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Burlington Ontario's Small Town Appeal and Big City Benefits Sparks Growth

Demand for Ready-to-Use Office Space Rises as Businesses Seek to Reduce Cost and Risk

Burlington, Ontario - (February 26, 2009) – Doom-and-gloom economic reports may be making headlines, but Burlington, Ontario is telling a different, more uplifting story. Continued growth in four main industries — financial services, manufacturing, software development and metal fabrication — is keeping the Burlington economy diversified and stable. A survey of local businesses found that a majority will be hiring or avoid layoffs in 2009.

Responding to continued demand for cost-effective places to work with flexible terms in the greater Burlington area, The Regus Group (LSE: RGU) has opened a fully-furnished and equipped business centre on Brant Street within walking distance of downtown Burlington's many attractions. This is Regus' first new centre in Ontario since the global market downturn and its 29th in Canada, reinforcing the firm's leadership presence. Regus also offers immediate, affordable access to offices in more than 400 locations across America and 1,000 worldwide.

Flexible Terms, Affordable Rates for the Way Business is Done Today

For most companies, real estate is simply not a core competency. Finding space, negotiating a lease and setting up an office can be a drag on resources. And since facilities costs are typically a company's second-largest fixed line item, making a wrong decision can be the kiss of death.

The Regus Group offers companies a way to establish a business presence in Burlington more affordably and without risk. "Burlington offers a thriving business community with easy access to opportunities in Toronto and Hamilton," said Wes Lenci, Regus Vice President for Canada. "Regus helps break down barriers to market entry by eliminating long-term lease agreements and up-front capital expenditures. In addition, we dramatically reduce costs by enabling clients to save up to 60 percent on facilities. Imagine the bottom line impact: increased market opportunity, reduced cost structure, and additional cash that can be reinvested in the business."

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Companies that don't need a full time office but still require a market presence to gain a competitive edge can use Regus' virtual offices to quickly establish a local address, phone number and receptionist at any of its business centres. "For business travelers needing a professional environment for client meetings, we offer business-ready conference rooms or business lounges for a few hours, a day, or a week," said Lenci.

Suburban Living with Big City Benefits Attracts Businesses, Families

Burlington has been transformed into an attractive destination for businesses and travelers through numerous revitalization projects including Burlington's Downtown Waterfront, the expanded Art Centre and soon-to-be completed Brant Street Pier. Nearby Lake Ontario and the Niagara Escarpment offer cost-effective alternatives for corporate retreats. In addition, businesses relocating or expanding to Ontario enjoy low employment costs and some of the lowest corporate tax rates in North America.

About The Regus Group

The Regus Group is the world's leading provider of pioneering workplace solutions, with products and services ranging from fully equipped offices to professional meeting rooms, business lounges and the largest network of videoconferencing studios. The Regus Group delivers a new way to work, whether it's from home, on the road or from an office.

Clients such as Google, GlaxoSmithKline and Nokia join thousands of growing small and medium businesses that benefit from outsourcing their office and workplace needs to The Regus Group, allowing them to focus on their core business.

Over 400,000 clients a day benefit from Regus Group facilities spread across a global footprint of 1,000 locations in 450 cities and 75 countries, which allows individuals and companies to work wherever, however and whenever they want to. Regus now has 29 centres in Canada with 17 locations in Ontario, 8 in British Columbia, two in Alberta, one in Manitoba and one in Quebec.

For information about affordable office space in prime locations, visit www.regus.ca .

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