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Calgary Office Moves to Edmonton

Digicon' Calgary office will be re-locating to Edmonton in October. It is unknown whether the existing support telephone and fax numbers will remain the same, but that information will be made available on the Spex.ca and Digicon web sites.

The SPEX.CA server will also be re-located from Calgary to Edmonton, likely on Sunday, October 21, 2007. During this move, the SPEX.CA web site will be unavailable during a 3-4 hour transportation time window.

BrandedSPEC* - ETCorp and CGC Join!

ETCorp is an Australian-owned company which offers General Programmable Automation Control (GPAC) software for monitoring and controlling devices over a standard TCP/IP or other network protocols, for a variety of purposes including access control, security, etc. Control is accomplished via PC, and users access the system via an Internet browser. Visit the ETCorp BrandedSPEC page directly [HERE](#).

Canadian Gypsum Company (CGC) is a well-known, Canadian, ISO-9001 certified company that manufactures a wide variety of gypsum panel products. Visit the CGC BrandedSPEC page directly [HERE](#).

BrandedSPEC specifications are fully-compatible with Spex.ca specifications and software, and have been developed or reviewed by Digicon to ensure that sections meet the standards established by the CSC Manual of Practice.

Manufacturers who wish to participate should contact [Spex.ca](#).

*BrandedSPEC is a library of branded (proprietary) master specifications that have been specially written to specify a particular manufactured product. The cost of development and maintenance of BrandedSPEC sections is borne by the manufacturers themselves, and offered to the construction industry **FREE**. For more information browse to the Spex.ca [BrandedSPEC Page](#) online

NMS News

In the April 2007 update, NMS chose to issue sections in both 6-digit and 8-digit numbers (which are allowed in the MasterFormat 2004 standard). They also decided to revise their update schedule to two (2) times a year.

Recently, users noticed some internal cross-reference errors within the NMS which were not updated with the section numbers. These are being reported to the NMSS as we receive them, and repairs are reported to be issued with the next update in January 2008.

Specnique has been updated in order to accommodate the new numbers. Specnique users should check their software to ensure that version 2007a is being used; earlier versions did NOT support 8-digit numbers.

SpecSUITE News

Sections Updated

The current update (October 2007) includes 93 CMS sections and 32 MiniSPEC sections. Refer to the SpecSuite 2007-Q4 Update section near the end of this newsletter for a list of sections updated.

Digicon Update Frequency

Contrary to the NMS, Digicon will continue to issue updates four (4) times a year, to its flagship CMS and MiniSPEC master specifications. In fact, Digicon has improved its ability to track and implement changes to industry standards to its specifications. This quarter, standards changes has resulted in the re-issue of a substantial number of sections. Digicon will be striving to keep all of its specifications current, to a MAXIMUM of 1.5 years out of date.

Section Numbering

Also contrary to the NMS, Digicon feels that the implementation of 8-digit section numbers is unnecessary and plans to standardize SpecSUITE Library's on only 6-digit numbers.

LEED Implementation

CMS and MiniSPEC already have Division 01 sections that users can use to specify the documentation requirements for LEED projects. Over the next few updates, text (and associated SpecNote assistance) specific to LEED projects is being added to technical sections, enabling specifiers to properly edit and coordinate all sections for a LEED project.

Education Copies of Specnique

Digicon is now offering free education copies of Specnique (along with CMS or NMS specifications) to accredited learning institutions. It is hoped that with students learning to use the software and our master specifications, and with Specnique's anticipated movement to BIM compatibility, future young design professionals will already be up to speed using Specnique.

SectionFormat and PageFormat Updates Coming

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) and its American sister organization Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will be publishing new versions of *SectionFormat* and *PageFormat* specification standards.

SectionFormat is the standard for organizing specification sections into three parts, and standardizes on the order and naming of the articles within each part. This new version incorporates a few changes to bring the article titles in closer parallel to MasterFormat (the section numbering standard), recent sustainable design requirements, and a variety of other minor changes.

PageFormat is the standard for formatting the text on a specification section page. This standard has attempted to harmonize the relatively minor differences between the Canadian and USA page layouts, and considers the variety of media types being used for publishing specifications today.

These two standards are being finalized now, and should be available for purchase in the next few months.

IFD Library* News

The IFD Partners most recently held meetings in Oslo, Norway in September 2007. The next meeting will be held in Canada (Alberta) in January 2008. During their visit, CSC will host a public forum for software developers and interested parties to learn about what IFD can do for the industry.

The terminology is being developed now, but the software infrastructure to use the database is already available. Software developers are invited to contact David if interested in using IFD technology in their software.

For more information, review the IFD Library web site (<http://www.ifd-library.com>).

*The IFD Library (International Foundation for Dictionaries) is an electronic, multilingual collection of building construction terms, designed to be compatible with the buildingSMART (BIM) modelling standards being developed internationally. Canada is represented by CSC (David Watson of Digicon and Mary Friesen of Specwrite). The Netherlands, Norway, and USA (CSI) are the other partners.

SpecSuite 2007-Q4 Update (October)

CMS and MiniSPEC Divisions 08 and 09 Updated

In this calendar quarter, we have updated these sections from Digicon's Canadian Master Specification (all CMS libraries) and MiniSPEC. This update addresses various technical and standards updates. Specifically, we have updated these sections to also coincide with the latest editions (2007) of CSC SectionFormat and PageFormat that will be published shortly.

We have performed a complete review of both Divisions 08 and 09 sections for updating the applicable standards, updating section article titles and the order of titles (according to SectionFormat 2007), correcting minor editing styles, and ensuring cross references (cited within Related Sections) are correct.

A NOTE TO ALL CURRENT CMS and MiniSPEC SUBSCRIBERS: Log in to SPEX.CA, sign-in using your account (name/password) and download your updated master specification sections.

Sections Updated This Quarter

Updates this quarter include Division 08 and 09 sections in CMS and MiniSPEC. The following is a summary of specific sections – as listed below:

Library	Section #	Section Name	Discipline*	Status
CMS	08 03 81	Metal Window Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 03 82	Wood Door Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 03 83	Wood Window Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 03 84	Hardware Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 03 85	Stained Glass Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 03 86	Restoration Glazing	A,H	Updated
CMS	08 11 13	Standard Metal Doors and Frames	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 12 13	Standard Hollow Metal Frames	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 12 14	Custom Hollow Metal Frames	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 13 14	Custom Hollow Metal Doors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 14 16	Flush Wood Doors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 14 33	Stile And Rail Wood Doors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 31 13	Access Doors And Frames	A,I,M,E	Updated
CMS	08 32 00	Sliding Glass Doors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 33 23	Overhead Coiling Doors	A	Updated
CMS	08 33 26	Overhead Coiling Grilles	A	Updated
CMS	08 34 55	Detention Doors And Frames	A	Updated
CMS	08 35 13	Accordion Folding Doors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 36 13	Sectional Doors	A	Updated
CMS	08 41 13	Aluminum Framed Entrances And Storefronts	A	Updated
CMS	08 42 33	Revolving Door Entrances	A	Updated
CMS	08 43 53	Glass And Spandrel Glazing	A	Updated
CMS	08 44 13	Glazed Aluminum Curtain Walls	A	Updated
CMS	08 44 23	Glass Curtain Wall - Planar Glass Supports	A	Updated
CMS	08 44 25	Suspended Glass Assembly	A	Updated
CMS	08 44 30	Structural Sealant Glazed Assemblies	A	Updated
CMS	08 44 33	Sloped Glazing Assemblies	A	Updated
CMS	08 45 23	Translucent Panel Wall And Roof Assemblies	A	Updated
CMS	08 51 13	Aluminum Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 51 25	Metal Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 51 28	Sheet Steel Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 52 10	Wood Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 53 10	Plastic Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 61 16	Wood Roof Windows	A	Updated
CMS	08 62 00	Unit Skylights	A	Updated
CMS	08 63 00	Metal Framed Skylights	A	Updated
CMS	08 71 00	Door Hardware - Common Requirements	A,H,I	Updated
CMS	08 71 43	Automatic Door Operators	A	Updated
CMS	08 80 50	Glass And Glazing	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 83 00	Mirrors	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 87 53	Security Films	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 88 11	Laminated Glass	A,I	Updated
CMS	08 91 19	Fixed Louvers	A	Updated
CMS	09 03 91	Gypsum Plaster Restoration	A,H	Updated

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CMS	09 03 92	Portland Cement Plaster Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 03 93	Ornamental Plaster Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 03 94	Tile Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 03 95	Terrazzo Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 03 96	Wood Flooring Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 03 98	Restoration Painting	A,H	Updated
CMS	09 21 16	Gypsum Board Assemblies	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 21 20	Exterior Gypsum Sheathing	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 21 30	Gypsum Board - Vinyl Faced	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 21 40	Gypsum Board - Shaft Wall	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 22 13	Metal Furring And Lathing	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 22 16	Non- Structural Metal Stud Framing	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 23 10	Gypsum Plastering	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 24 23	Portland Cement Stucco	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 26 13	Gypsum Veneer Plaster	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 30 10	Ceramic Floor Tiling	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 30 11	Ceramic Wall Tiling	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 30 35	Cut Natural Stone Tile	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 51 13	Acoustic Panel Ceilings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 51 53	Direct Applied Acoustic Ceilings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 53 34	Surface Mount Ceiling Grid	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 54 13	Open Metal Mesh Ceilings	A	Updated
CMS	09 54 23	Linear Metal Ceilings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 54 51	Curved Profile Ceiling Suspension Assembly	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 58 00	Integrated Ceiling Assemblies	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 63 13	Brick Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 63 41	Stone Unit Finishes	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 64 23	Wood Parquet Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 64 26	Hardwood Flooring - Adhesive Applied	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 64 27	Hardwood Flooring - Nailed	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 65 10	Resilient Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 66 13	Portland Cement Terrazzo Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 66 23	Resinous Matrix Terrazzo Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 67 14	Urethane Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 67 15	Neoprene-hypalon Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 67 20	Stone Chip Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 67 23	Resinous Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 67 30	Vinyl Chip Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 68 13	Tile Carpeting	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 68 20	Carpet And Cushion	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 68 23	Carpet - Glue Down	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 69 00	Access Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 69 19	Stringerless Access Flooring	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 72 16	Vinyl Coated Fabric Wall Coverings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 84 10	Acoustic Wall Treatment	A,I	Updated

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CMS	09 84 30	Acoustic Room Treatment	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 91 10	Painting	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 96 23	Graffiti Resistant Coatings	A	Updated
CMS	09 96 59	High Build Glazed Coatings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 96 66	Aggregate Wall Coatings	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 96 90	Sheet Plastic Wall Covering	A,I	Updated
CMS	09 97 30	Powder Coating	A,I,S	Updated
MS	08 11 00	Standard Metal Doors and Frames	A	Updated
MS	08 11 10	Standard Hollow Metal Frames	A	Updated
MS	08 11 11	Standard Hollow Metal Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 11 65	Metal Storm Doors And Frames	A	Updated
MS	08 14 15	Flush Wood Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 14 30	Stile And Rail Wood Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 14 80	Closet Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 32 10	Sliding Glass Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 35 10	Accordion Folding Doors	A	Updated
MS	08 41 10	Aluminum Framed Entrances And Storefronts	A	Updated
MS	08 51 10	Aluminum Windows	A	Updated
MS	08 52 15	Wood Windows	A	Updated
MS	08 53 15	Plastic Windows	A	Updated
MS	08 62 10	Unit Skylights	A	Updated
MS	08 71 10	Door Hardware - General	A	Updated
MS	08 80 55	Glass And Glazing	A	Updated
MS	09 21 17	Gypsum Board Assemblies	A	Updated
MS	09 22 15	Non-structural Metal Stud Framing	A	Updated
MS	09 24 00	Portland Cement Stucco	A	Updated
MS	09 30 12	Ceramic Wall Tiling	A	Updated
MS	09 30 15	Ceramic Floor Tiling	A	Updated
MS	09 30 17	Quarry Tiling	A	Updated
MS	09 51 10	Acoustical Panel Ceilings	A	Updated
MS	09 63 10	Brick Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 64 20	Wood Parquet Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 65 15	Resilient Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 66 10	Portland Cement Terrazzo Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 67 10	Neoprene-hypalon Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 67 25	Stone Chip Flooring	A	Updated
MS	09 68 25	Carpeting And Cushion	A	Updated
MS	09 68 26	Carpeting By Glue Down	A	Updated
MS	09 91 15	Painting	A	Updated

* CMS Discipline package codes: A = Architectural, C = Civil Engineering, E = Electrical, H = Heritage, I = Interiors, L = Landscape, M = Mechanical, R=Roofing/Waterproofing, S=Structural



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Relevant URL Links

This section will not evolve into a network of links everywhere, but will serve to link readers to topics which are included in our newsletter and activities that impact our industry.

- BrandedSPEC (<https://secure.spex.ca/index.php?page=branded/index.php>)
- CCDC Documents: (<http://www.ccdc.org/home.html>)
- Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) (<http://www.csc-dcc.ca>)
- Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) (<http://www.csinet.org>)
- Digicon Information Inc. (<http://www.digicon.ab.ca>)
- IFD Library (<http://www.ifd-library.com>)
- International Alliance for Interoperability (IAI) (<http://www.iai-international.org>)
- International Construction Information Society (ICIS) (<http://www.icis.org>)
- MasterFormat 2004 (free downloadable PDF on Spex.ca Free page): (<https://secure.spex.ca/index.php?page=freedocs/index.php>)
- OmniClass (<http://www.omniclass.ca> and <http://www.omniclass.org>)
- Spex.ca (<http://www.spex.ca>)

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