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NORR Limited and Vanbots Construction to Receive 2005 Ontario Concrete Award for Innovation for the McMaster University DeGroote Centre for Learning & Discovery

TORONTO, November 2005 - NORR Limited and Vanbots Construction Corporation are pleased to announce that on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 the McMaster University DeGroote Centre for Learning & Discovery will receive the Cast-In-Place Concrete – Material Development and Innovation Award.

The award is issued to NORR and Vanbots by the Ontario Concrete industry in recognition and acknowledgement of excellence and innovation in the demonstration of creativity and innovative application of concrete technology. These awards honour the visions of some of the most creative projects the province has to offer and highlight the innovative use of concrete as a principal construction element.

The Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery is a 300,000 square-foot, five-storey expansion to the north side of the McMaster University Medical Centre. The new facility provides much needed space for teaching, learning and research and addresses a number of critical needs for the University and its affiliates.

The Centre's design is notable for the exciting new front façade adjacent to the north entrance. Consisting of a three-storey glass enclosed atrium, this addition includes areas for gatherings and special announcements.

“For the Michael G. DeGroote atrium we were looking to achieve an elegant and sculptural space that would be a landmark on campus,” explains David Clusiau, Design Principal of NORR. “The solution involved a 60' glass-enclosed winter garden with a hanging conference room. The design employed the exposed structure as an integral aspect of the character of the space. Elliptical shaped cast-in-place concrete columns were developed to support both the sculptural roof and the glass curtain wall. Custom made plastic lined forms and Agilia concrete was specified to ensure quality architectural concrete finish on these components. The result is a space that is partially defined and enclosed by the curving colonnade of slender concrete columns.”

The award will be announced and presented at an Awards Banquet being held at the Construct Canada/Concrete Canada Tradeshow on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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