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## GREENEBAUM ENTERPRISES AND ST. JOHN PROPERTIES EARN LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION AT 8115 MAPLE LAWN BOULEVARD

Since initiating LEED program in 2009, nearly 2.1 million square feet of space now Gold or Silver certified

BALTIMORE, MD (March 2, 2017) – Greenebaum Enterprises and St. John Properties, Inc. have earned LEED Gold certification for 8115 Maple Lawn Boulevard from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), for satisfying green and sustainable requirements in the construction of the building's core and shell. The four-story, 123,000 square foot Class "A" office building is located within Maple Lawn, a 600-acre mixed-use business community in Howard County, Maryland. This represents the 41st certification received by St. John Properties from the USGBC, encompassing more than 2.2 million square feet of Gold or Silver LEED-certified space since St. John Properties initiated its LEED corporate program in 2009. Of the total, twenty-nine buildings have achieved LEED Gold for core and shell.

According to the United States Green Building Council, projects earn LEED ratings according to national standards that relate to the "performance, health, durability, affordability and creation of environmentally-sound buildings." The system examines and rates key building areas including interior space layout, interior finishes, lighting and mechanical distribution. The process further encourages "future tenants to capitalize on green strategies implemented by the developer" to ensure the consistency of this LEED rating. Buildings earn USGBC certification in defined categories that include: Existing Building, Commercial Interior, Core & Shell and New Construction.

8115 Maple Lawn Boulevard consists of a brick and glass exterior and expansive, column-free 30,000 square foot floor plates. The project features high-energy HVAC units, energy-efficient motion sensor light fixtures, double pane insulated glass, white TPO roofing membranes and low water flow fixtures. Low VOC paint and adhesives were utilized in the construction, and storm water runoff will be managed utilizing a state-of-the-art system that minimizes the effect on local waterways.

The building is presently 97% leased with tenants including DataTribe, Hortonworks, Johns Hopkins Community Physicians and the Maryland University of Integrative Health.

"Our clients are attuned to the significance and value of reducing operating costs, conserving natural resources and utilizing sustainable practices in the day-to-day operation of their businesses, and establishing a presence in a LEED-certified building is necessary first step," explained Richard Williamson, Senior Vice President of Leasing & Marketing for St. John Properties. "Since implementing our LEED strategy nearly ten years ago, we consider it our corporate mission to remain a cutting-edge leader in the green and sustainability movement, and set the bar in the achievement of LEED-certified buildings. Each building we develop is designed to earn core and shell certification and we work with our clients to create tenant fit-outs that also satisfy these standards."

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, owns and has developed more than 18 million square feet of flex/R&D, office, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Utah and Wisconsin. For more information about the company and their green initiatives, visit <a href="http://www.sjpi.com/company/green">http://www.sjpi.com/company/green</a>

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