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DDG-designed Zonk'izizwe Town Center selected by Climate Positive Development Program

BALTIMORE, June 25, 2009 — Zonk'izizwe Town Center, an urban lifestyle destination designed by Baltimore-based planning and architecture design firm Development Design Group (DDG), was recently selected by the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) as one of 16 real estate projects on six continents that will participate in the Climate Positive Development Program.

The Climate Positive Development Program was launched by President Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation in May 2009. It has been designed to support the development of large-scale urban projects that demonstrate that cities can grow in ways that are “climate-positive”. The real estate developments participating in the program will strive to reduce the amount of on-site CO2 emissions to below zero. To achieve this, property developers will partner with local governments to implement economically viable innovations in building, generating clean energy, waste management, water management, transportation and outdoor lighting systems.

When the initial 16 projects are completed, nearly one million people will live and work in climate-positive communities.

“It is an honor to have Zonk'izizwe selected for such a progressive environmental program,” said Roy Higgs, CEO of DDG. “Zonk'izizwe’s renewable resource management, energy efficient strategies and conservation ethic sets a new standard for the future of eco-friendly South African Development.”

By combining CCI's business and finance expertise with the technical knowledge of the USGBC, the Climate Positive Development Program will support the planning and implementation process for each real estate development and establish the standards and metrics by which the sites can measure climate positive outcomes.

Zonk'izizwe in Midrand, Gauteng, South Africa, is a 5-million-square-foot master-planned community, being developed by Old Mutual Investment Group Property Investments, encompassing residential, office and retail components. Zonk'izizwe, which means “all nations”, celebrates its African heritage with bright vibrant colors, African paving designs, pennants and graphics. A 12-story hotel and a series of mid-rise residential towers surround a manmade lake situated at the center of the project. Open promenades link the office plaza to department stores and an enclosed retail/entertainment district with a multi-screen cinema. Sustainable development and “green” architecture figure prominently into the design, which includes bio-water recycling/purification and solar power energy contributions.

Climate-positive communities will be located in Melbourne, Australia; Palhoca, Brazil; Toronto, Canada; Victoria, Canada; Ahmedabad, India; Jaipur, India; outside Panama City, Panama; Pretoria, South Africa; Johannesburg, South Africa; Seoul, South Korea; Stockholm, Sweden; London, UK ; San Francisco, USA and Destiny Florida, USA.



About DDG:

Development Design Group Inc. is a leading international architecture, planning and design firm with a history of creating high-profile, high-quality environments around the world. The company's vast portfolio includes exciting new retail and entertainment concepts; first-class hotel, leisure, and resort facilities; unique office and residential designs; and large mixed-use destinations offering a range of elements and activities. DDG specializes in themed environments, entertainment/retail, regional planning, waterfront development, urban and suburban revitalization, specialty center development, and creative concept generation for land use and project feasibility. For more information, please visit www.ddg-usa.com.



About CCI:



The William J. Clinton Foundation launched the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) to create and advance solutions to the core issues driving climate change. Working with governments and businesses around the world to tailor local solutions that are economically and environmentally sustainable, CCI focuses on three strategic program areas: increasing energy efficiency in cities, catalyzing the large-scale supply of clean energy, and working to measure and value the carbon absorbed by forests. In each of these programs, CCI uses a holistic approach to address the major sources of greenhouse gas emissions

and the people, policies, and practices that impact them. CCI serves as the action arm of the C40, an association of large cities around the world that have pledged to accelerate their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To learn more about the work of the Clinton Climate Initiative and the William J. Clinton Foundation, please visit www.clintonfoundation.org.



About USGBC:

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, more than 20,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 100,000 LEED Accredited Professionals, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to soar to \$60 billion by 2010. The USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. For more information, please visit www.usgbc.org.

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