

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **NUSSLÍ concludes construction of Empire Fields Stadium in Vancouver in record time**

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Vancouver/Canada, June 18, 2010. **NUSSLÍ has concluded construction of the Empire Fields temporary football and soccer stadium in Vancouver on schedule, and in time for the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League to host their first home game of the 2010 CFL season this weekend. The temporary stadium located at Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) will serve as a provisional venue for the BC Lions this year, and for the Vancouver Whitecaps FC in early 2011, during construction of a new retractable roof at BC Place. NUSSLÍ, globally operating stadium contractor, built the interim venue in only three months. It was the first time in stadium construction history in North America that a fully functional sports arena was realized in such a short period of time.**

Nussli Special Events (Canada) Ltd. was commissioned in late 2009 by BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo), the Province of British Columbia Crown Corporation that owns BC Place, to design, deliver, and build a temporary stadium while BC Place is closed for renovations. The temporary stadium matches the quality of a permanently built stadium in many respects. NUSSLÍ built the stadium in only three months time, with a team of about 50 assemblers.

Capacity is 27,500 seats, including two roofed main grandstands and twelve VIP suites. 20,500 seats have been equipped with seat shells, 7,000 with bench seating for the balance. The NUSSLÍ contract also included responsibility for supplying complete power supply systems, flood and area lighting, stadium and emergency lighting, the sound system, and the construction of a VIP zone with turnkey suites, media and press rooms, as well as the installation of external cladding.

The challenges of the project included the logistics in connection with the tight schedule, and meeting Canadian building standards and regulations. After the construction of the temporary event infrastructures and pavilions for the Olympic Winter Games 2010 in Vancouver, NUSSLÍ was able to successfully continue their business operations in Canada with the construction of this temporary stadium soon after the Winter Games ended.

The timeframe for construction of this stadium is unprecedented in the history of modular construction in North America. Never before has a fully functional stadium with seating for 27,500 fans been constructed in only three months' building time. The advantages of the modular stadium construction as implemented by NUSSLÍ are the installation and reaction speed along with cost and efficiency.

For the construction of the stadium, NUSSLI used its own system material, the so-called NT grandstand system, which can be reused at a later date. The total material used comprised around 2,500 tons, which is enough to fill about 160 40-foot containers.

The first game for the BC Lions in their provisional stadium will take place on June 20th. The BC Lions will compete against the Edmonton Eskimos in the match. The Vancouver Whitecaps FC will play the first home games in Major League Soccer in the 2011 season in the stadium.

#### **About NUSSLI**

NUSSLI is a leading, global supplier of modular and temporary constructions for events, stadia, trade fairs, and exhibitions. The combination of long-standing expertise, in-depth know-how and an international network ensures focused, cost-efficient realization of customer specifications. NUSSLI's success is driven by its reliability and commitment to excel. The company provides individual, custom-tailored integral solutions from the initial concept on to the final execution. These are hallmarked by short completion times and high quality.

Core products are grandstands and modular stadia, trade fair stands and pavilion constructions, including the entire infrastructure for events. The wide-ranging services and products combined with in-house planning and production capabilities make NUSSLI unmatched in events around the globe.

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