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**Commodore Builders to Construct 3,000 SF Outdoor Exhibit at the Stone Zoo for Pair of Black Bear Cubs**

**(Stoneham, Ma.)—Feb. 26, 2008-** Commodore Builders today announced that it will construct a 3,000 square foot environment as the new home for a pair of 250-pound rescued black bear cubs at the Stone Zoo, in Stoneham Mass. This new exhibit is located in the Zoo's Yukon Creek section, which showcases animals from North America, and is the former home of the late polar bear, Major. Commodore will act as the construction managers for the project, which is budgeted at \$750,000.

"We are very excited to transform the existing space into a new state-of-the art habitat for the bears," said Tom Comeau, vice president of Commodore Builders. "Visitors will have a safe, dynamic and life-like environment, in which to experience the bears."

Commodore will begin construction inside the exhibit, filling in the moat barrier so the bears will have added space in which to play. The team will then create a double safety barrier to separate the visitors and the cubs, using stainless steel mesh that runs across the roof and down the front of the exhibit, in front of another glass wall.

The team will also construct waterfalls and wading pools that resemble the bears' natural environment, using gunite that will be carved to create the habitat, and painted to resemble real life rocks.

"New England has a large population of black bears in the wild and the separation between their habitat and ours is shrinking," said John Linehan, president and chief executive officer of Zoo New England, which operated the Stone Zoo. "By building this new exhibit and giving a much-needed home to these bears, we hope to educate people about these incredible animals and the ecosystem we all share."

The Stone Zoo plans to open the new bear exhibit to visitors this spring. This is the second Zoo New England renovation for Commodore, which recently completed a new gorilla exhibit at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, Mass.

**About Commodore Builders:**

Commodore's mission is to set a new standard of excellence for the delivery of construction management services to our clients. Commodore believes the quality of the construction *process* is as important as the quality of the construction. From project conception to preconstruction, execution, closeout and warranty service, Commodore's role is to anticipate and manage the risks inherent in construction. Commodore takes charge, so the process for clients is easy and the outcome is excellence in execution.

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