

Ground Breaking Ceremony for Hotel and Recreation Development Project

Burnham, PA. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Derry Heights Development has been scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 2:00 PM. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on the construction site on Ferguson Valley Road (Route 322 at the Burnham exit).

The groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the beginning of construction of Phase I, which will include a 5 story Hampton Inn & Suites, adjacent restaurant and a Cinema Center digital/3D ten-plex theatre facility with stadium seating. Phase II will include additional hotels with adjacent indoor sports complex, water park and family entertainment center. Located on 160 acres between Lewistown and Burnham in Mifflin County (approximately 70 miles from Harrisburg and 30 miles from State College), the Derry Heights/Burnham project is expected to boost the local economy through visitor and tourism dollars, as well as employment opportunities in construction and in operations after construction is complete. Phase I is slated to open in the fall of 2010.

“We are excited to begin construction on this project,” said developer Nicholas Moraitis, President of Moraitis Properties of Pittsburgh. “We believe that the location and design of the project will make it a win for us and a win for Mifflin County.” Mr. Moraitis is also the owner of the nearby Greater Lewistown Shopping Plaza.

Senator Jake Corman of the 34th District will be on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking and to discuss the opportunities that the project will bring to residents and visitors of Mifflin and nearby counties.

Hospitality Asset Management (HAMCO Hotels) of State College, PA will manage the hotel operations. HAMCO Hotels a leading provider of hospitality development and management services in the Pennsylvania and regional market.

Hawbaker Construction Services of State College, PA has provided the Civil Engineering and site preparation. Newcomer Associates of Chambersburg, PA has been named as the architectural firm for the hotel and restaurant properties. The theatre architectural planning has been provided by Solomon Architectural and Design Group, Carnegie, PA.