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MISSION LANDSCAPE COMPANIES EARN TWO HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CERTIFICATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

Irvine, California, April 30, 2010 – Tustin based Mission Landscape Company's Environmental Resource Center (www.missionlandscape.com) has earned the approval from the California Integrated Waste Management Board [CIWMB] making it the only intergrated landscape firm in California with a [CIWMB] approved Recycling Facility and Green-Waste Center. The Mission Landscape Companies are one of the largest full service integrated landscape providers in the United States and preeminent brands in California, serving San Diego to Sacramento and abroad.

With the end in mind, Mission's goal is to return all green waste back to its site of origin as nutrient-rich compost. As a result, the Mission Landscape Companies do not contribute to the local landfill spaces and leave a zero carbon footprint. All client plant debris is converted into United States Composting Council [USCC] Seal of Testing Assurance [STA] certified and environmentally clean compost, saving clients money while reducing the need for fertilizers, chemicals and water. There are only a select group of companies that have passed and received the USCC's STA certification.

Mission's compost has also been used successfully in wetland restoration and rebuilding slopes devastated by fire. This nutrient-rich compost has many additional benefits including suppressing weeds, reducing erosion and run-off, binding and degrading pollutants and enhancing plant health-care. Most exciting are undergoing experiments that are using compost as a source of renewable energy. Compost is also being used in bioremediation of petroleum contaminated soils. Also notable are the current experiments being conducted to recycle palm fronds into usable compost that act as a longer-lasting slope stabilization agent.

With an ecological, social and economical approach to landscaping, Mission integrates landscape architecture, water-management, development, tree-care and environmental resources with sustainable practices that benefit the natural environment, community and the client's investment. David DuBois, CEO of the Mission Landscape Company, said, "We see our value and role as environmental stewards, community citizens and landscape investment advisers. Land, whether a commercial site or a residential property, is a valuable and environmentally sensitive piece of real estate, and is an integral part of the community. If we don't carefully blend the ecological components with community culture and economics, we'll create a disruptive imbalance. If we successfully blend all three, everybody benefits." In order to become a sustainable visionary and leader, Mission has invested significantly in its people, research, infrastructure and the community. Missions' sustainable approach has helped its client's receive LEED points which go towards achieving the United States Green Building Council's [USGBC] coveted LEED certification. Mission has never strayed from its roots, and will continue to instill and embed sustainable principals into its practices, designs, stakeholders, culture and community. This creates a positive return on investment for all stakeholders, and positions the Mission Landscape Company as the Natural Resource for environmental service needs.

About Mission Landscape Companies

Founded in 1970, the Mission Landscape Companies, headquartered in Tustin, California, are an ESOP and a landscape leader dedicated to serving the needs of sustainable general contractors, architects, developers, property managers, landscape architects, engineers, owners, athletic directors, facility managers and municipal authorities in multiple industry segments by providing a seamless service portfolio of economical, sustainable and comprehensive landscape solutions. Mission Landscape Companies are an integrated full service landscape organization providing landscape architecture, development, maintenance, water management, tree-care and environmental resources to the Western United States and International markets. With a focus on return on investment, best practices, green and sustainable designs, safety-scapes and an outstanding customer experience, along with a roster of LEED certified landscape professionals, the Mission Landscape Companies provide its clients with a world-class value proposition. Visit www.missionlandscape.com for more information.

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