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**INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP BEACON HOTEL MAKES
ARLINGTON COUNTY (VA), “SUSTAINBLE”**

Crystal City, VA (April 9, 2009) –

The Holiday Inn National Airport located in Crystal City is making the Washington, DC-area, “greener” in more ways than one. Virginia Green Lodging recently certified the Holiday Inn National Airport which is owned and operated by the B.F. Saul Company – Hotel Division. The hotel which recently was designated as a Beacon Hotel by Intercontinental Hotels Group (as part of the brand’s new re-launch program), now offers environmentally-aware travelers a new place to stay in the area.

Mark Carrier, Sr. Vice President of the BF Saul Company – Hotel Division states “our organization is committed to the environment’s preservation and improvement to benefit each of our guests and our communities,” stating “the Virginia Green Lodging Certification provides an acknowledgement of that commitment and a template to improve our sustainability efforts.” Carrier adds, “this leading state initiative is a strong complement to “Our Big Green,” a company-wide program focusing on three core elements of sustainability - “Conserve our Resources,” “Reduce Waste & Recycle,” and “Act Now. Learn and Lead.” To learn more of the organization’ commitment to the environment, click on [Big Green Pledge](#).

The certified hotels will promote eco-friendly practices such as Optional Linen Service whereby sheets and towels are changed at the end of each stay, Guest Recycling which allows guests an opportunity to recycle during their stay, Water & Energy Conservation & “Green Meetings.” Virginia Green Lodging is run as a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Virginia Hospitality and Tourism Association. The hotel will now proudly boast the Virginia Green certification logo on their website.

To book an eco-friendly stay or your next “green” meeting contact Phillip Saims, Regional Director of Sales at (703) 842 – 1222, email Phil.Saims@bfsaul.com or visit hinationalairport.com. The hotel which is located in Arlington County, VA serves both business and leisure guests seeking first class hotel accommodations, meeting facilities and banquet venues near Washington, DC.

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