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## **International architect Will Alsop teams up with Quadrangle to design iconic building at Filmport**

Sleek and sexy, with its red exterior and enveloping curved form, Filmport's first commercial building is designed by Will Alsop in association with Toronto's Quadrangle Architects. This is to be the first building developed in the dynamic film and media community which is slated to take shape adjacent to the studio complex. The iconic building will be an active and exciting meeting and working environment for everyone doing business at Filmport. Everyone at the studio complex will have immediate access to the building and its amenities, including commercial offices, post-production facilities, union and guild offices, and film schools, as well as restaurants and shops.

The 280,000 square foot, 11 storey building will be clad with a curved glass curtain wall and a dramatic and vibrant façade. The materials used in this unique building are inspired by the massive ships that have been part of the Port Lands heritage. The roof will flood the mezzanined top floor with natural light and provide a spectacular view of downtown Toronto.

The ground floor of the building will be a lively interactive space where Filmport studio workers and the larger Filmport community will come to work, meet and play. Some of the amenities in this area include a commissary, a pub and café, shops, fitness and spa services and a day nursery. The ground floor will also be home to the management office of Toronto Film Studios.

The second floor will house an unmatched public event space. With a movie studio feel, the event space will be equipped with a private screening room, complete with its own dining room, and the larger space can accommodate up to 2,000 people standing or 700 for table service. The nine floors above will consist of office space for a wide variety of tenants.

Construction of the office building will begin in the early spring of 2008 and occupancy is targeted for early 2010.

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