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Ground breaking marks new beginning for local landmark and brings desperately needed jobs to the community

West Palm Beach, FL—The Palm Harbor Marina will officially break ground on its brand new, state-of-the art facility on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The multi-million dollar project represents the strength and commitment of the Chase family, working together with the City of West Palm Beach, to help stimulate the local economy and provide hundreds of jobs, energize the downtown area, as well as create a destination Marina that will attract yachts from around the world to experience beautiful West Palm Beach, Florida.

Located in a prime location along North Flagler Drive, the new Marina, owned by Leisure Resorts, LLC (a division of Chase Enterprises) in a lease-hold arrangement with the City of West Palm Beach, is due for completion in late Fall, 2009. At that time it will be capable of hosting hundreds of yachts of all sizes to 250' in length. This collection of yachts will generate literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic impact for the City.

In addition to the positive effects the project will have on the economy, the new Palm Harbor Marina also represents the creation of hundreds of new jobs in many different sectors. This was achievable thanks to the hard work from the principals of Leisure Resorts, LLC and Marinetek Group of Finland. “We researched the best products available for our new Marina and realized that the Marinetek Group’s docking system was the best for us,” said Cheryl Chase, president of Leisure Resorts, LLC.

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“Working with Christopher Clark, who had previously built hundreds of marinas around the world, and officials with the City of West Palm Beach, we realized that we had an opportunity to not only get the docks we wanted, but also import new technology and industry—and bring its related jobs—to our area. We were able to create jobs in the U.S. rather than export them to some other country to benefit,” she said

More than 100 positions will be available in various aspects of manufacturing from concrete, steel and aluminum fabrication jobs to supplying the necessary raw materials for the numerous components involved in the project when they’re set to start production on April 1, 2009. Since Marinetek North America has permanently moved their headquarters to West Palm Beach, these jobs won’t be leaving at the completion of this project. Marinetek, N.A. has teamed up with two other West Palm Beach companies, Southeast Pre-Stressed and the Murphy Construction Company to build their high-end docking systems. “We’re committed to staying here for the long haul,” said Christopher Clark, president of Marinetek North America. “We’re working harder than ever to expand our business and to increase our labor needs and start exporting our products to the Caribbean and South and Central America and creating more jobs right here!”

In addition to the more than 100 manufacturing jobs being created by the dock manufacturing process, literally hundreds more workers will be needed to fill all the other types of specialized service positions needed to develop a Marina of this caliber. “We’re creating our own economic stimulus package,” said Chase. “We hope that other companies follow us down the same path and everyone in our Country will all be better off.”

“There will really be no other marinas in the United States built like the Palm Harbor Marina,” remarked Clark. “We are so proud to be involved with this high profile project. It truly is an honor for us. It is being completely custom-built from the bottom up with specially designed docks that have been engineered to provide an extremely stable and safe platform for yachts of all sizes and in all types of weather conditions. Custom concrete floating docks with extra-wide gangways and finger-piers, together with color coordinated railing systems, specially designed cleats, in-slip pump outs, ample

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power and much more—make the new Palm Harbor Marina a paradise with the boater in mind.

This paradise is not only reserved for the boaters because the environment benefits as well. “We’ve engineered and designed the Marina to exceed the ‘Clean Marina’ standards,” remarked Chase. “Once we are open, we will be applying for the final certification.”

Palm Harbor Marina, formerly known as the Old City Docks, is conveniently located only minutes from the Palm Beach Inlet and just south of the Flagler Bridge. With the luxury and exclusivity of Palm Beach just steps away from the front door and the fun and excitement of City Place and West Palm Beach at the back, the New Palm Harbor Marina offers an exhilarating alternative to the ordinary marina.

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Leisure Resorts, LLC, a division of Chase Enterprises, is a multi-faceted investment firm. Founded over 50 years ago by David T. Chase, this family-owned and operated business has lead the way to landmark commercial developments, residential showcases, innovative financial marketing, and a range of dynamic companies in every field from communications to banking and insurance to CAD/CAM engineering. Based in Hartford, CT.

Marinetek North America is a division of Marinetek Group from Helsinki, Finland that enjoys dominant market share in Europe and the Middle East in the development of high-end floating dock systems. Their new corporate headquarters are located at 901 North Flagler Drive, Suite 1 in West Palm Beach, FL. Their previous clients have included the exclusive 1,000 slip Anchor Marina at The Palms, Dubai as well as the Dubai City Marina. For more information, contact Casey Clark at 561-329-5071 or visit their web site at www.marinetek.net.

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