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## **ST. JOHN PROPERTIES NEARS COMPLETION OF 80 FOOT TALL LANDMARK OVERLOOKING US ROUTE 50 AND MD ROUTE 3/301**

*24- ton structure featuring Melford and St. John Properties identification designed to function as an iconic beacon for tenants, employees and visitors of 466-acre mixed-use business community*

**BALTIMORE, MD** (November 5, 2012) – St. John Properties, Inc. is nearing completion on an 80 foot tall landmark overlooking the intersection of US Route 50 and MD Route 3/301, within the Melford business community in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Weighing more than 24 tons, the structure features the Melford name and St. John Properties logo on the upper portion of the tower, which will be decoratively lit at night. Situated in Bowie, Melford is a mixed-used project configured to support approximately 3.2 million square feet of commercial office, R&D/flex and retail space, as well as a full-service hotel.

“This landmark leverages the strategic location of Melford overlooking two heavily-traveled interstates in the heart of Prince George’s County, and creates a beacon landmark for tenants, employees and visitors,” explained Jerry Wit, Senior Vice President, Marketing for St. John Properties. “Our in-house design and engineering team carefully crafted this structure with optimum aesthetic appeal, including the incorporation of decorative lighting during nighttime hours. We envision the landmark serving as a directional and iconic beacon for local residents and employees working in the County.”

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, owns and has developed nearly 17 million square feet of office, R&D/flex, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit [www.sjpi.com](http://www.sjpi.com).