



Carillion Canada - a division of Carillion plc acquires Vanbots Construction Corporation

A strategic acquisition solidifying Carillion Canada's position as a provider of integrated solutions to the Canadian construction marketplace.

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“Building on strength” says Graham Brown, Carillion Canada’s President and CEO commenting on the announcement that on October 8th, 2008, Carillion Plc’s Canadian division completed the acquisition of Vanbots Construction Corporation and Vanbots Construction Inc. of Vancouver.

An award winning and well respected Canadian construction firm, Vanbots is one of Canada’s largest general contracting companies with annual revenues that exceed \$600M. The company has built some of Canada’s most prestigious and challenging projects: The Royal Ontario Museum’s Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, expansion of the Vancouver International Airport, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre’s M Wing Expansion, renovations to the Bank of Canada building in Ottawa, Honda Manufacturing facilities in Canada, the U.S. and the UK, Honda Canada’s new head office in Markham, Ontario, Four Seasons Hotels Head Office in Toronto, renovations to The Sony Centre in Toronto and soon, the Aga Khan Museum and Ismaili Centre in Toronto, to name just a few.

Keith Gillam, Chairman of Vanbots Construction Corporation and its principal shareholder, says of the acquisition, “This is a natural evolution. We’ve grown significantly since 1991 to become one of Canada’s premier construction firms, but the marketplace has changed significantly. Complex financing, larger scale projects and new partnering arrangements are now demanded. Combining with Carillion creates a holistic ‘powerhouse’ to better serve clients across Canada and in their operations abroad.”

Carillion plc is one of the UK’s largest support services, development and construction companies, employing over 50,000 people worldwide and with annual revenues of over \$10Bn. Its portfolio of projects includes: rail, healthcare, education, regeneration, road, defense, commercial property and facility management and maintenance, infrastructure and financing. Carillion is one of the world leading firms in the Public-Private Partnership (sometimes referred to as PFI or AFP) marketplace. It has been involved in major construction projects: the Royal Opera House - London, The Tate Modern Gallery - London, The Grand Mosque in Oman, The Copenhagen Metro and the M6 toll road - to name a few. More locally, Carillion Canada led the development of the Brampton Civic Hospital, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre and the new Sault Area Hospital, all PPP hospital projects making it one of the leading providers of PPP project services in Canada - finance, construction and facilities management.



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Graham Brown further states: “This is a merger of talent, resources and expertise that will maximize our performance for the benefit of our current and prospective clients. **We are now the only company in Canada that can deliver an integrated spectrum of services ‘in house’ - a totally coordinated solution that meets our client’s needs in a true partnership.** Indeed, this is a winning formula for large scale projects. We at Carillion are delighted to be adding Vanbots to our family of companies. The Vanbots name, brand and method of doing business all remain in place as will its successful management team. Keith Gillam takes on the role as Chairman of Carillion Canada and Matt Ainley will lead the combined building businesses in Canada. The Vanbots management team and office and field staff all remain in place to support our business as we continue to grow. The marketplace is demanding our kind of total solution approach and we intend to be aggressive in making projects happen!”

To learn more about Carillion and Vanbots go to www.carillionplc.com and www.vanbots.com or call Joel Parke, Vice President Client Services at 905-477-7718 for more information.