reverse; or VANDYK can develop the property as a mixed-use space to meet higher density requirement in urban cores. From power of sale and infill sites to brownfield development, VANDYK can provide professional services or can be a hands-on partner and co-owner, as it facilitates a project from start to finish.

"We can develop a plan that maximizes the profitability of a piece of land and then execute that plan, on time and on budget," Vandyk says. "Our expertise in all facets of the development/construction business means that we can be real estate agent, financier, developer, construction manager, general contractor and marketer all in one fell swoop for a single project. We take the worry out of what to do, or not do, with a piece of property, so that our clients can focus on their core businesses and rest assured that their land is earning them the best possible return."

As an integral part of the communities where it builds, VANDYK is committed to local humanitarian initiatives and supports several charities that strive to improve the lives of many. The company is a strong supporter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Trillium Health Centre Foundation, the Bennett Beach Bash, a charitable event in support of the fight against Women's Cancers, and the Communities in Bloom project.

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