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Green Efforts at City Creek LEED to Silver and Gold

SALT LAKE CITY – The City Creek redevelopment project in downtown Salt Lake City has been recognized as a pioneering example of sustainable design by achieving LEED® certifications from a green building ratings system established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute.

The overall City Creek project was awarded LEED Stage 2, Silver certification, while Richards Court, a residential community in two 10-story buildings on South Temple, was awarded Gold certification. More certifications are expected as other buildings are completed.

City Creek architects, engineers and contractors have worked for more than five years to incorporate environmentally responsible principles into the design and construction of the mixed-use development. The project scored many of its certification points for its pedestrian-friendly layout that puts a number of uses, including residential, employment and shopping, within walking distance of one another.

“The sustainable principles we’re applying at City Creek enhance the accessibility and quality of life essential to creating a vibrant downtown,” said Mark Gibbons, president of City Creek Reserve, Inc., master developer of the project.

Designers and contractors have taken care to construct energy-conserving and water-efficient buildings. Also waste from demolition and construction has been significantly reduced. For example, steel from an office tower imploded in 2007 was recycled for use as rebar in the parking garage and in foundations of new buildings.

City Creek is part of a pilot program for the new LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND) certification process which integrates principles of smart growth and green building into the first national rating system for neighborhood design.

In contrast with other LEED rating systems, developers who seek LEED ND certification must have their plans approved in three stages: early in the development process (Stage 1), during construction (Stage 2) and at the completion of construction (Stage 3). The overall City Creek development is currently at Stage 2.

In addition to ND certification, City Creek developers have the opportunity to qualify each individual building for LEED certification, such as the Gold certification received by Richards Court. Developers expect that the other residential towers, a newly constructed office building and an adaptive re-use office tower will also qualify individually for LEED certification.

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City Creek is a sustainably-designed, walkable urban community of residences, offices and retail stores in downtown Salt Lake City. This premier development is under construction on approximately 23 acres across three blocks in the heart of downtown. Upon project completion in March 2012, Salt Lake will be one of few cities in the nation with a vibrant, mixed-use development at its core.

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building certification program is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for buildings designed, constructed and operated for improved environmental and human health performance. LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality.

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Helpful Links from USGBC:

LEED® for Neighborhood Development Fact Sheet:

<http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=6423>

LEED-Certified Projects List: <http://www.usgbc.org/LEED/Project/CertifiedProjectList.aspx>

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W. <http://downtownrising.com/index.php/city-creek-introduction>

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