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Contractors to donate 50% of Metronome profits

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TORONTO – Contractor Pat Corapi is a firm supporter of the Metronome Canada Foundation's plans for a \$75-million music industry complex on the Toronto waterfront.

"I'm behind it (the concept) 101 per cent," says the president of Novel Mechanical Inc. of Woodbridge, Ont.

The company has expressed its support in a tangible manner: It agreed to donate 50 per cent of its profits on the project when it is built.

Novel is just one of the construction firms from Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia that have made a commitment to do so.

The foundation says that kind of support is unprecedented in the construction industry. Other Ontario supporters include Consolidated Concrete Forming Ltd. of Toronto, Smith & Long Ltd. of Hamilton, and Dominion/Circon Construction Ltd. of Toronto.

"I'm very interested in the concept," says Rocco Mesiti, president of Consolidated Concrete. "And I think this type of project would be good for the city."

The project would be built on the site of the historic Canada Malting silo complex at the foot of Bathurst Street. The foundation is in the midst of an extensive fundraising campaign.

It also has applied for \$10 million in millennium project funding.

"Metronome Canada will transform an historic industrial monument (the silos) on Toronto's waterfront into a dramatic symbol of Canada's music community that will be a



Computer-generated illustration of the proposed Metronome Canada complex on the Toronto waterfront.

lasting legacy to Canada's millennium," says foundation president John Harris.

The facility would include offices for the music industry, a music museum and education centre, an 800-seat theatre, the Canadian Malting Museum, restaurants, music-related retail outlets and a music-themed children's playground.

Metronome Canada has a 99-year lease for the site from the city.

Award winner

The foundation says 72 music-related companies have expressed interest in leasing office space in the award-winning project, designed by Toronto's Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg.

More than \$650,000 in advertising space has been donated at 1,240 locations in the Toronto area to help raise public awareness of the project.

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