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CATANIA REAL ESTATE GROUP INVESTS MORE THAN \$6 MILLION IN COMPANY INDUSTRIAL PARK IN BROSSARD
To meet expansion needs of Nortrax, leading south shore heavy equipment sales and rentals specialist

Brossard, March 17, 2009 –Catania president and CEO Paolo Catania joined Yvon Nadeau, general manager of Nortrax/Longueuil, and Nortrax president and CEO Jim Ficzere in a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction of a new Nortrax service and distribution centre on Montreal’s south shore today.

This \$6 million real estate investment in the Catania Industrial Park in Brossard is an initiative that represents sure value in the current economic context,” Mr. Catania said. “Nortrax specializes in sales and rentals of John Deere heavy equipment for which there is strong demand and a healthy order book. Catania has dealt with Nortrax for years and knows firsthand the organization’s reputation for reliability and a strong team.”

“We are particularly proud to be locating in Brossard, and we believe that the Catania Industrial Park is a strategic location for our organization because of its proximity to the major access routes,” Mr. Nadeau said. “We project sales growth in the coming years, which will be driven by our seasoned sales team, despite the downturn in the economy. In addition to offering a modern, safe and secure work place for our employees, this new location was chosen in large measure because of the Catania Real Estate Group’s expertise and reputation.”

The Nortrax service and distribution centre will consist of a 30,000-square-foot building on 285,000 square feet of land featuring parking for some 60 customer and staff vehicles. Nortrax currently employs 35 people but anticipates hiring six new certified mechanics that will allow the organization to maintain its leadership in heavy equipment in the Montérégie.

About Catania

Since it was founded in 1987, Catania has seen meteoric growth. Specializing initially in major infrastructure projects, it has since expanded into industrial and commercial construction, residential development and sales, and sales of industrial, commercial, and residential projects. Through a constant commitment to the highest standards, effective cost controls, meeting deadlines and honouring commitments, Catania was awarded ISO 9001 certification in 2000. For further information, visit www.fcatania.com.

About Nortrax Longueuil

Nortrax (formerly Ontrac Québec Inc.) recognizes that buying new equipment is a serious investment. As the single source for new equipment and parts, the company partners with clients to determine the best machine to meet their immediate and long-term needs. Nortrax provides the highest levels of service in the industry to achieve new standards in speed of delivery and product support, including 24-hour service, a preventative maintenance and inspection program, and satellite technology. For further information, visit: www.nortrax.com

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