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McMillan Binch LLP move to BCE Place sets new standard for the modern legal office

TORONTO, ON (December 18, 2003) -- As McMillan Binch enters its second century of business law, the firm is looking to the future by establishing new standards for the modern office, moving its 450 employees and the firm's infrastructure from its current address in Royal Bank Plaza to BCE Place on December 19, 2003.

"With the support of an excellent team of contractors, designers, engineers, technology experts, ergonomic and acoustic consultants, McMillan Binch has created an efficient, multifunctional workspace at BCE Place designed to provide the best in legal solutions to its clients," said Graham Scott, the firm's Managing Partner.

"This investment in facilities and technology proves our commitment to providing the highest standard of service to our clients," he continued. "A workplace change of this scale demonstrates our leadership as an innovative, flexible, and cohesive law firm."

New design elements implemented in McMillan Binch's offices include:

- The 44th floor is a dedicated client floor, designed for undisturbed and fully supported meetings and work, with flexible boardroom spaces and one reception area
- Office allocations are based on a multi-disciplinary integration of lawyers from different business groups, ensuring better communication between departments and a balanced mix of partners and associates
- All partner and associate offices are standard size, creating more space for teams on each floor and adopting a corporate model with a strong business delivery focus
- New modular furniture allows for easy reorganization of work teams and maximum work space flexibility
- A firm lounge with 44th floor panoramic views
- State-of-the-art technology including:
 - Voice-over IP Cisco phone system
 - New workstations with IBM computers and 17-inch flat LCD display screens
 - Best-in-breed document processing
 - Wireless networking, first implemented in November 2002 in McMillan Binch offices, will now available to clients as well as employees

McMillan Binch's new premises mirror a trend found in many progressive American and British law firms toward standard offices, separate client spaces, heightened security, more computerized libraries, and better breakout rooms.

About McMillan Binch

McMillan Binch is a leading Canadian business law firm with over 100 years of commitment to client service and professional excellence. Distinguished by broad experience and recognized expertise in major business practice areas, the firm has acknowledged leadership in competition/antitrust, corporate restructuring & insolvency, private mergers & acquisitions and financial services. McMillan Binch has an operational philosophy based on its core values of respect, teamwork, commitment, client service and professional excellence.

As of December 22, the firm's new address will be:

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