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The Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa Celebrates Earth Day With Environmental Commitment

Whistler, BC, Canada - April 21, 2008 – On April 22, 2008 the Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa will host ‘Hilton Earth Day’ to celebrate their environmental successes of 2007 and their commitment to environmental practices in 2008. They will be conducting a Valley Trail clean up, a tree planting ceremony and a celebration for team members to reward them for their commitment to our environmental practices.

Since opening after a 53 million dollar refurbishment in 2005, the Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa has been actively conducting an environmental work program to minimize the environmental footprint of their business. The objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize energy consumption and conserve natural resources, while still maintaining the highest level of comfort and service for our guests.

“In 2008, our goal is to reduce our energy and water consumption by 5%. Through the Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa’s combined efforts, we can all make a substantial and favorable impact on our environment,” says Jennifer Morrison, Public Relations and Communications Manager as well as Green Team Member.

Earth Day Commitment:

- An environmental committee has been established made up of individuals representing each department in the hotel to pursue new ideas on ways to improve. Go ‘Green Team’ Go! All new team members will now receive environmental training through “eco-learning” sessions.
- Guests will continue to be asked when they would like their sheets and towels changed. Through this the Resort has saved over 12 million gallons of fresh water while reducing waste water and the use of chemicals and energy resources.
- All cleaning, dishwashing and laundry detergents are being replaced by eco-friendly products.
- A retrofit process is in progress to replace all of incandescent bulbs with energy efficient blubs. Additionally, sensor lighting has been installed in low use areas.
- Toilets and showerheads have been retro fitted with economy fittings.

- All lighting, computers and other electrical equipment in the administrative departments are turned off at night.
- The Resort will continue to work with suppliers and the Environmental Protection Agency, through its EnergyStar® program, to identify and implement further ways to reduce energy/natural resource usage.
- Whenever possible, articles of consumption are purchased in bulk to cut down on both packaging and transportation.
- All take-out packaging has been replaced with biodegradable sugar cane containers.
- Cloth bags and travel coffee mugs have been purchased for all team members to be used in place of disposable products.
- The Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa has recently purchased a Hybrid shuttle for guest use.

Working at all levels of the business, from guests to suppliers to employees; we will endeavor to progressively reduce our impact on the environment. The Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa has adopted a long-term approach to ensure a continuous commitment to the environment and its preservation and support the Resort Municipality of Whistler in their goal to be sustainable by 2020.

Schedule of Events:

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2008

3pm - Valley Trail Clean Up, Community Welcome! Meet in the Lobby by the Concierge Desk

4pm - Tree Planting Ceremony in the Courtyard at the Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa
4-6pm - Mix & Mingle, Cheakamus Room

Where: Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa, 4050 Whistler Way, Whistler BC, VoN 1B4

Why: Because we care!

About Earth Day

Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. While a global observance originated by Gaylord Nelson in 1970 as an environmental teach-in, Earth Day is now celebrated on April 22 by more than 500 million people in civic activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world.

About Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa

The Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa is Whistler's newest Four Diamond property. Its unique mountain elegance and unparalleled guest service caters to the most discerning clientele. Cradled at the base of Whistler Mountain the world class Resort is ideally located in the heart of Whistler's pedestrian village.

With the completion of a \$53 million renovation, the Resort boasts the largest guest rooms in Whistler, many with fireplaces, whirlpool baths, and balconies. On-site health club and Artesia Spa offers a variety of soothing massages and papering esthetic

treatments, and positions the Hilton as an oasis of comfort and tranquility set against the backdrop of world class skiing, hiking, biking and breathtaking beauty. For more information, visit www.hiltonwhistler.com. What You Can Do? We have set up an email address and welcome your ideas and suggestions: greenteam@hiltonwhistler.com. We promise to take them into consideration when making decisions about our environmental practices.

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