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Washington Kastles to Open New Waterfront Stadium

Professional Tennis Coming to "Kastles Stadium at The Wharf" in Southwest D.C.

WASHINGTON – March 7, 2011 – Today, the Washington Kastles announced that they will play the 2011 and 2012 seasons in a new stadium that will be specially constructed for them in Southwest Washington, D.C. The new *Kastles Stadium at The Wharf* will be located at 800 Water Street, S.W. Fans at the new stadium will watch some of the world's best known and most iconic players against a backdrop of the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial and the Potomac River. The Kastles, led by Serena Williams, Venus Williams and Sam Querrey, will inaugurate their new home during the 2011 World TeamTennis (WTT) season, which runs from July 4-24.

"As a native Washingtonian, I am committed to investing in our community and, through the Kastles, hope to create lifelong memories for people throughout our region," said team owner Mark Ein. "We are excited to bring the Kastles and lots of other entertaining events to our spectacular new home in Southwest Washington and are thrilled to be part of the rebirth of that part of town. We know our fans will be treated to great summer nights in one of the most unique venues anywhere."

"It has been impressive to see how the Kastles have brought the city together for the past three summers and I am thrilled to welcome them to their new home," said D.C. Councilman Tommy Wells. "I would like to offer my thanks to Mark for bringing the Kastles to Southwest Washington and the wharf area. I can think of no better way to commemorate the new Kastles Stadium than with another title."

"We are on track to begin our outward process of creating a world class waterfront and we are thrilled that the Kastles will be part of our year-round programming plans for The Wharf, attracting lots of new people to this spectacular part of the city," said Monty Hoffman, CEO of PN Hoffman. "*Kastles Stadium at The Wharf* will be a great addition to the neighborhood and we look forward to working with Mark and the Kastles to bring world class tennis and community events to the site."

Kastles Stadium at The Wharf, located on the site formerly occupied by Hogates Restaurant, will be easily accessible by Metro via the Waterfront-SEU and L'Enfant Plaza stations, both within three blocks of the stadium. In addition, the stadium will feature an underground parking lot and several surface lots adjacent to the site. The stadium will also host other programming throughout the year.

Kastles Stadium at The Wharf will host John McEnroe and Anna Kournikova as they return to Washington during the 2011 season, as members of the New York Sportimes and the St. Louis Aces, respectively. The full 2011 Kastles roster will be determined during the March 15 WTT Roster Draft.

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A core principal of the Kastles franchise and its mission is to give back to those less fortunate in the Washington region and, since inception, the team has donated more than 6,000 match tickets, 3,000 tennis rackets and cash grants and other donations totaling more than \$500,000 to local charities, youth groups and armed forces organizations. For the past three seasons, the Kastles and other visiting WTT players – including Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova – have hosted more than 800 local children at tennis clinics.

Tickets for all seven home matches go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 15 through www.washingtonkastles.com or Ticketmaster. Season tickets are now available and can be purchased by contacting info@washingtonkastles.com or calling 202-4TENNIS (483-6647).

For exclusive Kastles news, ticket information and player updates, follow the Kastles at www.washingtonkastles.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/washkastles and on Twitter at twitter.com/WashKastles.

About the Washington Kastles

The Washington Kastles are the 2009 World TeamTennis (WTT) Champions. Owned by local entrepreneur Mark Ein, the Kastles' fourth season will be led by 27-time Grand Slam Champion Serena Williams and 21-time Grand Slam Champion Venus Williams. The 36th season of World TeamTennis, founded in 1974 by tennis legend Billie Jean King, runs from July 4-24. Throughout the season, the Kastles bring world class tennis into the heart of Washington, D.C. and actively work with local charities and community organizations to make the game of tennis accessible to everyone in the greater Washington community. To learn more about the Kastles, visit www.washingtonkastles.com.

About WTT Pro League presented by GEICO

The World Team Tennis (WTT) Pro League presented by GEICO showcases the best in professional team tennis with the innovative coed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. WTT has featured virtually every major champion of the Open era over the League's past 35 seasons. Official WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2011 season include Acura, DecoTurf, GEICO, Solfire and Wilson Racquet Sports. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA are teaming up on number of initiatives, including development of the youth market through junior team tennis programs. For more information on the WTT Pro League, visit www.WTT.com.

About The Wharf

The Wharf is a \$1.5 billion mixed-use waterfront redevelopment located on the historic Washington Channel. The Wharf is situated along the District of Columbia's Southwest Waterfront and adjacent to the National Mall. The redevelopment zone stretches across 27 acres of land and 24 acres of water from the Municipal Fish Market to Fort McNair. When complete, it will comprise approximately 3 million square feet of new retail, office, residential, hotel, cultural and public uses including parks, cultural centers, promenades, waterfront piers and docks. The Wharf is a public/private partnership between Hoffman-Madison Waterfront and the District of Columbia. The Waterfront real estate team is led by PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette and is comprised of ER Bacon Development, City Partners, Paramount Development, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse and Triden Development. Ground-breaking is scheduled for 2012 and the first phase of The Wharf is scheduled to open in 2014-2015. More information is available at www.wharfdc.com.

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