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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER 0.18 AND
56 BLUE JAYS WAY: GEORGE CROOKSHANK HOUSE
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Dolos Holdings Inc.
Blue Jays Way Investments Limited
HSM Properties Inc.
390 Bay Street, #1102
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 2Y2

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Take notice that Toronto City Council intends to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 56 Blue Jays Way: George Crookshank House under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Reasons for Designation

Description

The property at 56 Blue Jays Way is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, historical and contextual value. Documented in historical records, the three-storey house form building (circa 1834) is located on the west side of Blue Jays Way (formerly Peter Street), south of King Street West. The property was listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in 1984, and a Heritage Easement Agreement was registered in 1996. The east façade, identified in the heritage attributes below, has been incorporated in a commercial development on the site.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Architecturally, the George Crookshank House is an important surviving example of an early 19th century house form building designed in the Georgian style in Toronto. The site is associated with George Crookshank (1763-1859), a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada who owned extensive property at the west end of the Town of York. The premises were occupied by a series of tenants until 1878, when a private girls' school opened in the building. From 1908 to 1922, it was the headquarters of Dr. Barnardo's Homes in Canada, a charitable organization that settled young British immigrants on Canadian farms. Located in New Town, the property is linked to the

evolution of the neighbourhood from its beginnings as a residential enclave in the early 19th century.

Heritage Attributes

The surviving heritage attributes of the George Crookshank House related to its cultural heritage value as a surviving example of Georgian design in New Town are found on the principal (east) façade, consisting of:

- The three-storey east façade (where the original two-storey wall was extended by an attic storey) with red brick construction
- The symmetrical organization of the façade with flat-headed window openings for six-over-six sash windows and stone lintels and sills

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served on the City Clerk, Attention: Christine Archibald, Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 12th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 7th of August, 2007, **which is September 7th, 2007**. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of August, 2007.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk