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## LEED NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Lindsay Group commercial real estate company builds first 2007 LEED certifiable, small lease building in Minnetonka, Minnesota.**

**Minnetonka, MN** – The Lindsay Group commercial real estate group dedicated its new corporate office building this month. The new facility has qualified to earn the “silver” certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for meeting stringent standards for its energy usage and environmental impact.

LEED – [the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System] - was introduced by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in 1998. It is the first widely-used third-party verification program to assess building construction, renovation, and maintenance in terms of energy conservation and environmental sustainability in the United States. The process evaluates the structure in five categories: sustainable site development, water savings; energy efficiency; materials selection; and indoor environmental quality. Based on the number of points earned in those categories, a structure can be classified as LEED Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum.

The Lindsay building is the first, under 10,000 sq. ft, small lease mixed usage building to qualify for the certification in the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

CEO, J. Lindsay comments, “LEED construction makes good business sense”. In coming years, the advantages to investing in green building will continue to grow, not based solely on environmental ethics, but also economic investment and improved public health.

For more information on LEED and the programs of the U.S. Green Building Council, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

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