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BOMA Canada launches 2010 BOMA BEST Energy and Environmental Report

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The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada is pleased to announce the launch of its second BOMA BEST Energy and Environmental Report (BBEER). The report is based on the continued success of the BOMA BEST (**B**uilding **E**nvironmental **S**tandards) program for commercial real estate in Canada.

The purpose of the 2010 BBEER is to provide an overview of the energy and environmental performance of approximately 300 existing buildings, representing 92.3 million square feet, which were certified between June 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 based on the BOMA BEST assessment, Levels 2 to 4.

The report's key findings indicate an increase in BOMA BEST scores showing that the program plays a significant role in improving the performance of Canada's commercial building stock. The overall energy intensity average for BOMA BEST certified buildings is 31.85 equivalent kilowatt hour per square foot per year (ekWh/sq.ft./yr), which is lower than the national average of 36.65 ekWh/sq.ft./yr. The BBEER report also provides values by building size, age and region. In addition, the report identifies the percentage of buildings that have implemented retrofits, incorporated energy and water efficient features and have strong environmental management practices and policies in place.

An electronic copy of the 2010 BOMA BEST Energy and Environmental Report can be downloaded from the BOMA BEST website at: www.bomabest.com. In keeping with our commitment to provide all BOMA Canada materials in both official languages, the report will be made available in French by February 28th.

BOMA BEST is a national program launched by BOMA Canada in 2005 to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate and independently verified information. BOMA BEST has evolved from simply identifying best practices to providing online educational tools and a four-level certification program. More than 1900 buildings in Canada have achieved BOMA BEST certifications since 2005. Visit www.bomabest.com to learn more.

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