CALGARY ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISION WITH REASONS

In the matter of the complaint against the property assessment as provided by the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, Section 460(4).

between:

Altus Group Ltd., COMPLAINANT

and

The City Of Calgary, RESPONDENT

before:

B. Horrocks, PRESIDING OFFICER S. Rourke, MEMBER R. Roy, MEMBER

This is a complaint to the Calgary Assessment Review Board in respect of a property assessment prepared by the Assessor of The City of Calgary and entered in the 2010 Assessment Roll as follows:

ROLL NUMBER:

117007906

LOCATION ADDRESS:

5498 76 AV SE

HEARING NUMBER:

56437

ASSESSMENT:

\$13,620,000

This complaint was heard on the 8th day of September, 2010 at the office of the Assessment Review Board located at Floor Number 4, 1212 – 31 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Boardroom 2

Appeared on behalf of the Complainant:

Mr. J. Weber (Altus Group Ltd.)

Appeared on behalf of the Respondent:

Mr. J. Lepine

Board's Decision in Respect of Procedural or Jurisdictional Matters:

None. The merit hearing proceeded.

Property Description:

The subject property is a 7.76 acre parcel located in the Great Plains industrial community in SE Calgary. The site contains a 159,600 sq. ft. multi tenant industrial warehouse resulting in a site coverage of 47.19%. The building was constructed in 1998.

Issues:

The "Assessment Review Board Complaint" form contained 8 Grounds for appeal. At the outset of the hearing the Complainant advised there was only one outstanding issue, namely: "The subject is not assessed equitably when compared to the assessment of similar and competing properties."

Complainant's Requested Value: \$12,760,000

Board's Decision in Respect of Each Matter or Issue:

Issue - Equity

The Complainant submitted evidence package labelled C-1.

The Complainant, in support of his request for an assessment of \$80 / sq. ft., on page 28, provided a list of 3 purported comparables with assessments ranging from \$74.02 to \$81.27 / sq. ft.

The Respondent submitted evidence package labelled R-1.

The Respondent, at page 22, provided a list of 7 purported comparables with assessments ranging from \$82 to \$92 / sq. ft. with a median of \$87 / sq. ft. It was pointed out that 4 of the purported comparables were of similar size and site coverage as the subject and were assessed at \$82 to \$88 / sq. ft.

The Board finds insufficient evidence to support a change in the assessment of \$85 / sq. ft.

Board's Decision:

The 2010 assessment is confirmed at \$13,620,000.

DATED AT THE CITY OF CALGARY THIS 5 DAY OF September 2010.

B. Horrocks
Presiding Officer

An appeal may be made to the Court of Queen's Bench on a question of law or jurisdiction with respect to a decision of an assessment review board.

Any of the following may appeal the decision of an assessment review board:

- (a) the complainant;
- (b) an assessed person, other than the complainant, who is affected by the decision;
- (c) the municipality, if the decision being appealed relates to property that is within the boundaries of that municipality;
- (d) the assessor for a municipality referred to in clause (c).

An application for leave to appeal must be filed with the Court of Queen's Bench within 30 days after the persons notified of the hearing receive the decision, and notice of the application for leave to appeal must be given to

- (a) the assessment review board, and
- (b) any other persons as the judge directs.