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March 31, 2009

Nicholas Rumanes, Vice President
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Re: Certificate of Eligibility for the Palazzo Resort,
NC-CE001- PRE 2007- FY2010 (NC-RN001-PRE2007)

Dear Mr. Rumanes;

The Nevada State Office of Energy is pleased to grant this **Certificate of Eligibility** for the Palazzo Resorts project, which was certified at the LEED NC Silver level with 35 points. After reviewing your Pre-2007 certificate of eligibility application received on January 30, 2009 and consulting with our Deputy Attorney General, we have concluded that the Palazzo Resort project is eligible for a partial property tax abatement based on the provisions of section 15.5 of chapter 539, Statutes of Nevada 2007 [NAC 701A.270 (1) (c1)].

As per NAC 701A.240 (4), The Palazzo Resort Project is granted the following partial property tax abatement for

(a) a **duration of 10 years** and **in an annual amount that equals 35 percent** of the portion of the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 361 of NRS, other than any taxes imposed for public education, that would otherwise be payable for the building or other structure, excluding the associated land.

(b) buildings:

(1) Palazzo Resort, 6,849,182 square ft

(2) Shared Parking Facility, 1,455,255 square ft

(c) commencing with FY 10 (July 01, 2009).

This information was verified by Management Analyst Lorayn Walser and Director Hatice Gecol with USGBC Online Credit Details, Palazzo Site Drawing with solar showing square footage (Tab J of Certificate of Eligibility application)

Please forward copies of your redacted certificate of eligibility application to the following agencies: Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration (Attn: Reese Tietje); Department of Taxation (Attn: Terry Rubald) ; Commission on Economic Development; County Assessor; County Treasurer; and County Commissioners before April 15th, 2009. Please also

forward our office the copy of your cover letters and the proof of delivery to these agencies before April 30th, 2009.

Please note that duration of abatement is subject to compliance with NAC 701A.260 (Attachment I). It will be the responsibility of registrant and tax abatement coordinator to comply with all of the requirements and be aware of the dates (Attachment II) for listed requirements in NAC 701A.260, as our office will not be sending out reminder notices.

We **APPLAUD** and **CONGRATULATE** your success for building the world's first largest commercial scale LEED NC Silver Green Building in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Should you have any questions regarding the LEED process, please contact Ms Lorayn Walser at (775) 687-9706 or lwalser@energy.nv.gov .

Sincerely,

Hatice Gecol

Hatice Gecol, Ph.D.
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Director, Nevada State Office of Energy

Enclosures:

1) NAC 701A.260
2) List of required documents and dates as per NAC 701A.260

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ATTACHMENT I- NAC 701A.260