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Calgary Office Has Moved to Edmonton

Digicon's Calgary office has re-located to Edmonton. Our new “technical problem” contact information phone number is:

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This office is our primary technical support office; please amend your technical support phone number to this new one. The primary SPEX.CA server was also re-located to Edmonton in mid-November with minimal disruption to service.

BrandedSPEC*

Spex.ca Adds New BrandedSPEC Representative

BrandedSPEC is truly a win-win concept, giving value to users of our specifications. While our NMS and SpecSuite family of specifications offer non-proprietary content, BrandedSPEC offers a proprietary solution which is written to the same writing standards and formatted to be compatible with other Spex.ca specifications. To serve this new market, Digicon has engaged Geri Watson to solicit and support our new BrandedSPEC customers. Manufacturers interested in participating can contact Geri directly at 780-628-4494, or through the Spex.ca toll-free number 800-610-7732.

*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

NMS is now on their revised update schedule to two (2) times a year, usually in January and July. This January 2008 update is available now on Spex.ca, and includes technically updated sections. However, there are a very large number of sections which required updating for cross-referencing or other minor issues. In total, approximately 630 sections were modified.

CCDC News - Guess What?

CCDC is now in the process of releasing CCDC 2 - 2008. CSC (Construction Specifications Canada) are organizing a cross country series of seminars to acquaint users with the new document. For seminar information, contact CSC at <http://www.csc-dcc.ca>.

Digicon is currently preparing updates to our Division 00 and 01 documents accordingly. Implementing the changes to the new CCDC contract in CMS and MiniSPEC should be ready this spring in time for the April 2008 update.

Digicon plans to retain support for CCDC 2 - 1994 version in the Division 00 and 01 documents for a while yet. Both versions will be available and supported until the industry is comfortable with the new version.

SpecSUITE News

Sections Updated

The current update, January 2008, includes CMS sections, MiniSPEC sections, OutlineSPEC sections, HomeSPEC, and MasterProspectus sections. Refer to the SpecSuite 2008-Q1 Update section near the end of this newsletter for a list of all sections updated. Contrary to the NMS, Digicon will continue standardizing SpecSUITE Libraries on 6-digit section numbers.

Update Frequency

Digicon will continue to issue updates four (4) times a year. We have improved our ability to track and implement changes to industry standards to our specifications, with an objective to keeping all of our specifications current to a maximum of 1.5 years from the current date.

LEED® Implementation¹

CMS and MiniSPEC already have Division 01 sections that users can use to specify the documentation and site obligations requirements for LEED® projects. Over the next several updates, text (and associated Digicon SpecNote assistance) specific to LEED® projects is being added to relevant technical sections, enabling specifiers to appropriately edit, coordinate, and administer specifications for a LEED® project.

¹ LEED® is a registered trademark of U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

CSC has commissioned a specialist team to create a CSC sustainability TEK-AID which will include an explanatory Digest plus associated specification sections. Digicon is playing a key role on that team. Of course, this new CSC TEK-AID will be available on Spex.ca when it is released for publication in mid-2008.

CSC/CSI SectionFormat and PageFormat Updates

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) and its American sister organization Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) are publishing new 2007/2008 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 published now, and should be available for purchase shortly.

SpecSuite 2008-Q1 Update

CMS, MiniSPEC, OutlineSPEC, HomeSPEC, and MasterProspectus Updated

In this calendar quarter, we have updated sections from Digicon's SpecSUITE Master Specifications, incorporating various technical and standards changes - with a particular focus on Division 07. These sections will coincide with the latest editions (2007) of CSC SectionFormat and PageFormat (which were not yet public as of this writing).

We have performed a complete review of Division 07 sections for applicable standards revisions, minor modification to section article titles (to adhere to the new SectionFormat 2007 standard), correcting minor editing styles, and verifying that cross references (cited within Division 07 - Related Sections) are correct.

NOTE TO ALL SpecSUITE SUBSCRIBERS: This includes CMS, MiniSPEC, OutlineSPEC, HomeSPEC, and MasterProspectus. 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 the following summary of specific sections – applicable Libraries are listed below:

Library	Section #	Section Name	Discipline*	Status
CMS	07 03 71	Shingle Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	07 03 72	Roofing Tile Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	07 03 73	Sheet Metal Roofing Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	07 03 74	Sheet Metal Restoration	A,H	Updated
CMS	07 03 75	Joint Sealers For Restoration (minor name change)	A,H	Updated
CMS	07 11 13	Bituminous Dampproofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 12 13	Bituminous Sheet Waterproofing	A,R	Updated

Library	Section #	Section Name	Discipline*	Status
CMS	07 13 00	Sheet Membrane Waterproofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 14 00	Fluid-Applied Waterproofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 17 00	Bentonite Waterproofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 18 00	Traffic Coatings	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 19 00	Water Repellents	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 13	Board Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 16	Blanket Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 19	Foamed-in-Place Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 23	Loose-Fill Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 26	Blown Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 21 29	Sprayed Insulation	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 24 00	Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 26 00	Vapour Retarders	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 27 00	Air Barriers	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 31 13	Asphalt Shingles	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 31 29	Wood Shingles and Shake Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 32 00	Tile Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 41 43	Composite Roof Panels	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 43 11	Sandwich Metal Building Panels	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 46 16	Preformed Metal Siding	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 46 23	Wood Siding	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 50 05	Preparation For Re-Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 50 11	Single Ply Roofing – Loose-Laid Ballasted - Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 50 13	Single Ply Roofing – Mechanically Attached - Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 50 19	Single Ply Roofing – Protected Membrane	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 51 13	Built-up Asphalt Roofing - Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 51 16	Built-up Coal Tar Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 51 53	Single Ply Roofing - Fully Adhered - Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 52 11	SBS/APP Modified Bitumen Membrane - Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 54 11	Single Ply TPO Roofing – Mechanically Attached – Conventional	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 55 51	Built-up Asphalt Roofing - Protected Membrane	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 55 52	SBS/SPP Modified Bitumen - Protected Membrane Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 55 57	Rubberized Asphalt Roofing - Protected Membrane	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 57 13	Sprayed Polyurethane Foam Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 61 00	Sheet Metal Roofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 62 00	Sheet Metal Flashing And Trim	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 63 00	Sheet Metal Roof Specialties	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 71 23	Manufactured Gutters And Downspouts	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 72 33	Roof Hatches	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 81 16	Cementitious Fireproofing	A,R	Updated

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CMS	07 81 33	Mineral-Fibre Fireproofing	A,R	Updated
CMS	07 84 00	Firestopping	A,H,R	Updated
CMS	07 91 11	Elastomeric Joint Seals	A,H,R	Updated
CMS	07 92 00	Joint Sealants	A,H,R	Updated
CMS	07 95 13	Expansion Joint Assemblies	A,R,S	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 11 10	Bituminous Dampproofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 12 10	Bituminous Sheet Waterproofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 21 10	Board Insulation	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 21 15	Blanket Insulation	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 21 25	Blown Insulation	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 24 10	Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 27 10	Air Barriers	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 31 10	Asphalt Shingling	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 31 20	Wood Shingle and Shake Roofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 46 10	Metal and Plastic Siding	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 46 20	Wood Siding	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 50 03	Preparation for Re-Roofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 51 10	Built-up Asphalt Roofing - Conventional	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 52 11	SBS/APP Modified Bitumen - Conventional Roofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 55 45	Built-up Asphalt Roofing - Protected Membrane	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 55 46	SBS/APP Modified Bitumen - Protected Membrane Roofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 62 10	Sheet Metal Flashings	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 63 10	Sheet Metal Roof Specialties	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 71 20	Manufactured Gutters and Downspouts	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 72 30	Roof Hatches	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 81 15	Cementitious Fireproofing	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 84 05	Firestopping	A	Updated
MiniSPEC	07 92 10	Joint Sealing	A	Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 03 70	Wall/Roof Restoration		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 10 10	Subgrade Protection		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 10 20	Enclosure Protection		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 30 10	Sloped Roofs		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 46 11	Siding		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 50 10	Flat Roofs		Updated
OutlineSPEC	07 70 10	Roof Specialties		Updated
OutlineSPEC	08 10 10	Doors and Frames		Updated
OutlineSPEC	08 40 10	Glazed Assemblies		Updated
OutlineSPEC	08 50 10	Windows		Updated
HomeSPEC		None		

Library	Section #	Section Name	Discipline*	Status
MasterProspectus	00 05 00	Facility Criteria Model		Updated
MasterProspectus	10 05 00	Site Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	20 05 00	Grade and Subgrade Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	30 05 00	Site Finish Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	40 20 05	Substructure Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	40 30 05	Superstructure Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	40 50 05	Enclosure Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	40 70 05	Interior Separation Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 10 05	Life Safety Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 30 05	Plumbing Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 50 05	HVAC Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 70 05	Electric Power Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 75 05	Lighting Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	50 77 05	Communications Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	60 05 00	Equipment Criteria		Updated
MasterProspectus	70 10 05	Roadway Criteria		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

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>)
- Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC): (<http://www.cagbc.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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