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Beachfront Canyon Ranch Living Residences Designed for Water Resistance

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—March 18, 2009— Glazing Consultants International (GCI) (www.glazingconsultants.com) has completed work on the country's first residential health and wellness community, Canyon Ranch Living Miami Beach, in Florida. The company was responsible for ensuring the luxury property is ready to withstand the sometimes violent storms that strike South Florida during hurricane season. The property faces 750 feet of beachfront.

Canyon Ranch is a unique wellness luxury destination, which encompasses 150 guest suites and 430 residential units, a world class spa, healthy dining options and a boutique. The property encompasses the historic 1950's Carillon Hotel, which was retrofitted as a part of this project to bring it up to current code standards.

GCI specializes in ensuring the building envelope is protected. For this project, the company oversaw the retrofit of the existing hotel and the building envelope construction of three new towers constructed adjacent to the original hotel. GCI work included overseeing the proper installation of the curtain wall glazing, sliding glass doors, operable and fixed windows, stucco skin, applied membrane roofing and decorative glass and water features on the property.

"We needed good, clear and concise reporting of the project," said Senior Vice President of Construction and Development Greg Stepp of WSG Development. "GCI let us know immediately when non-compliant issues arose, so we could let our general contractor deal with them immediately. This helped save time and therefore, costs."

Exterior architecture was designed by Miami based Arquitectonia and interiors were created by noted hospitality designer David Rockwell of the Rockwell Group.

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Project Facts:

Architects: Arquitectonia – Miami, Florida

Interiors: Rockwell Group, New York, New York

Building Envelope Consultant: Glazing Consultants International, LLC, West Palm Beach, FL

Developer: WSG Development, Miami, Florida

About Glazing Consultants International (GCI)

GCI is a consulting firm specializing in the exterior building envelope. All consultants are highly trained specialists who work closely with clients to protect client interests and help provide cost-effective results. The GCI consulting team includes experts in windows and doors, wall systems, roofing and waterproofing. Services include design assistance, investigation of building envelope problems, development of repair solutions, field water infiltration testing, quality control services, codes and standards consulting and expert witness and litigation assistance. Headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida, the company practices nationwide and internationally.