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## FULL SAIL AHEAD, MATES!

### *Orlando Condo-Hotel Resort Breaks Ground On Pirate-Themed Aquatic Center*

ORLANDO, Fla. (January 15, 2008) – At a time when the nation’s real estate market is struggling and planned condo-hotel developments are stalled on the drawing board, **Lake Buena Vista Resort Village & Spa** in Orlando, Fla. is flourishing.

The region’s largest condo-hotel resort broke ground January 7 on a new aquatic center scheduled for completion by Memorial Day 2008. It is the latest addition to the two-year-old, 60-acre resort property that already includes four buildings with a total of 478 condo units and a fifth building with spa and restaurant scheduled for completion later this month.

A giant pirate ship anchors the 25,000-square-foot aquatic center. Other features include:

- A 7,500 square foot zero-entry pool
- A water slide within the pirate ship
- Three interactive play features: two “Under-Brella” domed circular waterfalls and a “Port Beacon” water curtain
- Five water cannons
- Three large spas with rock work and landscaping
- A pool bar

**Echo Artz, LLC** is the lead design firm for the project. The firm specializes in themed environments for resorts, theme parks, museums and sports facilities; creating dramatic and interactive designs to enhance the guest experience.

The general contractor for the project is **KNS Construction, Inc.** The company has more than 40 years of experience in Central Florida, specializing in the design/build of banks, car dealerships, schools, food distribution facilities and office/warehouse buildings, as well as other special-use buildings.

**Lake Buena Vista Resort Village & Spa** ([www.LBVResortVillage.com](http://www.LBVResortVillage.com)) is one of the largest condo-hotel projects in the U.S. At build-out, plans call for a total of 1,875 individually-owned condo-hotel units ranging in size from 1,080 SF to 2,170 SF as well as 270,000 SF of space for dining, a spa and designer outlet shopping. The development one mile from Walt Disney World offers all the amenities

of a first class Orlando resort, including furnished condominiums, fine and casual dining, a fitness center, signature health spa and designer shopping featuring more than 50 factory outlet stores, including Liz Claiborne, Tommy Hilfiger, Vanity Fair, Waterford/Wedgewood and Nike.

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