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Ken Harvey, HSBC's chief technology and services officer (left), and HSBC Bank Canada CEO Lindsay Gordon check out the main entrance of the bank's new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green office building in Burnaby. It's the first commercial building of its kind in B.C.

HSBC opens software facility in Burnaby

HSBC on Tuesday opened a global software development facility at Discovery Green in Burnaby.

The five-storey, \$47-million building includes 146,000 square feet of office space and accommodates more than 850 employees developing software solutions for HSBC operations around the world, according to a news release.

HSBC Bank Canada president and CEO Lindsay Gordon not-

ed in the release that the building has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum environmental standard for its core and shell.

"These high-tech jobs in an environmentally sustainable building highlight the HSBC Group's commitment to growing in Canada and our commitment to corporate sustainability," Gordon said.

LEED design features include

rainwater collection and water conservation systems that cut dependence on municipal water supply by 95 per cent, overall water consumption by 72 per cent, and electricity costs by 45 per cent.

The facility's amenities include a restaurant, staff bank branch, ball court, rooftop terrace, and games and fitness rooms.

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