

New Leader at the Helm of WorldGBC

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Toronto, Canada, Monday 3 October 2011: The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) has appointed Rick Fedrizzi to the position of chairman, following the annual general meeting today.

President, CEO and Founding Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Fedrizzi leads the world's largest national green building council. Under his direction, USGBC has undertaken a far-reaching agenda that has more than tripled its membership and broadened its influence.

According to Chief Executive of the WorldGBC, Jane Henley, it's an important time for the international green building movement.

"Now with 89 countries, the WorldGBC has reached an important critical mass demonstrating that industry leadership in partnership with government provides a very positive and progressive method of change. Rick has empowered leaders to start GBCs in their own countries and it is fitting that Rick takes the helm in our tenth year of existence," Ms Henley said.

"It is an honor to be appointed as Chairman of the World Green Building Council," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, USGBC.

"The green building movement is a worldwide community, and must be if we are to be successful in achieving meaningful change. Together we are committed to an economically, environmentally and socially prosperous tomorrow achieved through green buildings and communities."

Jane Henley paid tribute to outgoing chairman, Tony Arnel, who steps down from the role after three years.

"Under Tony's direction, we've reformed the WorldGBC's governance structure, which has resulted in more effective committees now delivering measurable outcomes at an international level," Ms Henley said.

"We've created five regional networks which enable us to better identify regional priorities and respond with specialised support and action. And, as we've improved our effectiveness, our membership has grown. Tony leaves the WorldGBC a more powerful network of people committed to transforming the global property industry."

Tony Arnel said: "It's been a great privilege to work with the WorldGBC's network over the last three years. During this time, I've witnessed a fringe green movement become a mainstream industry. Governments have begun to wake up to the costs of climate change and recognise that buildings are truly the low hanging fruit. Technologies and practices which were once considered extraordinary are now business-as-usual. It is a great honour to pass the reigns of the WorldGBC into Rick's steady hands."

About the World Green Building Council

The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) is a network of national green building councils from around the world, making it the largest international organisation influencing the green building marketplace. Green building councils are member-based organisations that partner with industry and government in the transformation of their building industries towards sustainability through the adoption of green building practices. On the ground in 89 countries, GBCs create change in their local markets as a way to globalise environmentally and socially responsible building practices. Visit:

www.worldgbc.org.

About U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

The U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 79 local affiliates, nearly 16,000 member organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. GDP from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

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