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## **The Green Leader – Skanska receives two awards at the 9<sup>th</sup> CEEQA Industry Awards Gala**

During the CEEQA 2012 Industry Awards Gala, which took place on 17 April 2012 at the Warsaw Marriott Hotel, Skanska Commercial Development Europe was awarded twice – the company received the **Green Leadership Award** and the title of the **RealGreen Developer of the Year**. Awards in the RealGreen category for outstanding business performance and achievement in the field of sustainable construction were presented for the first time this year. Skanska was recognised for its commitment to develop new projects according to the principles of sustainable development, as well as promoting the idea of green construction in Central and Eastern Europe.

*“We are very proud that we have been recognised as the green business leader for the second time in a row. All our projects are future-proof, which means that both the construction process and project performance have a minimal impact on the natural environment. With our 7 on-going projects in the CEE region we will soon deliver a total of 150,000 sqm of green office space,”* said Nicklas Lindberg, President of Skanska Commercial Development Europe.

All the projects carried out by Skanska Commercial Development Europe are designed and created in compliance with the criteria of LEED and EU GreenBuilding certification systems. The company is currently working on 7 projects located in Warsaw, Łódź, Poznań, Wrocław, Prague and Budapest. In the next few months Skanska CDE is going to start 6 more projects and will have a total of 240,000 sqm in its project portfolio.

Five out of seven on-going projects are being developed in Poland. In 2011, Skanska Property Poland launched its flagship project – Atrium 1 in Warsaw to be located at the ONZ Roundabout, in the very centre of the city. It will be the first Deep Green building in Central and Eastern Europe. According to Skanska's Color Palette, the term “Deep Green” refers to a building with nearly zero impact on the natural environment. During the construction and design process of Atrium 1, a number of highly innovative solutions and energy-efficient technologies have been implemented. As a result, the building's impact on the natural environment will be reduced and the operating costs will decrease, in particular, due to lower bills for water and electricity.

Skanska does not limit its activity to increasingly ambitious solutions in the field of green construction. The developer also puts great emphasis on educating tenants in terms of sustainable development and would like them to be able to benefit as much as possible from the solutions which the company offers them.

Skanska also supports its tenants in establishing relations with its business partners who share the commitment to green. Recently the developer signed contracts with STENA (waste collection and recycling) and TAURON (energy from renewable sources to be supplied to its green office buildings).

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### **Skanska Commercial Development Europe**

*Skanska Commercial Development Europe is one out of 14 business units within Skanska. The mission is to initiate and develop primarily office buildings. The main focus of operations is the large metropolitan areas in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. Skanska Commercial Development Europe is divided into three local companies – Skanska Property Czech Republic, Skanska Property Hungary and Skanska Property Poland. More information about Skanska Commercial Development Europe can be found at [www.skanska.com/property](http://www.skanska.com/property).*

*Skanska Property Poland is an innovative developer of green office buildings which create friendly environment for business growth. The company has been operating in Poland since 1997 and is part of the Skanska Group, world leader in project development and construction. The projects of Skanska Property Poland offer top-quality office space at great locations, which ensures success and satisfaction of tenants. The investments completed by the company include the first office buildings in Poland awarded the EU GreenBuilding certificate: Deloitte House and Marynarska Point in Warsaw and Grunwaldzki Center in Wrocław. All the investments of Skanska Property Poland will undergo both EU GreenBuilding and LEED certification processes confirming their compliance with the principles of sustainable development, optimal energy consumption and friendly work environment.*

### **Skanska Group**

*Throughout 125 years, Skanska has been a modern and innovative developer and contractor, building what society needs. Today, Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. Based on its global green experience, Skanska aims to be the clients' first choice for Green solutions. The Group currently has 53,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the US and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2011 totalled SEK 123 billion.*

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