

# Consumers Gas, Thorold

## FAST AND EASY INSTALLATION MAKES STEEL CLADDING IDEAL FOR HEAD OFFICE

When Chapman Murray Associates Architects Inc. designed the 8000 m<sup>2</sup>, \$7.3 million Consumers Gas regional head office, Thorold, Ontario, the goal was to create a distinctive yet simple building form highly visible from the nearby Highway 406. Steel cladding helped the architects achieve this objective. The project is located on a sloping site, and this allowed the architects to place service facilities and warehouse areas on the lower level 1, with central administration offices and a retail showroom on the upper level 2 & 3. The architects selected H.H. Robertson's 2"-thick, horizontal Formawall system. This distinctive cladding is

manufactured from Dofasco steel and, the architects comment, was chosen because of its "ease of enclosing large spaces within a relatively short period of time."

**Design & Construction Team:**  
Architect: Chapman Murray Associates Architects Inc. Structural consultant: Oran Lee and Associates Ltd. Mechanical and electrical consultant: John Gandy Engineering Ltd. Landscape architect: Ronald Hobrook & Associates. General contractor: Brower Construction (1981) Ltd. The steel cladding system was manufactured and installed by H.H. Robertson Inc.



## Consumers Gas Building, Thorold, Ontario

The programme for the Regional Head Offices at Consumers Gas called for a distinctive yet simple building form highly visible Highway 406. The project is comprised of service facilities and warehouse space on level one of the sloping site with Central Administration offices and retail showroom on the upper level. The building was clad in horizontal formawall system because of its clean lines with its ease of enclosing large spaces within a relatively short period of time.

Project Size 86,000 square feet  
Construction Budget \$7,400,000