



FIRST CANADIAN TITLE CELEBRATES MAJOR BUILDING EXPANSION **– 35,000 square feet addition to accommodate 175 new employees –**

OAKVILLE, ON, (September 12, 2006) – First Canadian Title, Canada's leading provider of title insurance and real estate-related products and services, held a ground breaking ceremony to mark a major expansion of its Oakville home office today.

The expansion, scheduled for completion in May 2007, will add 35,000 square feet to the existing 80,000 square-foot building and accommodate an additional 175 employees. Currently, over 350 employees work in the existing state-of-the-art building, which opened in 2002 and features an open-concept work environment, a fully equipped exercise centre, a full-service restaurant style cafeteria and catering facility, café stations throughout the building, and an outdoor patio.

Today's ceremony was attended by: The Honourable **David Caplan**, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, **Kevin Flynn**, MPP, Oakville; Her Worship **Ann Mulvale**, Mayor of the Town of Oakville; **Keith Bird**, Oakville Councillor (Ward 3); First Canadian Title employees; and representatives of the building's design and construction team. The ceremony featured the raising of one of the building's structural steel beams, which was signed by everyone in attendance.

"More than half of our employees live right here in Oakville," said Patrick Chetcuti, President and Chief Operating Officer of First Canadian Title. "This is why this expansion is as much an investment in the future of First Canadian Title as it is a commitment to the Oakville community and to our employees."

In 2005, First Canadian Title issued more than 750,000 title insurance policies, bringing the total of policies issued since the company was founded to three million. The company has seen a 35 per cent average rate of growth over the past five years.

The building's expansion will feature a courtyard with water feature and mood lighting, an expanded gym facility and additional parking. A total of 135 new trees will be planted on the grounds to complement the Wildflower Woods that currently surrounds the site.

About First Canadian Title

First Canadian Title is Canada's leading provider of title insurance for residential and commercial real estate transactions and other related products and services. Established in 1991, First Canadian Title pioneered the concept of title insurance in Canada, and now issues hundreds of thousands of new policies each year. As a member of the First American Family of Companies, First Canadian Title's financial strength, stability and commitment to service excellence are second to none in the industry. Based in Oakville, Ontario, First Canadian Title employs more than 1,000 people from coast to coast. Customers include more than 15,000 lawyers and notaries nationwide, every major Canadian chartered bank, other lending institutions, real estate professionals, mortgage brokers, and builders. For more information visit www.firscanadiantitle.com.

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