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The Brick Companies to Use Solar Energy at Queenstown Harbor

QUEENSTOWN, Md. (October 18, 2011) – The Brick Companies of Edgewater, Md., owner of the Queenstown Harbor golf course on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, today announced plans to install a solar electric system at the golf course to produce 70 percent of the electrical usage at the clubhouse and cart barn.

The system will be installed by Standard Solar, Inc., Rockville, Md., a recognized leader in the development and installation of solar electric systems for commercial, government and residential customers. For Queenstown, the company will develop a 191 kW solar electric system and a ground mount solar electric system consisting of more than 800 panels.

The system is expected to generate 231 megawatt hours of electricity annually, the equivalent of 159 metric tons of carbon dioxide a year or the Greenhouse gas emissions avoided by recycling 55 tons of waste instead of sending it to the landfill.

The solar energy will help to provide electricity for a range of areas at Queenstown Harbor, from the lights, computers and kitchen equipment inside the clubhouse to the golf carts that are re-charged each night at the cart barn.

“Environmental responsibility is part of our core mission at The Brick Companies and the use of alternative energy sources is important to us,” said Julie Natoli, LEED Green Associate and Chief Operating Officer of The Brick Companies. “We can now proudly point to the solar panels at Queenstown Harbor as another demonstration of our commitment to decreasing energy consumption and supporting our ‘green building’ philosophy.”

“Golf courses provide an ideal venue for solar energy as a significant portion of their electric expenses result during daylight hour usage, enabling them to go green on the green. We applaud the Brick Companies for using solar energy to power its golf course and taking this step toward energy independence,” said Standard Solar President Scott Wiater.

The installation of the system is scheduled to begin later this year and be complete in early 2012.

About Standard Solar

Standard Solar, Inc. is a leader in the full-service development, construction, integration, financing and installation of solar electric systems. Dedicated to making solar solutions more accessible to consumers, businesses, institutions and governments, the company is leading the way to energy independence. Committed to offering responsible and energy cost-saving solar

solutions that conform to the highest standards, Standard Solar is one of the most trusted and respected solar companies. Since 2004, Standard Solar has been the partner of choice to make solar energy financially accessible, helping customers through financing options, including Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and navigating expanded federal and state and local tax credits. The company's Standard Energy Solutions (SES) division provides energy auditing and retrofitting services for energy improvement projects. Named one of the Fastest Growing Private Companies in America in 2010 and 2011 by *Inc.* magazine, Standard Solar is headquartered in Rockville, Md. For more information, visit www.standardsolar.com.

About The Brick Companies

The Brick Companies (TBC), a privately held company based in Edgewater, Maryland, owns, develops and manages real estate "For Working, For Living, For Fun." Properties in the TBC portfolio are located in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area. Some of its assets include 81 holes of golf (including the Golf Club at South River and Queenstown Harbor), the Atlantic Marina Resort on the Patapsco and Atlantic Marina on the Magothy in Pasadena, Maryland, and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial buildings in Maryland and Virginia. Moreover, the company is committed to environmental and social responsibility, as demonstrated by its "green building" philosophy and its support for charities and social causes through The TBC Foundation. For more information visit www.thebrickcompanies.com/

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