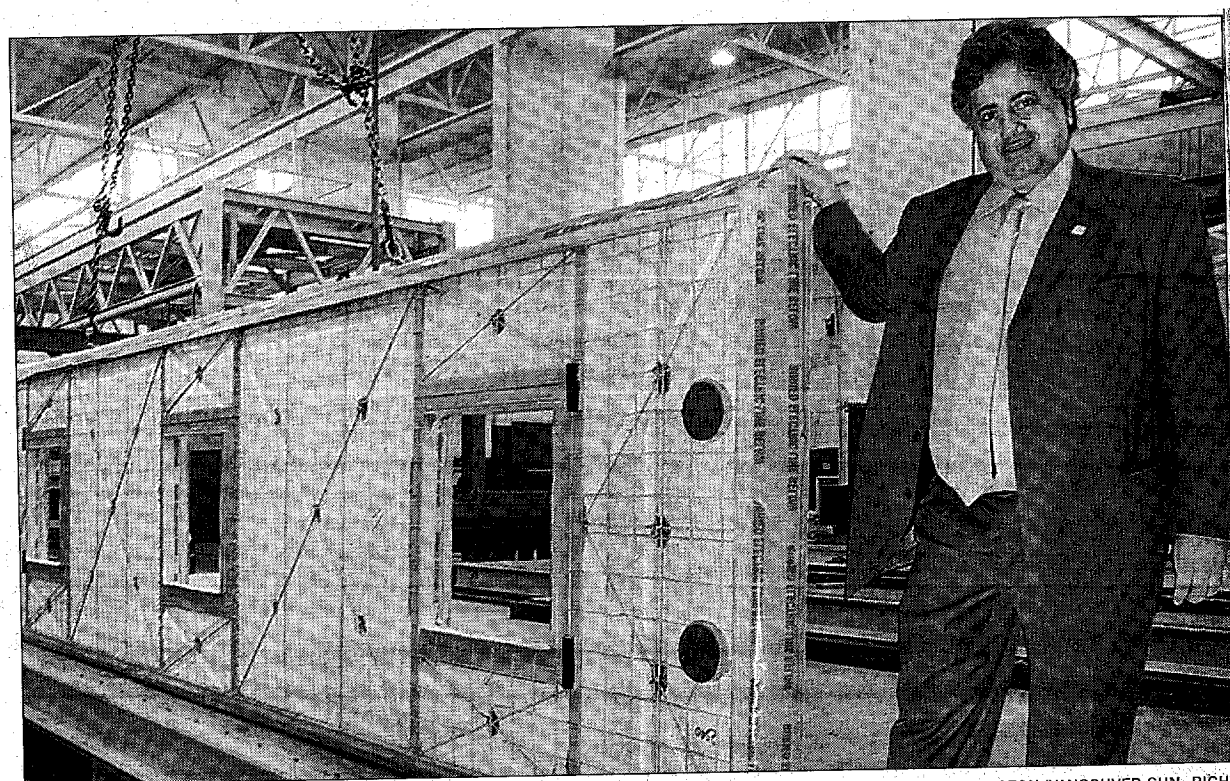
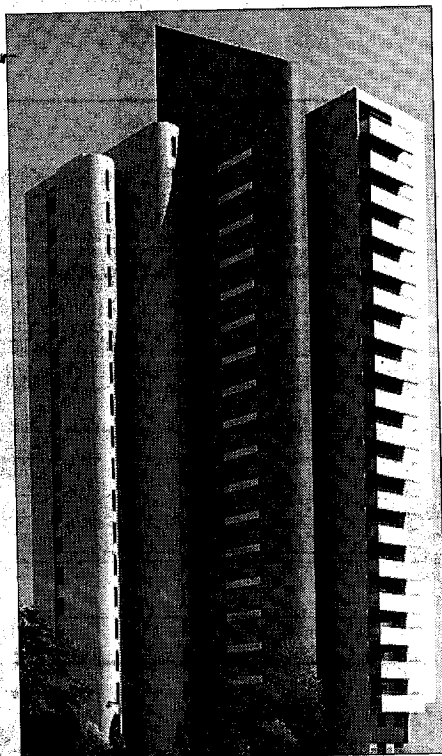


Pre-fab tower could save construction costs

A 35-per-cent saving in construction costs is the hope of Hi-Tech Industries' Roger Rached (far right) for the company's plans to build a 21-storey tower using premanufactured panels of insulated concrete and steel.

The panels will be trucked to Hi-Tech's Optima new-home project (right) in Surrey Central City

from the company's Delta factory. Rached says the first concrete home the company built using the Hi-Tech technology is located in Luxembourg; the second, a local showhome. 'From day one we are not targeting quantity but creating different prototypes,' he says to the question, and the rest? 'Before you flood the market you have to make sure everything stands alone. That's why we believe strongly in making sure we get it right.'



HI-TECH INDUSTRIES, LEFT; PETER BATTISTON/VANCOUVER SUN, RIGHT



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