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### Hospital redevelopment next phase underway at St. Joseph's Health Care, London and London Health Sciences Centre

**(LONDON, ON)** – London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and St. Joseph's Health Care, London (SJHC) are now well into the next phase of redevelopment as part the overall restructuring of London hospitals. A tentative schedule for construction and move dates is in place and with the exterior of the new North Tower at Victoria Hospital completed, work is underway to finish the interior along with renovations to existing areas at St. Joseph's Hospital.

This second phase of restructuring known as Milestone 2 will mark multiple program moves including the consolidation of the Ivey Eye Institute to St. Joseph's Hospital and move the Perinatal/Neonatal Intensive Care program from St. Joseph's Hospital to the new North Tower at Victoria Hospital.

"Milestone 2, Phase 2 means we will have realigned and consolidated most of the clinical and support services between the two organizations so that each hospital will have a defined and distinct role – reducing duplication of work and improving the overall patient care environment," said Cliff Nordal, President and CEO of LHSC and SJHC.

The completion of the North Tower at LHSC and renovations at SJHC began in July 2008 and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2011 with 28 phases overall.

“The construction of the North Tower and renovations to existing areas has given us the opportunity to look at further improving our overall infrastructure and technology and work flow for both organizations,” said David Crockett, integrated vice president of LHSC and SJHC.

The 10 storey North Tower at Victoria Hospital will soon be the new home for the following programs:

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Paediatric clinics, offices, pharmacy and clinic labs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Nuclear medicine imaging, endoscopy, medical day unit, education centre and women’s program offices
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor – Ear Nose and Throat clinic and offices and cafeteria
- 4<sup>th</sup> floor – Birthing centre and Neonatal Intensive Care unit
- 5<sup>th</sup> floor – Women’s ambulatory care and medical genetics clinic
- 6<sup>th</sup> floor – Children’s hospital inpatient unit
- 7<sup>th</sup> floor – Adult mental health unit
- 8<sup>th</sup> floor – Child/adolescent mental health unit and mental health offices
- 9<sup>th</sup> floor – Adult medical/surgical inpatient unit
- 10<sup>th</sup> floor – Clinical laboratories

In addition to the construction of the North Tower, M2P2 includes 106,000 sq. ft. of renovated space at St. Joseph’s Hospital including space for the Ivey Eye Institute, Ears, Nose, Throat (ENT) clinic, Ambulatory Gynaecology, Endoscopy, Diabetes/Endocrinology, Respiratory Therapy as well as a renovated kitchen and cafeteria and finance services office space.

The redevelopment of both organizations is the largest construction project in London at the present time. With the construction of the North Tower and renovations of existing infrastructure, there are an estimated 425 construction workers spread across both organizations on any given day. The total cost of this second phase of construction is estimated at over \$340M for both organizations.

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