



Press Release

Boomarang Bistro & Bar Awarded Prestigious LEED® Silver Building Certification

Asia's first F&B outlet to be certified

31 May, 2010 (Singapore) – Singapore's favourite Aussie hangout Boomarang Bistro & Bar announced today that it has been awarded the LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver award, being the first F&B outlet having done so in Asia.

Established by the United States Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), LEED is the United States' program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

Boomarang Bistro & Bar owner, Martin McGettigan says, "To be the first F&B outlet in Asia to be awarded this prestigious environmental award is a outstanding achievement not only for us in the industry, but also gives our patrons more reason to keep coming back."

The official announcement ceremony is slated for **Wednesday 9 June at 6pm** with a number of high-profile community members and officials expected to attend.

Boomarang Bistro & Bar achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

"Building operations are nearly 40% of the solution to the global climate change challenge," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, US Green Building Council. "While climate change is a global problem, innovative companies like Boomarang Bistro & Bar are addressing it through local solutions."

LEED certification of Boomarang Bistro & Bar was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community.

The features of Boomarang Bistro & Bar that led to the LEED® Silver Award include:

Carbon Emission:

- All waste cooking oil is donated to Alpha Biofuels to convert into diesel, helping reduce carbon emissions by 500kg per year.
- Having convenient public transportation.

Water:

- Implementation of water saving measures to reduce water use by 50%.

Energy:

- Conducted proper testing and commissioning after occupancy to verify building performance according to the design.
- Installation of energy efficient lighting which reduced energy use by 35%.
- Individual lighting and thermal comfort controls to meet individual area requirements.

Material:

- Storage and waste collection areas to separate waste into five types (paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal) for recycling.
- During construction stage, 80% of construction waste was recycled.
- 56% of the wood product used in the restaurant is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood.

Indoor Environmental Quality:

- Unique design provides sufficient fresh air to the dining area.
- Smoking inside and in the area immediately surrounding the restaurant is prohibited.
- High quality air filters (MERV rating 8) are used for air conditioning system to supply high air quality.
- Before opening, an 'air flush' was conducted to clean out all of the dust accumulated in the air conditioning system during construction stage.
- All sealants, adhesives, paints, coatings and carpet systems are low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) materials.
- Unique design maximises daylight in the restaurant to replace artificial lighting.

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Boomarang Bistro & Bar

Boomarang is a cafe, bar and bistro concept which proudly serves up a fresh, authentic Australian cuisine while celebrating her charming culture. Located by the scenic Singapore River in Robertson Quay, Boomarang offers a relaxing ambience for all-day dining and entertainment. Like how a returning "boomerang" operates, the team here ensures that diners always have a memorable dining experience and keep coming back for more.

For more information, please visit: www.boomarang.com.sg

U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based US Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 80 local affiliates, more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 155,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the US gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students.

Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet

85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

LEED

The US Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 32,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising over 9.6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries.

By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

For more information, visit www.usgbc.org