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### City Green Court receives ecological building award

**PRAGUE – City Green Court, an office project designed by Skanska, received an ecological building award from the Czech Environment Ministry. The award was part of the ministry's Building of the Year competition. This honour further cements Skanska's leading position on the sustainable construction market. City Green Court is the only building in the Czech Republic to earn the prestigious LEED Platinum certification for both its core and shell and commercial interiors.**

The award was granted to Skanska for creating an attractive office building that offers an unusual approach to its space layout and features many energy-saving features. *“This award is another in a long line of prestigious awards granted to Skanska, which affirms our experience and leading position in green development,”* says Marie Passburg, President of Skanska Property Czech Republic. *“Our strategy is to contribute to the sustainable development of modern office buildings, which use innovative construction solutions, materials and processes that produce economical benefits to their tenants.”*

City Green Court is a sustainable building, not only because of its low-energy consumption but also because of a number of other eco-friendly measures, including efficient water fixtures like waterless urinals, dual flush toilets low-flow taps, which amounts to a 35-percent water savings per year. The scheme also integrates rainwater captured in underground tanks into building technologies and has a lighting control system that works in conjunction with natural daylight. The building's construction also utilised many local materials.

Thanks to these procedures and measures, the building's annual energy costs are more than 56 percent less compared with other projects constructed under the Czech building code. Since it harvests rainwater, City Green Court also saves around 5,000 cubic litres of water a year, meaning it uses 25 percent less water than a typical Czech office building. City Green Court's sophisticated and timeless technical solutions are very attractive to tenants. The 16,300 sq m project was 95 percent leased before its competition. Tenants include PwC,

GlaxoSmithKline, Mainstream Technologies, Skanska Property and Skanska Real Estate. Skanska sold City Green Court to Deka Immobilien Investment GmbH in May 2012.

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**Skanska Property Czech Republic, s.r.o.** has been operating on the Czech market since 1997 and has developed a number of office buildings and retail warehouses in the Prague area. Skanska developed City Green Court in Prague 4-Pankrác, which is the first LEED Platinum-certified office building in the Czech Republic. It is the only building on the Czech market to earn both the LEED Platinum Core & Shell and LEED Platinum Commercial Interiors certifications. Skanska's office building Nordica Ostrava was the first building in the Czech Republic to receive GreenBuilding certification for energy efficiency. Skanska is currently developing the sustainable office project Riverview in Prague 5-Smíchov.

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