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Brookfield Global Integrated Systems (BGIS) Embraces CIMS-GB

(Whitby, ON – November 7, 2018) – ISSA Canada is pleased to announce that BGIS, a leading provider of real estate management services, has recently adopted ISSA's Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS) as part of its cleaning subcontractor pre-qualification requirements for future RFP's where possible. This cleaning standard, known as CIMS-GB, will form part of the evaluation criteria for BGIS's future janitorial service contracts.

The CIMS-GB certification was established to help meet the growing demand for greener, more sustainable facilities and the achievement of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Implemented as the sixth dimension of the CIMS program, CIMS-GB designation offers cleaning organizations a certification that is closely tailored to provide customers with precisely what they need to secure points under the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance (LEED EB: O&M) Green Building Rating System, while greening their overall operations. CIMS-GB certification demonstrates an organization's capability to assist customers in achieving LEED EB: O&M points and offers assurance that they are prepared to partner with them in the LEED process.

"We are excited with this opportunity to show leadership in our industry by recognizing the professionalism and quality assurance that an ISSA certification brings to the clients of the corporate real estate cleaning industry, and we are pleased to incorporate this standard as part of our cleaning subcontractor requirements," said John Castelhano, AVP Strategic Sourcing, North America.

Having been recently named to Canada's Clean50 list for 2019, BGIS continues to raise the sustainability bar by providing innovative and sustainable solutions to their clients.

"Environmental sustainability is a core part of BGIS's operating philosophy and values," said Gord Hicks, CEO, BGIS. "As an organization, we will continue to ensure that our subcontractors and suppliers maintain high environmental standards which may include the CIMS-GB certification for the cleaning industry."

A full listing of Canadian CIMS and CIMS-GB certified companies is available at <u>www.issa-canada.com</u>.

ABOUT ISSA CANADA

ISSA Canada is the body resulting from the merger of ISSA with the Canadian Sanitation Supply Association (CSSA) in May 2017. With over 9200 members, including distributors, manufacturers,

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manufacturer representatives, building service contractors, in-house service providers and associated service members, ISSA is the leading trade association for the cleaning industry worldwide. The association is committed to helping its members change the way the world views cleaning by providing members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment and an improved bottom line. For more information on ISSA and ISSA Canada, visit www.issa-canada.com or call (905) 665-8001 or toll free 1-866-684-8273.