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MEDIA RELEASE: 2 Burbank Place – Sustainable design comes to Norwest

2 Burbank Place is changing the way leased office accommodation is being built in Norwest Business Park, Baulkham Hills. Recently completed by commercial property developer Capital Corporation, 2 Burbank has been designed and built to achieve a 4.5 star Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) contributing greatly to environmental sustainability.

The ABGR rating is based on a scale of 1 to 5 and measures the amount of energy (such as gas and electricity) a building consumes on a yearly basis with a 3 star rating currently representing 'best practice' for a new build.

With the environment playing such a big role in our personal lives, many organisations are looking to implement similar strategies in the workplace to reduce their carbon footprint. 2 Burbank allows them to do so by reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions for their organisation. In simple terms, the average saving in greenhouse emissions achieved at 2 Burbank is equal to taking 420 cars per annum off the roads.

The level of emissions at 2 Burbank is measured, through its intuitive and simple to operate Building Management System (BMS). Integrated with ABGR principles this digitised system controls, and in some instances, recycles energy within the building allowing building occupants to save energy where possible and keep the building working efficiently.

The BMS is a standalone computer system programmed to automate the requirements of the occupant and control the connected hydraulics, lighting, cooling and economy cycles. It is connected to light and temperature sensors so information can be passed to the BMS to allow it to monitor and control the environment.

The BMS also provides occupants with 24/7 remote access via the internet to control and monitor their own environment via a web based platform. So occupants are able to turn on/off the air-conditioning/lights/extractor fans or any other device linked to the BMS regardless of where they are by simply logging in and changing the settings in their office which could potentially lead to significant savings for an organisation.

Many buildings don't provide this level of functionality to occupants, however without this type of system it is difficult for organisations to monitor and control their energy costs.

In addition, the BMS enhances the security aspect by allowing our clients to log on through the internet and view their premises via IP cameras, and then reset the security system to reduce the need for after hours call outs.

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Director Steve Grant says, “At Capital Corporation we’re continually looking to take our buildings to the next level both aesthetically and environmentally. Years of experience in commercial property development and really listening to what our clients are asking for led us to develop 2 Burbank and we’re very proud to be at the forefront of environmentally sustainable building development in Australia.”

Every feature of 2 Burbank contributes to its sustainable design including the external glazing on the windows to the sun-shading devices which are located on the east west and north facades of the building helping to reduce the internal heat load. The external glazing substantially lowers outlays saving 38% of energy costs of a standard building. This is a direct saving to our clients.

In addition stormwater drainage from the roof area is stored in 70,000 litre tanks, which is reused for irrigation of the landscaped roof top garden and ground level surrounds.

Aside from offering the latest in sustainable design, 2 Burbank also offers a genuine lifestyle solution as the complex contains a cafe and is close to local amenities such as restaurants, child care facilities, a shopping centre, major banks, gyms and lakeside walking paths.

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