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ST. JOHN PROPERTIES' CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS EARNS LEED-GOLD CERTIFICATION FROM THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Two-story, 71,000 square foot Class "A" office building is company's 14th to earn LEED certification, furthering their "Gold-Standard" development philosophy for new office buildings

BALTIMORE (March 22, 2012) – The two-story, 71,000 square foot Class "A" office building that is the corporate headquarters for St. John Properties, Inc. has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Fourteen of St. John Properties' commercial buildings located throughout the Central Maryland region have now earned LEED designation, in recognition of their sustainable design and operational elements resulting in energy and water efficiency.

St. John Properties' headquarters building is located at 2560 Lord Baltimore Drive in Windsor Corporate Park in Baltimore County. The building's environmentally sustainable or "green" features include a high-efficiency HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) system, high performance windows, sustainable lavatory fixtures, a white thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roofing system, significant open space and wetland/forest preserves, drought-tolerant landscaping, and low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints, carpets and adhesives. In addition, company recently installed two electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot of the building that are available for use free-of-charge by the general public.

"LEED-certified and sustainable office space is quickly rising on the priority list for companies in search of new office space in the Maryland region, and St. John Properties intends to remain a market innovator and leader in this movement," explained Justin Schaub, Director of Sustainability for St. John Properties. "Working within a LEED-certified building on a daily basis helps stimulate new ideas to further our environmentally-conscious initiatives, and provides the opportunity to demonstrate these unique features to visitors and prospective tenants. It also highlights our decision to implement a "Gold-Standard" philosophy in our development new commercial office buildings, reflecting the premium LEED status that we aspire to."

Other buildings in the St. John Properties portfolio that have achieved LEED-certification include Class “A” office buildings in the Maple Lawn Corporate Center in Howard County, Liberty Exchange in Carroll County and a number of projects in The Government and Technology Enterprise (The GATE) in Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County. Sixteen additional St. John Properties projects are in the LEED-certification process.

“St. John Properties is among the most active and innovative commercial real estate companies building and marketing sustainable office product in the Maryland region,” explained Mary Pulcinella, Executive Director of USGBC’s Maryland Chapter. “The green building movement is rapidly gaining momentum as companies recognize the critical need to reduce a building’s impact on the environment. St. John Properties serves as a valuable role model for other regional commercial real estate development companies.”

About St. John Properties

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971 as MIE Properties, owns and has developed more than 15 million square feet of office, R&D/flex, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com.