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Skanska welcomes Grafton and United Energy Coal Trading to the office building Nordica Ostrava

Skanska Property Czech Republic has signed two new leases for the Nordica Ostrava office building in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

Grafton, the leading provider of recruitment solutions and one of Europe's largest independent firms is leasing 340m² of office space within the Nordica building. Grafton will be occupying the premises from December 1, 2011.

"We like Nordica property as a modern office building, which offers a flexible floor plan, the possibility of expansion and an excellent location in the center of Ostrava. Our employees, business partners and clients will appreciate its accessibility and all amenities in the vicinity. At the same time we appreciate Skanska's approach. They assisted us in fulfilling our requirements in securing offices space within this building by understanding the needs and communication methods of an international company," says Ing. Martin Ježek, Executive Director of Grafton Recruitment, s.r.o.

United Energy Coal Trading (UECT), who trade with energy commodities and by-products, will join the existing tenants within the Nordica building by the year end of 2011 or start of 2012. UECT, a member of the Energy and Industrial Holding has signed a lease for 155 m² of office space on the ground floor of this seven-story, energy efficient building.

"Ostrava was the strategic location for our headquarters due to our activities in the region. The location of the Nordica building has excellent links to public transport and main roads, this contributed to our decision to set our new offices in this building," says Tomáš Novotný, Executive Director of United Energy Coal Trading.

Nordica Ostrava is the first office building in the Czech Republic with the European Commission Green Building certification for energy-efficiency. The building is designed to consume 30% less energy than required by the Czech official standards. The environmentally advanced building helps reduce the impact on the environment and saves on energy costs. The building has a leasable area of approximately 12,000 m² and is located directly in the center of Ostrava on Českobratrská and Soukenická street. In addition to offices and retail space it offers 129 parking spaces in two underground floors.

Grafton Recruitment, founded in 1982, is a leading provider of recruitment solutions. With 70 branches in 17 different countries is one of Europe's largest independent firms, placing experienced staff in all industry sectors, functions and public services. They offer a number of outsourcing solutions such as payroll and employment administration, managed agency services including master vendor services, assessment centre and testing facilities and HR consultancy services. Grafton Recruitment Czech Republic was founded in 1994 and now has grown to 14 branches across the country. Further information available at www.grafton.cz

United Energy Coal Trading is a major trader of Russian and Polish black coal and the exclusive distributor of lignite coal mine MIBRAG in Germany. They have several years experience with substitute fuels for different combustion technologies, and offer individual solutions for the delivery of fuel and additives. This improves the optimization of the cost of electricity and thermal energy. The

company offers a portfolio of all types of solid fuels. It is part of the Energy and Industrial Holding. More information on www.uct.cz

Skanska Commercial Development Europe is one out of 14 business units within Skanska. The mission is to initiate and develop primarily office buildings. The main focus of operations is the large metropolitan areas in Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. Skanska Commercial Development Europe is divided into 3 local companies - Skanska Property Czech Republic, Skanska Property Hungary and Skanska Property Poland. More information about Skanska Commercial Development Europe can be found at www.skanska.com/property

Skanska Property Czech Republic, s.r.o (www.skanska.cz/property) 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 is currently building City Green Court at Pankrác, which is the first LEED Platinum pre-certified office building in the Czech Republic. Skanska's office building Nordica Ostrava was the first building in Czech Republic awarded the GreenBuilding certificate for energy efficiency.

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