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TriVista Installs First Smart Condo in Ottawa

Supplies Advanced Automation Capability to Leed Condominium Unit

Ottawa, ON – Nov. 2, 2009 – TriVista Smart Homes, a company with Toronto and Ottawa operations, has supplied smart home automation technology for its first-ever smart condominium project. The smart condo is located at **The Currents**, a 43-unit luxury condo building developed in 2007 by Windmill Developments Group. TriVista has equipped the unit with state-of-the-art home automation technology that makes the home a truly “smart condo”.

“We believe this is one of the first true smart condos in Canada”, says TriVista President Bruce Miller. “This showcases what a genuine smart condo is capable of. This automated condominium home is more enjoyable, more energy-efficient, and offers far greater comfort and convenience than an ordinary unit.” The home’s various systems can be easily controlled from a simple remote control, in-wall keypad, portable iPod, or remote internet connection. Some of the capabilities include:

- Music streaming to different rooms.
- One-touch scenes can turn on lights, fireplace, play music, select video entertainment, and adjust temperature.
- Automatic homeowner notification via phone of any *alert* (e.g. furnace failure), *emergency* (burglary), or critical *information* (children did not arrive home) when away.
- Automatically adjusts temperature and lighting to eliminate wasted energy, helping the homeowner contribute to a green living lifestyle.

According to Miller “Thanks to automation, this home should eliminate over 300 pounds of CO² emissions each year.”

The Smart Condo is owned by Victor Klassen, one of the first residents of The Currents and a vocal promoter of green living. The building has received one of Canada’s three mixed-use platinum certifications awarded to date under LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the sustainable building standard that's sweeping the housing industry. “I really had no idea what a dramatic improvement this automation could make” says Klassen. “Not just in comfort and enjoyment, but in energy savings as well. The lighting and temperature can be adjusted automatically when we enter or leave, and even when we’re not at home, for maximum energy savings. We previously struggled with the thermostat settings,



but now we don't even need to think about it – the system takes care of it for us. This is a perfect fit with the sustainability goals of our building”.

TriVista selected well-known [Control4](#) automation technology for use in the Smart Condo. The equipment includes a central computerized “brain” (a controller that manages lighting, heating/cooling, security, and entertainment), smart light switches, multi-room audio, home theatre control, and an in-wall control keypad. A single remote is used to enjoy audio or video entertainment, without any of the usual unsightly equipment, wiring, or remotes. The various systems in the home can be controlled from a remote control, in-wall keypad, a wireless Apple iPod Touch®, or remotely via the internet. Motion and door sensors are used to activate lighting and entertainment automatically. For more details on the capabilities of the showcase home, please visit

<http://www.trivista.ca/smartcondofeatures.pdf>



About TriVista

TriVista Smart Homes designs, installs, and services smart home automation and entertainment solutions for houses and condominiums. With offices in Toronto and Ottawa, the company is a Canadian leader in smart home solutions, with many advanced home installations throughout the GTA and National Capital Region. The company has developed two advanced smart home demonstration facilities in Ottawa and Markham, the first of their kind in Canada. TriVista is a contributor to the Canadian Home Builder's Association [Builder's Manual](#). More information can be found on their website at <http://www.trivista.ca>.

About The Currents

The Currents is a 10-story 43-unit condominium developed by Windmill Developments Group, and completed in 2007. Located at 1227 Wellington Street West in Ottawa's trendy Westboro neighbourhood, the 70,300 square foot building includes a 19,500 square foot performing arts theatre. In addition to being a restored brownfield site, The Currents incorporates numerous interior green strategies, including: water efficient fixtures, high fly-ash content concrete, stormwater collection and re-use, and rapidly renewable and non-offgassing interior finishes. For more information visit <http://www.windmilldevelopments.com/contacts.html>.

About Control4

As the operating system for the connected home, Control4 solutions bring home automation and control to the broad market. Control4 technology is at the heart of an expanding ecosystem of leading consumer electronics products designed to work together with ease. Control4 develops and delivers award-winning control software and hardware for virtually any room, home or building from anywhere at any time. Control4 is the affordable, easy to use, and easy to install solution for digital living. From essential energy management to effortless entertainment; from whole-home lighting control to comprehensive security systems, Control4 is the platform for managing all the pieces of today's connected life. Find out more at www.control4.com.

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