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Birtcher Development's Bryce Bengé Earns LEED Accreditation

PORTLAND, Ore. – (January 15, 2008) – Furthering its commitment to green building in Oregon, Birtcher Development and Investments LLC now counts a U.S. Green Building Council LEED certified staff member among its Portland-based team. Development Coordination Manager Bryce Bengé, who joined Birtcher's Portland staff in April 2007, earned the LEED credential this month.

Now a certified LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP), Bengé has earned a place among the 43,000 professionals who have completed the LEED accreditation program since its inception in 2001. The accreditation will allow Bengé to bring a full range of sustainability knowledge and skills to the Birtcher team and their clients, including the tools needed to successfully navigate projects through the LEED certification process.

“We're very pleased to announce that Bryce is now a certified LEED AP,” said Birtcher Senior Vice President Jim Edwards. “LEED certification is now the standard in our industry, and with an accredited professional on our staff, we can leverage this deep knowledge of the LEED process for our current and future projects.”

Birtcher is already breaking ground on the LEED front in Oregon with completion in (date) of Birtcher Center at Townsend Way in Fairview, the state's first speculative, industrial, LEED Gold certified buildings. The \$37 million, 400,000-square-foot development includes three concrete tilt-up industrial buildings, all built with equal attention to upfront and lifetime costs in order to create environmentally friendly buildings with lower long term operating costs.

Birtcher's decision to adopt LEED methodology during construction at Townsend Way was prompted by a desire for enhanced building performance, while also incorporating **economy**, **quality** and **comfort** for the development's future tenants.

About Birtcher Development and Investments LLC

Birtcher Development is based in Irvine, Calif., and has a strong presence in the Portland market, having had an office in Portland for more than 25 years. Birtcher is a leading developer of creative industrial, office, research and specialized retail construction. For examples of Birtcher projects and scope, visit the company's website at www.birtcherdevelopment.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A high resolution photo of Bryce Bengé is available.
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