

PEEBLES SUBMITS RESPONSE TO
STATE OF NEW YORK'S
AQUEDUCT RACETRACK SOLICITATION

MGM Grand at Aqueduct to Be the First World-Class,
Branded VLT Entertainment Center

Miami, May 14 - R. Donahue Peebles, the largest African American real estate developer in the country, has assembled a team including MGM MIRAGE and Harbinger Capital Partners to submit a compelling bid for the creation and operation of a world-class gaming and entertainment destination at Aqueduct Racetrack in Queens, New York. Development of the proposed destination would be led by Peebles and operated by MGM MIRAGE, one of the world's largest and most successful gaming and hospitality companies, as *MGM Grand at Aqueduct*.

MGM Grand at Aqueduct will bring its world class gaming experience to New York City. The landmark destination will feature 4,500 Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) and multiple fine-dining options ensuring extensive enjoyment of Aqueduct's legendary horse racing.

Ken Rosevear, President of MGM MIRAGE Development, said, "MGM MIRAGE is ready to quickly resume our prior efforts and deliver on the still unrealized dream of Aqueduct. Our knowledge of and history with Aqueduct is comprehensive and dates back to the first stages of the project, and no one knows Aqueduct better than we do. Working with Peebles and Harbinger, we are confident that *MGM Grand at Aqueduct* will be a vibrant, first-class destination and make the residents of Queens and the State extremely proud."

Peebles will spearhead the effort to design and develop the destination with an emphasis on maximizing the positive economic impact on the local community while being sensitive to its harmonious integration into the surrounding areas and ensuring career opportunity for a diverse pool of talented professionals. "Aqueduct is the most significant opportunity New York State currently has to advance Governor Paterson's bold effort to broadly extend economic development," Don Peebles said. "We are eager to bring our distinguished record of working on public-private partnerships and experience with talented local and MWBE companies. We intend to make *MGM Grand at Aqueduct* a strong source of revenue for New York State and a model redevelopment that supports Governor Paterson's commitment to fostering growth of local and MWBE businesses."

The team's bid seeks to eliminate the challenges that have plagued the Aqueduct process by emphasizing (i) superior quality of design and gaming operations, (ii) broad economic development for the state and local community and (iii) a conservative financing plan. "We are delighted to bring together such a talented team," Peebles said. "The collective design and development skill, operating

expertise, financial strength and community focus of the combined team is truly world-class. We are confident that our proposed solution will be the best choice for Aqueduct.”

MGM Grand at Aqueduct is expected to be a source of significant job creation during and after construction. Moreover, the team will actively engage the Queens community in an effort to produce further local benefits in addition to employment.

In addition to the exciting gaming and dining component to be developed first, Peebles anticipates a future phase of mixed-use development estimated at over \$250 million featuring a 350-room luxury hotel with amenities, up to 35,000 square feet of conference facilities, and a 3,000-seat multi-purpose event center.

About Peebles

The Peebles Corporation is the country's largest African American real estate development company with a \$4 billion development portfolio of properties built or planned in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Las Vegas and Miami Beach. Led by R. Donahue Peebles, the entrepreneurial firm focuses on urban redevelopment and the structuring of public/private partnerships to develop high profile hotels, luxury residential condominiums and commercial properties in major metropolitan markets. Mr. Peebles and his firm have been featured in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Black Enterprise* and *Ebony* and he appears regularly, as a guest host and/or commentator on CNBC, CNN and FOX to advise on real estate, economic and political issues. He is the top selling author of *The Peebles Principles* and *The Peebles Path to Real Estate Wealth* and in May 2009, *Forbes* listed Mr. Peebles in the top ten of the wealthiest black Americans in the country. He has received numerous awards over the last 25 years for his entrepreneurial leadership, community service efforts and development abilities. Mr. Peebles' most recent awards include Best Real Estate Development Company at the Best of Black Business Awards 2009; Entrepreneur of the Year presented by Rev. Jesse Jackson at the 11th annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit; Corporate Citizen Award from One Hundred Black Men of New York; the NV Award for Entrepreneurship; the prestigious Hennessy Privilege Award for extraordinary community contributions; induction to the Martin Luther King International Board of Renaissance Leaders Hall of Fame at Morehouse College in Atlanta; and Community Leader Award from Russell and Danny Simmons' RUSH Philanthropic Arts Foundation at their inaugural Art for Life event in Miami Beach. In 2004, The Peebles Corporation was named Company of the Year by Black Enterprise Magazine as has appeared on its list of Top 100 Black-Owned Companies for the last five consecutive years. Mr. Peebles also served as a member of National Finance Committee for the presidential campaign of President Barack Obama. For more information, visit www.peeblescorp.com.

About MGM MIRAGE

MGM MIRAGE (NYSE: MGM), one of the world's leading and most respected companies with significant holdings in gaming, hospitality and entertainment, owns and operates 16 properties located in Nevada, Mississippi and Michigan, and has 50% investments in four other properties in Nevada, New Jersey, Illinois and Macau. CityCenter, an unprecedented urban metropolis on the Las Vegas Strip scheduled to open in late 2009, is a joint venture between MGM MIRAGE and Infinity World Development Corp, a subsidiary of Dubai World. MGM MIRAGE Hospitality has entered into management agreements for future casino and non-casino resorts in the People's Republic of China, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. and Vietnam. MGM MIRAGE supports responsible gaming and has implemented the American Gaming Association's Code of Conduct for Responsible Gaming at its properties. MGM MIRAGE has received numerous awards and recognitions for its industry-leading Diversity Initiative and its community philanthropy programs. For more information, visit www.mgmmirage.com.

About Harbinger Capital Partners

Harbinger Capital Partners is an investment firm headquartered in New York with over \$5 billion in assets under management. Led by industry leader Philip Falcone, the firm invests in a range of value, turnaround, and event driven opportunities. For more information, visit www.harbingercapital.com.