

Steelwork Commences on FILMPORT Studio Complex

TORONTO – July 10, 2007 – After much anticipation, workers started erecting the steel superstructure for the first of seven sound stages at FILMPORT, Toronto's new film and media district in the City's Port Lands. Phase 1 of this massive film and television complex includes a 45,500 square-foot mega-stage, the largest purpose-built sound stage in North America; more than an acre of column-free space with a 60 foot ceiling.

Work on the complex has been underway since last August with construction of the substructure, including steel piles, concrete caissons and rock anchors reaching 18m (60 feet) below ground. Next came structural grade beams to support the walls and four large concrete cores for elevators and stairwells which are visible above-grade. In the coming weeks, the steel skeletons for the sound stages and offices will take shape. By September, workers will begin installing pre-cast concrete wall sections. Phase 1 of the studio complex is slated to open for business by March 31, 2008.

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