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BACKGROUND

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE UPGRADES

- Eight new accessible entrances
- Eight ramps will get new flooring, lighting and colour over 35,000 square feet
- 52 washroom blocks totaling 40,000 square feet will be upgraded with new finishes and fixtures
- Provisions added to each washroom group including new stalls, counters and a family washroom
- Disabled seating integrated throughout the stadium
- 40 concessions will get new fronts including accessible counters, new signage, monitors and fixtures
- Six new and six existing grill concessions will be upgraded to gas, complete with new appliances
- 80,000 square feet of concourses on Level 2 and Level 4 will be upgraded with new lighting, wall treatments and entry points to ramps and seating
- 35 renovated suites and seven new suites, upgraded seating areas including two new lounges, and a re-designed Edgewater Lounge will be built
- All internal and external signage will be replaced by new contemporary signage and graphics

QUICK FACTS ABOUT BC PLACE

- BC Place is the largest multi-use facility in British Columbia
- Top choice for business and industry for exhibition and spectator events
- Annual economic activity generated: \$58.1 million (2007)
- Home to the 2010 Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Host of nightly Victory Ceremonies for the 2010 Olympic Games
- Home to the 2010 Paralympic Opening Ceremonies
- Built in 1983 to rejuvenate the False Creek area
- First covered stadium in Canada
- Built with enough concrete to build a sidewalk from Vancouver to Seattle, Washington
- Finished on time and on budget at \$126 million
- Current roof area: 10.25 acres (largest air-supported dome in the world, pressurized by 16 jet engine fans)
- Current roof material: Teflon coated fibreglass consisting of two layers of fabric, 1/30 inch (0.85 millimetres) thick.

- Current capacity: 60,000
- Occupied more than 200 event days per year
- 95 per cent occupancy in fall and spring show seasons
- 36 event days used for BC Lions regular season home games and other sporting events
- Sold out private suites and hospitality areas

- Circumference: 760 metres (2,500 feet)
- Number of revolving doors: 50
- Field: 1,500 pieces of turf, assembled like a jigsaw puzzle

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