



PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA PROVES RECYCLING, REUSING AND RENOVATING CAN BE LUXURIOUS

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND AMENITIES COMPATIBLE WITH GOING “GREEN”

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL (DECEMBER 2007) – PGA National Resort & Spa, which is nearing completion of the first phase of a multi-million dollar renovation, has recently been welcomed into the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) *Green Lodging* program. The Florida *Green Lodging* initiative provides the lodging industry with technical assistance, encouraging hotels and motels to adopt cost saving “green” practices that reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

In addition to meeting the DEP’s *Green Lodging* requirements, PGA National Resort & Spa has instituted a resort-wide environmental policy, signed into action this summer by property managing director, Joel Paige. The policy requires that the resort’s facilities and properties will be managed in an environmentally responsible manner and that it will participate, as appropriate, in community, industry and/or government sponsored groups addressing issues affecting the communities it serves. A combined Safety Committee and Green Team monitoring effort ensures that all departments are complying with, and exceeding, resort environmental guidelines.

In February 2007, PGA National Resort & Spa hosted the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED for Existing Buildings Technical Review, providing meeting facilities as part of the Council’s efforts to educate building industry professionals on sustainable practices. To date, PGA National Resort & Spa has implemented numerous environmental carbon conserving practices including: use of electronic communication vehicles; linen reuse programs; installation of low-flow aerators, sensor water faucets, low-flow toilets,

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compact fluorescent light bulbs and computerized air conditioning management; use of environmentally friendly cleaning and pest-control products; and extensive recycling.

The sweeping renovations taking place at PGA National Resort & Spa created a unique opportunity for the legendary golf destination to make luxurious upgrades to the property while at the same time, enhancing conservation efforts. Debris from the construction site is being re-cycled, unused furnitures and fixtures left from the project are being donated to Habitat to Humanity, electronic and technology products are being recycled and donated, and high-efficiency air filters are being installed.

“On behalf of the entire resort staff, our guests, and our industry partners, we are affirming our commitment to reduce our toll on the environment,” said Joel Paige, PGA National Resort & Spa Managing Director. “Through the extensive recycling program that has been part of our recent renovations, we’ve been able to reduce waste, recycle debris and make significant donations to local charities. Our guests won’t notice a difference in our luxurious amenities but hopefully their children will notice a difference in our world.”

Commenting on PGA National’s participation in the DEP’s Green Lodging Program, Southeast District Director Jack Long commented, “We are excited to add PGA National Resort & Spa to our growing list of properties making the commitment to adopt environmentally conscious practices. The resort is serving as an industry leader and a great example to other hotels in the area.”

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About PGA National Resort and Spa

Opened in 1981, PGA National Resort and Spa is a stunning South Florida vacation and meeting destination. The legendary 339-room resort is in the midst of multi-million dollar facelift that will include a completely new front entrance, outdoor pool and pavilion as well as enhanced public areas, restaurants, golf courses and landscaping. PGA National Resort and Spa offers 90 holes of championship golf, including the famed Champion Course, new home to the PGA Tour’s Honda Classic and past host of the 1983 Ryder Cup, the 1987 PGA Championship and a litany of other prized professional golf tournaments. Other distinguishing features include a 42,000 square foot European Spa with 56 treatments areas and the exclusive Waters of the World outdoor mineral pools, a world-class health and racquet club, 34,000 square feet of self-contained conference space and seven on-site restaurants and lounges. PGA National Resort is located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. For more information call 800-633-9150 or visit www.pgaresort.com

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