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**ST. JOHN PROPERTIES ACHIEVES LEED-CERTIFICATION
MILESTONE OF 20 BUILDINGS TOTALING MORE THAN
ONE MILLION SQUARE FEET IN MARYLAND**

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have earned Gold or Silver certification from the United States Green Building Council*

BALTIMORE, MD (September 11, 2013) – St. John Properties, Inc. has earned its 20th certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for satisfying Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) requirements and elements in the construction of commercial office buildings. The buildings, totaling more than one million square feet of commercial office space, have all been constructed in Maryland since 2009. Contained in five different counties, 19 of the 20 the projects have earned either Gold or Silver certification.

The most recent St. John Properties building to earn LEED certification is 8160 Maple Lawn Boulevard, a four-story, 105,000 square foot Class “A” office building contained in the Maple Lawn Business Community in Howard County. The company’s first LEED-certified project was Melford Plaza II, a four-story 150,000 square foot Class “A” office building located in the Melford business community in Prince George’s County. Eight buildings in the company’s Government and Technology Enterprise at Aberdeen Proving Ground (The GATE at APG) have earned LEED Gold or Silver certification. Buildings have been certified in USGBC-defined categories of categories Existing Building, Commercial Interior, Core & Shell and New Construction as defined by USGBC. Eight LEED-certified projects have been constructed in Harford County, four each in Baltimore and Howard Counties, and two each in Carroll and Prince George’s Counties.

According to research from the Maryland Chapter of the United States Green Building Council, twenty represents the largest number of LEED-certified buildings developed by any company in the State of Maryland. St. John Properties has an additional ten buildings in review or completed through design review that will be constructed to LEED specifications, and another eight that are in the process of design documentation. Every building the company has constructed since fall 2009 has been designed and constructed for LEED certification.

“In today’s marketplace companies increasingly demand sustainability and environment-friendly features in their corporate real estate,” explained Jerry Wit, Senior Vice President, Marketing for St. John Properties. “Recognizing this trend, the entire philosophy of our development and design team has shifted over the past five years to engineer and become a pioneer in finding innovative ways to incorporate sustainability and green elements in our office portfolio. Current and prospective tenants understand the critical importance of conserving energy and resources and we have responded with strategies that create new standards for conservation, the reuse and disposal of materials and energy usage. We now consider it our corporate mission to lead the way in the building sustainability movement.”

“St. John Properties consistently demonstrates its leadership position in the Maryland area, and they have served as a corporate role model for the investment of resources to develop and maintain LEED-certified buildings,” said Mary Pulcinella, Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter of the United States Green Building Council. “We encourage other companies to study the innovative strategies of St. John Properties and follow their lead to create a higher level of sustainability in their corporate environments.”

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, has developed, constructed and maintained ownership of nearly 17 million square feet of office, R&D/flex, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com.