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### **Ballantyne Corporate Park Announces New Building**

Charlotte, NC, August 21, 2003 – Bissell Development is pleased to announce its latest groundbreaking in Ballantyne Corporate Park. When completed in the first quarter of 2004, the Simmons Building will be the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) multi-tenant, speculative, Class A office building to open in the Corporate Park. At five (5) stories, and 125,000 square feet, the Simmons Building will be similar in design to the recently completed Chandler Building. The new building represents the second of three buildings planned for the site, which offers excellent visibility from I-485, Charlotte's outer-beltway. Of the three buildings, the Simmons Building will be located closest to I-485. Additionally, Bissell will be completing the fourth "Pocket Park" within Ballantyne Corporate Park. Located in the middle of the new three building set will be a one half acre, Bermuda grass putting green. The green has been installed, and will be maintained by the golf operations staff at The Ballantyne Resort Golf Course. The putting green will be available to all tenants and will include walking paths and seating areas around the green. "We think this offers our office tenants a tempting and unique connection between our office park and our golf course", said Tom Pizzo, Vice President of Bissell Development.

Howard Bissell, III, Director of Office Leasing for The Bissell Companies, states that "with our existing available office space diminishing, and with heightened leasing activity in the Chandler Building and throughout Ballantyne Corporate Park, we believe it is the opportune time to start Simmons. We have enjoyed consistent office space demand since we started offering office space in 1997. Our sense of the market is that we are seeing an up tick in leasing activity and we want to remain steadfast to our philosophy in Ballantyne that we must always be able to

meet market demand by continually offering large blocks of contiguous, Class A office space to prospective tenants who are either looking to relocate to Ballantyne from within the region or relocate to Charlotte from elsewhere in the United States.”

Turner Construction is the General Contractor and LS3P Associates is the Architect. Clifton Coble is the project manager for Bissell Development. Barry Fabyan and Howard Bissell, office-leasing representatives for Ballantyne Corporate Park, will be handling leasing for the Simmons Building.

#### **Ballantyne Corporate Park**

A 535-acre master-planned office community and first-class business community in Charlotte, North Carolina, has over 1.3 million square feet of Class A office space in place and will eventually grow to 5 million square feet of office space, restaurants, hotels, medical and banking facilities. Located adjacent to both Interstate and State Highway Systems, Ballantyne Corporate Park is positioned in the heart of Charlotte’s largest concentration of educated and experienced labor market. A sampling of current clients at Ballantyne Corporate Park includes SPX Corporation, Equitable, Pinkerton, Wachovia, Bank of America, LendingTree, ESPN and the Carlisle Companies. For more information, visit the company’s website at [www.ballantynecorporte.com](http://www.ballantynecorporte.com).

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