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ECOSECURITIES ATTAINS LEED CERTIFICATION FOR NEW YORK OFFICE

NEW YORK, NY—The New York office of EcoSecurities, one of the world's largest and most recognized greenhouse gas emission reduction firms, received its LEED-CI certification from the USGBC in May 2009. With the certification, the global firm has further cemented its reputation as a leading member of the sustainability industry.

As EcoSecurities' sustainability consultant, CodeGreen Solutions developed the comprehensive LEED adaptation plan that resulted in an impressive 27% reduction in the office's lighting power density from ASHRAE 90.1-2001 requirements. For every 1.1 watts per square foot of energy allotted by the standard, only 0.8 watts per square foot was installed in the space. Contributing to the reductions were the day lighting strategies utilized, which furnished 93% of all regularly occupied office space with natural daylight. "Eco-Securities' dedication to creating an energy efficient and socially responsible office has resulted in a space with a markedly reduced carbon footprint from a typical office of this size," says Patricia Lee, Sr. Project Manager at CodeGreen.

In combination with efficient lighting design, the office ensured 90% of all power based equipment and appliances at the New York office met Energy Star standards. Of the various construction materials used, 12.3% were recycled content and 91% of all wood purchased were responsibly harvested and bear the Forest Stewardship Council¹ (FSC) certification. Bamboo was also utilized throughout the space as a rapidly renewable material selection. As an additional caveat, the project extensively utilized regionally manufactured materials with 71% of the total purchases falling into the category. Keeping long-term safety and occupant well-being as a priority, EcoSecurities' sustainability project used only low VOC paints, coatings, adhesives, sealants, carpets, and furniture. All in all, EcoSecurities along with CodeGreen Solutions have taken great initiatives towards the goal of sustainability.

EcoSecurities structures and guides greenhouse gas emission reduction projects from beginning to end, working with both project developers and buyers of emission reduction credits. EcoSecurities works with companies in developing and industrializing countries to create emission reduction credits from projects that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. EcoSecurities has experience with projects in a wide range of sectors, including renewable energy, agriculture and urban waste management, industrial efficiency, and forestry.

CodeGreen Solutions is a sustainable building consultant firm based in New York City with offices in Chicago, Boston and San Francisco. Comprised of top LEED accredited professionals, the team of engineers, architects, energy managers, and land-use attorneys have worked on projects in both U.S. and Canada. The firm is committed to developing innovative solutions that help clients to conserve capital and reach sustainability goals

1 FSC standards guarantees responsibility for the social, ecological, economic, and cultural needs of present and future generations in regards to wood harvest.