

EAST PORT PROPERTIES ANNOUNCES BLANK CANVAS SHORT LIST

31 submissions from around the world received for the first private sector juried art commission in Newfoundland and Labrador

St. John's, NL – East Port Properties is pleased to announce the short list of artists / artistic groups moving forward to Phase II of Blank Canvas: 351 Indoor Art Commission – the first private sector juried art commission call in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The call, which opened on September 12, 2012, received a total of 31 submissions from qualified artists / artistic groups from all around the world. After undergoing a rigorous judging process by a carefully selected jury, six have been selected to move on.

The six artists / artistic groups invited to Phase II include: Dave Goodyear, Annette Manning & Ray Roddick; Nicola Hawkins; Michael Pittman; Peter Wilkins; Urve Manuel & Nancy Jacobsen; and Will Gill.

“I’m truly blown away by the level of passion and talent of all the artists who submitted,” says East Port Properties President John Lindsay. “Thank you to each and every one of those who showed interest and proposed such creative, amazing ideas. It’s proved to us that the sky is the limit when you give someone a blank canvas.”

The piece, commissioned by East Port Properties, will be an indoor public art installation permanently displayed in the lobby of 351 Water Street, a building in downtown St. John's set to open in the spring of 2014.

“The submissions we received exceeded any expectations we may have had,” says Kay Anonsen, Jury Coordinator for the project. “On behalf of the jurors, we are excited and proud to be a part of a project that allows artists the opportunity to learn and grow. It’s amazing to be involved in such an important and significant investment for the Newfoundland and Labrador arts community.”

The winning artist / artistic group will be selected the end of March, with a budget of \$100,000 for the commissioned piece.

For more information about the art commission, visit www.threefiftyone.ca

About 351:

Set to open in 2014, 351 is the first new office building in downtown St. John's in more than 25 years. It was developed by East Port Properties and designed by Stantec Architecture (formally PHB Group). Inspired by its surroundings, 351 uses natural tide technology, and respects our natural environment. It will be the first sea water heated and cooled building in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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About East Port Properties:

East Port is the leading development company for workplace real estate in Atlantic Canada. Since 1981, East Port has developed millions of square feet of office, commercial, research, industrial warehouse, parkade, and recreational facilities, primarily in Metro Halifax and St. John's.

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