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SPECTRA BY COMCAST SPECTACOR EXPANDS PRESENCE IN TORONTO WITH ADDITION OF THE HANGAR SPORT AND EVENTS CENTRE

TORONTO (Sept. 9, 2015) -- Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, the provider of venue management services to the Mattamy Athletic Centre at Ryerson University and 30 other properties throughout Ontario, is expanding its presence in Toronto with the addition of The Hangar Sport and Events Centre at Downsview Park. The property includes a 14-acre outdoor event space with three outdoor turf soccer fields, four indoor turf soccer fields, one indoor ball hockey arena, and two indoor beach volleyball courts.

Spectra Venue Management will oversee rental of the sports fields and the outdoor event space at Downsview Park. The 2015 events calendar currently includes more than 30 events, ranging from community shows for audiences of 1,000 to festivals that will host over 40,000 patrons. In addition, a busy fall is quickly approaching for sports in The Hangar, with more than 1,000 adult and youth soccer teams gearing up for their seasons. In total, more than 600,000 individuals will make their way through the venue this year.

Dan Berger, General Manager of the Mattamy Athletic Center, was named by Spectra to serve in the same role for The Hangar. A 20-year veteran of the sports and entertainment industry, Berger was previously General Manager of The Hangar from 1999 to 2003. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and history from the University of Toronto in 1994 and a master’s degree in finance from Dalhousie University in 1996.

“Dan’s dual role is a great example of the efficiencies we can achieve for Spectra clients operating in a single market,” said Hank Abate, Senior Vice President - Arenas and Stadiums, Spectra Venue Management. “It’s one of the reasons The Hangar Sport and Events Centre is such a great addition to the Spectra family. We are very excited about our partnership with Canada Lands Company, which owns the property, and we look forward to working with them to grow the entire operation together.”

In addition to Berger’s role with both Downsview Park and Mattamy Athletic Centre, a number of other Spectra employees will be involved with both properties in order to streamline operations. Additional dual-property cost efficiencies will be achieved through consolidated vendor management in areas such as audio-visual services, janitorial contracts and cleaning supplies. Managing both properties also creates a larger pool of available part-time employees, ensuring that Spectra can staff all events – including the largest ones – with knowledgeable, trained team members.

The Hangar Sports and Events Centre is on the site of a former Canadian Forces Base, and the property’s name is a salute to its rich aviation history. It is a well-known location to Torontonians for both its storied past, as well as its current role as a popular event centre. The site has been host for significant events including World Youth Day in 2002 (attended by Pope John Paul II) and Canada’s biggest rock concert ever (with The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Guess Who and Rush in 2003), an event that drew more than 450,000 attendees.

Spectra is a major provider of sports and entertainment hospitality services in Ontario. One or more Spectra divisions (Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality, and Ticketing & Fan Engagement) are at work supporting 30 venues, events and attractions, including:

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- Budweiser Gardens (Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality, Ticketing & Fan
Engagement)
- General Motors Centre (Venue Management, Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Mattamy Athletic Centre, Ryerson University (Venue Management)
- WFCU Centre (Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality, Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Hamilton Place (Venue Management)
- Molson Canadian Studio (Venue Management)
- Centrepointe Theatre (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Centre in the Square (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
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- Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- RBC Bluesfest Ottawa (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place (Food Services & Hospitality)
- The Registry Theatre (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Shenkman Arts Centre (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Kitchener Rangers (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Oshawa Generals (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Ottawa 67’s (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Ottawa Fury (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Ottawa Redblacks (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Ottawa Senators (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Soo Greyhounds (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Windsor Spitfires (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
- Windsor Express (Ticketing & Fan Engagement)
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