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STORING THAT STUFF

THE COMPANY. It's a fact: real life is messy and people live cluttered lives. But before you can organize your things and make more room in your space, you first need to declutter. More than a decade ago, **Dymon Storage** introduced a new way of storage for both home and business through its clean, well-lit and humidity- and climate-controlled state-of-the-art facilities. Eight locations can be found in highly visible destinations throughout Ottawa (three more are currently in various stages of

construction), offering ease of access 24/7 and entirely changing the way people think about storage. Dymon Group of Companies' Steve Creighton says for many people, Dymon has become an extension of their home or business, where their possessions and valuables are kept secure in the proper environment.

AGGRESSIVE GREEN STRATEGY: Dymon takes its environmental stewardship very seriously, incorporating green



technology where possible. All facilities have rooftop solar panels installed, making Dymon the largest private sector generator of electricity in the City of Ottawa through its long-term contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). All facilities are also built to be energy efficient (a total of 20 are planned for Ottawa and 80 in the Greater Toronto Area, with a total investment of more than \$1 billion) and recently, all facilities were retrofitted with energy efficient LED lights. Included in their fleet are electric, hybrid and fuel-efficient vehicles. And in addition to their aggressive recycling program for customers, clients are afforded the opportunity to sell previously enjoyed furniture and accessories through the company's DymonMine.com site instead of adding to already burdened landfills.

PAYING IT FORWARD: According to Steve, Dymon's corporate objective is to contribute 50 per cent of all profit back to the local community through charitable donations. In addition, through the creation of their Dymon Foundation, the company is looking at contributing 50 per cent of their value creation over time back to the community as well. "Dymon's owners, Glen Luckman and Brent Wilson, both feel very strongly about giving back to the communities that have contributed to their success," Steve says. "It is this strong desire to give back to the community that drives everything we do as a company."

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