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CRESCENT HOMES IS RECOGNIZED WITH A 2011 ENERGY STAR® LEADERSHIP IN HOUSING AWARD

Crescent Homes earns award for building new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency

Charleston, SC – Crescent Homes is pleased to announce it has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2011 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution Crescent Homes has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by building more than 80 ENERGY STAR qualified homes last year. Collectively, these homes will save our customers approximately \$35,760 on utility bills each year.

The environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes are equal to the equivalent of:

- Eliminating the emissions from 3.92 vehicles;
- Saving 237,120 lbs of coal;
- Planting 64.8 acres of trees;
- Saving the environment 465,040 pounds of CO2 per year.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 20% more efficient than standard new homes built today.

"I am pleased that our work and efforts have been recognized and am proud of our team for this accomplishment," said Ted Terry, president of Crescent Homes, SC. "Our goal is to provide the best quality home in the Charleston market. Throughout the planning, design and construction process Crescent Homes is committed to building healthy, durable and energy-efficient homes that will save our homeowners money and reduce our overall carbon footprint."

ENERGY STAR qualified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, properly-sized and installed efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products, and third-party verification of energy performance.

"The value you get from an ENERGY STAR Qualified Home goes far beyond energy efficiency," said Sam Rashkin, National Director for EPA's ENERGY STAR Homes Program. "ENERGY STAR Qualified homes provide more comfort, durability, and a healthier environment than homes built to code. On top of that, they're tested and inspected to perform."

About Crescent Homes, SC:

Crescent Homes SC focuses on building high-quality homes for mid-priced buyers within established, in-fill communities throughout the Lowcountry. In addition to being energy efficient and eco-friendly (Crescent Homes earned Earthcraft's top honor as 2010 Builder of the year), the homes feature high-quality materials and finishes, including high-end millwork and flooring. Each house plan also offers semi-custom upgrades. Homes range in price from the mid \$100,000s to the mid \$400,000s.

Crescent Homes builds in nine neighborhoods in and around Charleston; Terrabrook on James Island, The Retreat at John's Island, Oak Terrace Preserve, Indigo Palms and Baker Plantation in North Charleston, Coker's Crossing in Goose Creek, White Gables and Highwoods Plantation in Summerville, and Rivertowne on the Wando in Mt. Pleasant.

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