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THE BBQ JOINT SIGNS LEASE WITH ST. JOHN PROPERTIES FOR SPACE AT MAGOTHY BEACH PLAZA IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Debut Easton location recognized by Food & Wine Magazine as among the best new barbecue restaurants in 2012

BALTIMORE (April 26, 2013) – The BBQ Joint has signed a lease with St. John Properties, Inc. for 2,282 square feet of space at Magothy Beach Plaza, a neighborhood shopping center located near the intersection of MD Route 100 and Magothy Beach Road in Pasadena, MD. The restaurant was recognized by *Food & Wine Magazine* as being among the “Best New Barbecue in the East” in 2012, based on its debut location in Easton, Maryland. The BBQ Joint at Magothy Beach is expected to open by early summer.

The concept was founded and is owned by Andrew Evans, previously the chef-owner of the Inn at Easton, a white tablecloth fine dining restaurant on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. After serving as a judge in the Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue Competition in Tennessee, Evans spent the next several years inventing and perfecting various barbecue recipes and slow-cooking techniques before introducing his menu to the Easton marketplace.

The BBQ Joint features competition-style BBQ based on influences from Texas, St. Louis, Memphis and the Carolinas. In addition to the barbecue sandwich variety, The BBQ Joint serves St. Louis cut spare ribs, barbecued chicken, chicken wings, smoked sausage, chili and chili cheese fries. A number of salads are also available including Beef & Blues Brisket and BBQ Chicken. The T-Rex menu item is comprised of a half-pound of pulled pork, a half-pound of sliced brisket, one whole chicken, spare ribs and four side items.

“Attracting innovative restaurant concepts is a proven method to inject excitement into a retail shopping center environment and, in signing The BBQ Joint, we have achieved this objective at Magothy Beach Plaza,” explained Bill Holzman, Assistant Vice President, Retail Leasing for St. John Properties. “The BBQ Joint offers a unique brand of Texas-style barbecue menu items, and we are confident that it will complement the tenant mix and offer Pasadena residents another quality, informal dining option.”

Existing retailers at Magothy Beach Plaza include Olive & Sesame Restaurant, Ledo Pizza, Sanders Jewelers, Susquehanna Bank and Moulin de Paris Restaurant. Nearly 120,000 consumers reside within a five-mile radius of Magothy Beach Plaza, with an annual household income exceeding \$97,000. Magothy Beach Plaza is situated adjacent to Lakeshore Plaza, a 161,000 square foot retail center owned and managed by St. John Properties that is anchored by Safeway and Ace Hardware.

About St. John Properties

St. John Properties, Inc. owns and has developed more than 17 million square feet of R&D/flex, office, warehouse and retail space in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada Virginia, and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com.