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## To Whom It May Concern:

Extendicare Canada Inc. recently completed the development of a Two Storey, 180 bed Long Term Care Facility in Timmins, Ontario to replace our existing 119 bed facility, which was built in 1972. The proposed site and geographic area provide us with many overwhelming challenges and as our Construction Manager, Ball Construction was helpful, right from the design development phase, through value engineering providing insight and suggesting changes to streamline the construction process.

When substandard and unstable soils were found on site during construction, Ball Construction's Project Manager researched and suggested a "floating slab foundation" called Legalett Geo-Slab. His suggestion ultimately became the solution for construction of our slab on grade areas, saving us time and money in the completion of the foundation system.

Ball's experience with constructing LEED certified buildings was instrumental in our commitment to construct a LEED Silver designated facility in this remote geographic area. When certified our building will be the first LEED accredited structure to be completed in the City of Timmins and surrounding areas.

The caliber and dedication of the construction team during the final months of construction, lead to a seamless move of our existing 119 residents from our old home and a smooth opening of our New Home.

Sincerely,

Peter McConnachie

Director of Architectural Services.

Extendicare Canada Inc.