

Business

SIT moves into new Sandiford Drive home

Strategic Information Technology Limited (SIT) moved into town just over two weeks ago and president Sam Ilaqua is delighted with the company's new environment.

By moving from its location at Highway 7 and 404 to the Imperial building on Sandiford Drive, SIT has increased its office space

by 50 per cent, while enjoying a substantial reduction in rent.

"In our business we can be anywhere. By moving our business here, we're still only 15 minutes from Markham," Ilaqua pointed out.

"We weren't getting any added value from being in the high tech community."

And with the overload of traffic on Hwy 7, commuting to Stouffville is a pleasure rather than a pain, he added.

Not only is the cost of the new space "outstanding, but we've got a nice duck pond to look out on," he said, with a grin.

"We think this location will tend to pacify some of our programmers from the stresses and strains of the high-tech jungle."

SIT was founded in December, 1988 by three individuals: Ilaqua himself, Robert Leeming and Stephen Leeming. Between them, they offer many years of expertise in both banking and information systems.

The company, which has a total of nine employees, develops banking software designed to meet the needs

of managers in today's rapidly changing technological environment.

Through its specialized consulting services, SIT delivers practical solutions to a wide range of business problems.

The company's impressive list of clients includes Allstate Canada, CIBC Trust Corporation, Manulife Bank of Canada and The Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Ilaqua clearly believes that Stouffville has a lot to offer the business community and that the positive environment here will attract other companies as they become aware of the facilities available to them.

"Obviously, we think that locating our business here makes a lot of sense," he noted, adding that SIT plans to be an active member of the community.

"We intend to be low-profile but responsible corporate citizens, who will support worthwhile community endeavors that enhance the quality of life for all those who live and work here."



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