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### **The Hilton Garden Inn – more than a hotel, an opportunity for women!**

**Perrysburg, OH** -- The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons, opening August 12, 2008, has “women” literally at the foundation of the building! Six (6) women have been key players in building the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons. Dillin Corp, master developer of Levis Commons and part owner of the new hotel, Gateway Hospitality Group, developer and partner of the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons, Kaczmar Architects and Rudolph-Libbe Construction all have women in what may be considered a “non-traditional role” in the construction industry.

**Robin Whitney**, Owner’s Representative, *Vice President of Development Dillin Corp.* Project lead for the ownership team, managing all design and construction related issues.

**Margaret Hill**, Director of Purchasing, *Gateway Hospitality Group.* Responsible for acquisition, budgeting, scheduling and installation of all furniture and equipment.

**Tari DeWille** – Director of Design, *Gateway Hospitality Group.* Responsible for all of the interior design for the project.

**Betsy Gavin** – Director of Sales, *Gateway Hospitality Group.* Responsible for the sales and marketing of the hotel and the conference center.

**Christine Raymond**, AIA Architect, *Kaczmar Architects in Cleveland.* Lead architect for the project

**Tammy Euler**, Superintendent, *Rudolph-Libbe.* Overseeing on-site construction.

Although the construction industry is predominantly male dominated, we’re very lucky and pleased to have such dynamic and experienced women on our team”, said Larry Dillin, President of Dillin Corp, partner in the Hilton Garden Inn and master planner for Levis Commons. “Robin has been with our company for many years now and is invaluable at completing projects for us.”

The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons is an upscale, mid-priced hotel featuring 184 guestrooms including 10 suites. This hotel caters to business travelers by offering business necessities including complimentary wired and wireless high-speed Internet access, remote printing to the hotel’s 24-hour

complimentary business center as well as flexible meeting space with high-tech capabilities.

For the other travelers just passing through or as part of a conference or special event, the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons offers luxury with the Garden Sleep System™ bed, Mirra® chair by Herman Miller, a high definition flat screen television and an innovative clock that will allow guests to play their MP3s or hook up a portable CD player.

Additional amenities at the hotel include a workout facility, indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, an onsite guest laundry facility and the Great American Grill restaurant/café, which will serve a full breakfast.

The hotel will be managed by Gateway Hospitality Group of Twinsburg, Ohio, which will be its 3rd hotel property in Ohio and their 15th in the United States. “I can not say enough about the women we have on our staff,” says Bob Voelker, CEO of Gateway Hospitality Group. “In addition to those working on the construction site, we have a wonderful group of employees, many of whom are women and we simply couldn’t do what we do without them.”

The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons is a flagship design for Hilton. The seven story hotel, enhanced atrium lobby, and suspended glass porte cochere arrival will be a unique design customized for Levis Commons. “The architectural character of the Hilton reflects the high level of design and construction standards already established at Levis Commons”, notes Christine Raymond, lead architect for the Hilton Garden Inn. “We re-worked the basic concept to create a more urban streetscape arrival, and added some substantial architectural elements that will give it a distinctive look. It is also a very functional hotel for both the guests and operations.” Kaczmar Architects, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio and Paresi Design/Studio of California collaborated to create the design.

“We have been anticipating the hotel and conference center for some time,” says Larry Dillin of Dillin Corp. “It’s an exciting addition to Levis Commons and will offer amenities that compliment the lifestyle created here.”

Levis Commons is a 400 acre mixed-use, master planned development, the first of its kind in the Northwest Ohio area. The addition of the Entertainment District to the already popular shopping destination, gives those who visit Levis Commons many options. The Hilton Garden Inn anchors the Entertainment District with it’s opening August 12<sup>th</sup>. Also at the Entertainment District at Levis Commons are Fat Fish Blue, home of the Funny Bone, Nagoya Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi, St. Julian’s Fitness Center, The Movement Lab Pilates and Casall and coming soon, a Medina VOIP retail store.