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Re: National Club Renovation By J.D. Strachan Construction Ltd.

To Whom This May Concern:

J.D. Strachan Construction Ltd. was the general contractor for a complex renovation of the historically designated National Club on Bay Street in Toronto. The scope of construction work involved the exterior renovation of the front entrance and the renovation of three principal reception spaces to accommodate a custom made barrier free lift, a new administrative area and improved access to services. The project was completed in November 2005.

The construction value was approximately 400,000.00; the issues of schedule, detail and complexity were those of a considerably larger project.

The original building is known for the distinctive nature of its historic interior, and the challenge of the project was to combine modern elevator access, mechanical, electrical and data systems with a very finely crafted vocabulary of millwork, plaster and mosaic tile finishes. The experience of the contractor in the field of heritage restoration made their firm a perfect choice for the restoration aspects of the project. A direct approach in the direction of sub-trades was necessary as they worked within confined spaces of the occupied facility, and in dealing with co ordination issues relating to firm deadlines for completion. Their site superintendent was available daily to manage these issues, and when back-up was required, their head office supplied senior management to attend to issues of concern. Their in-house capacities for the production of millwork was proven in the delivery of finely crafted material panelling and built in furnishings that were of admirable quality.

The overall impression is of a successful project finely integrated with existing building. The project is a credit to their firm portfolio.

I would be pleased to answer more detailed questions regarding this project by telephone.

Yours truly,

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