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FirstOnSite Restoration expands operations to the U.S.

Nashville office will be a hub to support large loss and commercial restoration across the U.S.

(Toronto, Ontario, July 19, 2012) – FirstOnSite Restoration, Canada’s leading independent disaster restoration company has expanded its operations to the United States. The company’s U.S. operations will work closely with insurers and commercial property owners to mobilize expertise and equipment to respond to large loss and commercial catastrophes throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean.

FirstOnSite’s industry-leading response model is built on more than a decade of large loss restoration experience. The company’s leadership team has a century’s worth of combined experience leading restoration efforts for commercial properties and at major disaster events in North America. Currently, FirstOnSite works with U.S. clients who have property in Canada and this new initiative brings the company’s proven experience to American soil to serve Canadian customers who have property in the U.S., as well as U.S. customers directly.

“The command-and-control model we have developed gives us the capacity to assess, organize, coordinate and mobilize efforts on a very large scope and scale to provide coverage for any part of the country quickly,” said Dave Demos, Chief Executive Officer for FirstOnSite Restoration. “By coupling our model with a vast and vetted network of emergency responders, and layering in our vendors and suppliers where needed, we will be able to provide the best service possible to insurers and clients throughout the U.S.”

The newly minted U.S. operations will be based out of Nashville, which will act as a hub to support nationwide response efforts. The large loss operations division will be led by Billy Short II, a respected veteran of the commercial and large loss restoration business in the U.S. He has led restoration responses to every major North American disaster in the past decade, including Hurricanes Katrina and Ike, the Goderich F3 Tornado, and the fires that devastated the Town of Slave Lake.

“Our insurance and commercial customers need effective, dependable and reliable emergency response partners, no matter where in the U.S. a disaster occurs,” said Dave Demos. “By investing in state-of-the-art technology and operational strategies rather than bricks and mortar, our command-and-control model allows us to respond to any disaster, anywhere, nimbly and effectively. Our systems have standardized the property loss process to better serve our clients’ needs, and further minimize business interruption.”

FirstOnSite’s U.S. operation joins more than 1,100 employees at more than 40 branches in Canada, from coast-to-coast.

FirstOnSite Restoration’s Nashville office is located at 185 Molly Walton Drive, Hendersonville, and can be reached by phone at 615-590-7253. Visit www.firstonsite.ca for more information.



About FirstOnSite Restoration

FirstOnSite Restoration is the largest independent emergency restoration company in Canada serving the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. With 1,100 employees and more than 40 branches coast-to-coast, it delivers 24/7 emergency services when a disaster strikes. FirstOnSite's corporate structure provides scale, stability and unsurpassed capabilities in Canada. The core strength of the company is its team. It looks for the best and the brightest in the industry. It invests in its people and in the communities where they live and work. FirstOnSite is majority-owned by TorQuest Partners Inc. and is an approved vendor for many leading insurance companies. For more information visit: www.firstonsite.ca or call, 1-877-778-6731.