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Bridgepoint Health celebrates 'Topping Off'

Structural completion of new building achieved

TORONTO – Bridgepoint Health has achieved a major milestone in the construction of its new building, as the hospital completed its 'Topping Off' ceremony Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

'Topping off' refers to the point during the construction process, when the building reaches its tallest vertical height. At Bridgepoint Health, this milestone was commemorated with a white steel girder, which was signed by the Hospital's Board members, Bridgepoint staff, volunteers, patients and their families, project partners and special guests, and then hoisted to the top of the new building.

"We are thrilled to have reached this important milestone in our construction," says Marian Walsh, President and CEO of Bridgepoint Health. "In 18 months we will be moving into our new building, realizing a dream that started 10 years ago. This new facility will help us advance our groundbreaking work in research, education and care for people living with complex chronic illness – the biggest health challenge of the 21st century."

The event also signals the structural completion of the new facility. Construction on the new building began in 2009 and is expected to be complete in spring 2013.

The new Bridgepoint Hospital will be a LEED[®] certified, 10-storey, 680,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility with the capacity for 472 beds and will relieve the congestion of the current, aging building and enhance the quality of care provided to patients.

The new facility will feature larger rooms with individual washrooms for enhanced infection prevention and control; more natural light and spectacular views of the city; double the existing therapy space, including a state-of-the-art therapy area on each floor for easy access; and areas open to the public, including a cafeteria, auditorium, retail shops, library and internet café.

"This new facility will provide improved access to vital health services for the people of Toronto," says the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "I'm proud of my government's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those affected by complex chronic disease and disability."

As part of the project, the old Don Jail will also be restored and renovated and will function as the hospital's Administration building.

Plenary Health was chosen to design, build, finance and maintain the new Bridgepoint Hospital through an open, fair and competitive procurement process.

For more information on the new Bridgepoint Hospital, visit bridgepointhealth.ca/redevelopment

About Bridgepoint Health

Bridgepoint Health is Canada's leader in the prevention and management of complex chronic disease and disability. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, Bridgepoint Health is restoring lives through innovations in care, research and teaching. For more information, visit bridgepointhealth.ca

About Plenary Health

Plenary Health was awarded the 33-year contract to Design, Build, Finance and Maintain (DBFM) the new Bridgepoint hospital. The Plenary Health team includes: Plenary Group, PCL Constructors Canada Inc., Innisfree, HDR Architects/Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc., Johnson Controls Inc., and RBC Capital Markets. Over 40 subcontractors from the GTA have been involved in the construction of the new Bridgepoint Hospital to date.

About PCL

The PCL family of companies is a group of independent construction companies which carry out diverse operations in the civil infrastructure, heavy industrial, and buildings markets. Together, these companies form one of the largest contracting organizations in North America. Offices are strategically located in major centers across the continental United States (including Alaska), Hawaii, Canada, and the Caribbean.

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