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MEMORIAL CITY AWARDED DOUBLE LEED PLATINUM CERTIFICATION

HOUSTON (April 21, 2015) – The Treehouse Memorial City, a 14,700 square-foot building that serves as MetroNational’s development office, meeting space and showroom for current and future Memorial City projects, has been certified double LEED Platinum by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). With a score of 95 points, The Treehouse Memorial City has achieved LEED BD+C: CS (Core and Shell) Platinum Level, marking this project as the highest credit point total in Texas and the second highest in the U.S. for this rating system. In addition, The Treehouse received LEED ID+C: (Commercial Interiors) Platinum Level with a score of 80 points.

The two-story building, designed by Studio RED Architects, evokes a sophisticated, modern day treehouse. Sustainable design strategies for the project include a geothermal cooling and heating system, daylight harvesting for lighting adjustments, solar panels, rainwater collection for landscaping and a rooftop garden. Energy efficient measures reduce the building energy costs to nearly 50% of a baseline office building. The water efficiency features work to reduce irrigation requirements by almost 70%, which resulted in an innovative technology credit award by the USGBC.

“The Treehouse Memorial City is a symbol of MetroNational’s dedication to quality design and “place making” and showcases our dedication to sustainability and green building practices,” said Glenn Fuhrman, AIA, LEED Green Associate, Vice President of Design and Construction, MetroNational.

The project sets the bar for a private developer taking a commercial building to the highest standards in sustainable building. The interior wood flooring is reclaimed from a Galveston

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warehouse and the exterior wood paneling is harvested from South American and FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified. The attention to green building practices is evident in all design details including a table made from a local tree trunk slab, outdoor furniture made from recycled plastic bottles and a coffee bar featuring a recycled glass countertop and indoor bike hutch, encouraging employees to reduce their carbon footprint.

“The Treehouse Memorial City is a great example of MetroNational’s commitment to the environment through both their corporate culture and their actions; this high profile LEED Platinum designation further validates that,” says Micah Simecek, AIA, MBA, LEED AP, Principal of Studio RED Architects.

MetroNational is a Silver Level member of the U.S. Green Building Council and a member of the USGBC Gulf Coast Chapter. For more than 10 years MetroNational has tracked the EPA Energy Star scores in its office buildings. In addition to the LEED Platinum Treehouse at Memorial City, the company has eight buildings that already are or are tracking for Gold or Silver Level LEED designations. In the company’s first-year of their Memorial City-wide office building recycling program, they diverted more than 150 tons of recyclables from landfills. MetroNational’s free program of collecting tenants’ used electronics diverted 25,000 pounds of materials from landfills. In addition to MetroNational’s extensive corporate sustainability objectives the company also has five employees on staff that have taken the step to become a LEED Green Associate, or, a more in-depth designation of LEED Accredited Professional in their areas of Design + Construction or Operations + Maintenance

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ABOUT MEMORIAL CITY

Memorial City, the city-within-a-city, is a 265-acre mixed-use development located in the heart of the thriving West Houston market. Owned and managed by MetroNational, Memorial City contains 7.6 million square-feet of developed real estate and is a unique blend of Class A office space; retail, luxury midrise apartments, chef-inspired restaurants, upscale hotel accommodations including The Westin Memorial City; and the Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, the second largest medical campus in the Houston metropolitan area. Additional information can be found by visiting www.memorialcity.com and www.memorialcitymall.com.