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Meridian Square: The Green Revolution Continues...

Columbia, MD (September 17, 2007) – The Village of Oakland Mills in central Columbia is eagerly anticipating the development of Meridian Square, the first Green Office Condominium Building in Howard County. The 60,000 square foot Class A Office Building is being developed by Baltimore based METROVENTURES/USA, Inc. and will be located at the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Robert Oliver Place. This location is in proximity to the major activity centers in Columbia and can be directly accessed from both Broken Land Parkway and James Rouse Parkway (Route 175).

The four-story \$12,750,000 project is scheduled to break ground later this fall and will feature an enduring contemporary design with a brick and spandrel glass façade. The typical floor plate will approximate 15,000 square feet and the upper floors of the building are targeted at professional firms with suite sizes ranging from 1,300 to 2,600 square feet. The ground floor is about 12,000 square feet and is programmed for retail and/or service uses that require storefront access from the street level. The tenant categories envisioned at the ground floor include real estate, financial and legal, communications, food service and miscellaneous community retail.

Meridian Square is designed to the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council and will feature several environmental and energy efficient elements that are projected to result in an energy cost savings of over 20% per annum. This along with recently adopted Green Building Legislation in Howard County will provide significant benefits to the approximately 26 condominium owners that purchase at Meridian Square.

Suzanne Graham, Vice President of METROVENTURES notes that "Meridian Square will play a strategic role in redefining the Oakland Mills Village Center as a major example of the next generation of neighborhood commercial centers in Columbia. We are pleased to have received significant support for our plans and we look forward to our continued partnership with the community as we execute this special project."

Karen Gray, Chair of the Oakland Mills Revitalization Committee states, “The Oakland Mills community fully supports the METROVENTURES project and thinks it will be a wonderful addition to the Village Center. It is just the type of development that we feel will add life and vibrancy to the center. We appreciate that METROVENTURES has actively sought community input in every step of the way.”

METROVENTURES/USA, Inc., the project developer for Meridian Square, is a Baltimore-based development firm that focuses on creating high-quality, lifestyle friendly projects. Model Architects, LLC of Gaithersburg is the project architect and Atlantic Builders Group has been chosen as the general contractor. For more information or to arrange a presentation, please visit www.meridian-square.com or call the sales department at 410-385-8922.
