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## PROVINCE DECLARES NEW ALLISTON INDUSTRIAL SITE 'INVESTMENT READY'

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The Walton Group of Companies is pleased to announce that its Alliston Industrial Business Park development site has been selected as one of the first "Investment Ready Sites" in Ontario as part of the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure's new Certified Site program.

"This is exciting news for New Tecumseth and the County of Simcoe. Ontario's Investment Ready: Certified Site program creates efficiencies and ensures businesses and companies save time and money when they are choosing in which community they will set-up shop. By adding the Alliston Industrial lands to the province's list of Certified Sites, we are helping the Simcoe area become more competitive and ready for investment. Once populated, this site will generate economic activity in the community, and create new jobs for the region", said Ann Hoggarth, MPP for Barrie.

The Investment Ready certification program supports companies in their economic development investment decisions and their site selection process by providing detailed property information up front, including environmental assessments, utilities servicing and transportation access.

"The Alliston Industrial site will provide new economic development opportunities for the County of Simcoe, the Town of New Tecumseth and the Province of Ontario to realize on its strategic location and attributes" said John Plastiras, Executive Vice President, Real Estate at Walton Global Investments. Walton also recognizes the efforts of the County of Simcoe, Town of New Tecumseth and the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure to have the Alliston project Investment Ready certified.

The Alliston Industrial site is a 152 acre fully-serviced employment and industrial use focused property which has the potential to build up to two million square feet of industrial space, is conveniently located along a Canadian Pacific rail line and near Highways 89 and 400. The site is also immediately adjacent to the Honda of Canada Manufacturing facility and is situated among a thriving and established industrial base in Alliston including automotive, logistics and medical industries. More detail on the site can be found at: <http://waltonalliston.com/>

The Ontario government's Investment Ready: Certified Site program is the first of its kind in the Province and helps streamline the site selection process for investors by pre-qualifying industrial sites that are ready for development. The Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure is also working in partnership with the Town of New Tecumseth, the County of Simcoe and Walton to market the Alliston Industrial site internationally to potential investors, increasing its economic development possibilities. More detail on the Government of Ontario's program can be found at: <http://www.investinontario.com/certified-sites/6857-and-7005-industrial-parkway-alliston-ontario>

### About Walton

The Walton Group of Companies is one of North America's leading real estate investment and development groups. In Ontario, Walton's locally based Ontario team manages nearly 14,000 acres of land located along strategic employment corridors in Niagara, Brant and Simcoe Counties and Ottawa. Founded in 1979, the Walton Group currently has over \$4.8 billion of assets under administration.<sup>1</sup>

Walton is committed to a responsive, responsible approach to community development, and focuses on creating complete communities that are generational in perspective. Walton's strategic approach, track record and scale allows us to deliver communities that can provide regionally and provincially significant economic development and infrastructure opportunities that attract jobs and provide vital new municipal assessments for existing and future generations.

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<sup>1</sup> Consists of a) syndication value of active pre-development projects, b) book value of pre-development land held by Walton International Group Inc. and Walton International Group (USA), Inc. and total assets managed in development companies or Walton's investment in development companies.