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Eley Guild Hardy Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

BILOXI (November 22, 2011) – Eley Guild Hardy Architects announced today that it has been awarded LEED® GOLD level of certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council® and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

“Having made a commitment to investing in the architectural heritage of Downtown Jackson, Eley Guild Hardy Architects completed renovations to its new office at the historic 329 Capitol Street ‘Bank Building’. Not only did we think it was the right thing to do for Jackson, but we love being downtown and part of the urban community”, said Jim Eley.

Originally constructed in 1924 as the First National Bank, this prominent neo-classical structure has undergone extensive renovations including new mechanical, plumbing, electrical, security, and elevator and life safety systems along with new finishes. Our adaptive reuse of this 87 year old building is the embodiment of sustainable design and its renovation incorporates extensive green building technology.

Eley Guild Hardy Architects achieved LEED GOLD certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified building save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

“The strength of USGBC has always been the collective strength of our leaders in the building industry,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. “Given the extraordinary importance of climate protection and the central role of the building industry in that effort, Eley Guild Hardy Architects demonstrates their leadership through the LEED certification of their Jackson office.”

LEED certification of EGH’s Jackson office was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include:

- Site Selection
 - Heat Island Effect
 - Water Efficient Landscaping – reduction and no use of potable water

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- Low Emission and Fuel Efficient Vehicles
- Development Density and Community Connectivity
- Alternate transportation, Public Transportation Access, Bicycle Storage, Changing Rooms, Parking Availability
- Water Efficiency – Water Use Reduction
- Energy & Atmosphere
 - Fundamental Commissioning
 - Optimize Energy Performance – Lighting Power, Lighting Controls, HVAC Controls, Green Power
- Materials & Resources
 - Storage and Collection of Recyclables
 - Tenants Space, Long Term Commitment
 - Building Reuse
 - Recycled Content
 - Regional Materials
- Indoor Environmental Quality
 - Low Emitting Materials, Adhesives and Sealants, Paints and Coatings, Carpet Systems
 - Controllability of Systems, Lighting, Temperature and Ventilations
 - Thermal Comfort – Compliance and Monitoring
 - Daylight and Views
- Innovation in Design

U.S. Green Building Council

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 80 local affiliates, more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building

efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs. **LEED**, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 100,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED rating systems, comprising over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries. By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. USGBC was co-founded by current President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, who spent 25 years as a Fortune 500 executive. Under his 15-year leadership, the organization has become the preeminent green building, membership, policy, standards, influential, education and research organization in the nation.

Eley Guild Hardy Architects is an award-winning architecture, interior design and civil engineering firm with offices in Biloxi and Jackson. Eley Guild Hardy Architects was founded in 1953 on the principle of providing comprehensive professional services and excellent design. As a member of the United States Green Building Council, Eley Guild Hardy realizes the importance of sustainable design as evidenced by its Biloxi office which received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification and its Jackson office which is LEED certified to the Gold level.

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