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Lightly Treading IS RECOGNIZED WITH A 2012 ENERGY STAR® LEADERSHIP IN HOUSING AWARD

Lightly Treading earns award for verifying new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency

Denver, CO – Lightly Treading is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2012 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution Lightly Treading has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by verifying more than 440 ENERGY STAR certified homes last year. Collectively, these homes will save our customers approximately \$447 on utility bills each year.

The environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR certified homes are equal to the equivalent of:

- Eliminating the emissions from 216 vehicles;
- Saving 1,304,160 lbs of coal;
- Planting 356 acres of trees; or
- Saving the environment 2,557,720 pounds of CO2 per year.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 20% more efficient than standard new homes built today.

“We have been very proud to be a part of ENERGY STAR since the late 1990s, and continue to see it as a leader in helping residential construction build homes that will last seven generations or longer. We thank you for this award.” – Paul Kriescher, Principal of Lightly Treading.

ENERGY STAR certified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, properly-sized and installed efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products, and third-party verification of energy performance.

“ENERGY STAR builder partners offer new homes that are designed and built to standards well above most others on the market today” said Jonathan Passe, Director of EPA’s ENERGY STAR Residential Branch. “Because ENERGY STAR certified homes undergo rigorous independent inspections and testing, homebuyers who choose ENERGY STAR can be confident that their new home will offer real energy efficiency, comfort, durability, and value for years to come.”

Last year alone, with the help of ENERGY STAR and partners, Americans saved nearly

\$400 million on their utility bills and avoided greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of more than 510,000 vehicles. More than 1.3 million ENERGY STAR homes have been built in the United States since the program first began labeling homes in 1995.

About Lightly Treading

Lightly Treading, Inc. is a full service building performance design and analysis firm established in 1997. Today, Lightly Treading, Inc. works to educate homeowners, builders, building science professionals and community members on energy efficiency and improve comfort in new and existing homes. Our team specializes in residential energy assessments, HERS ratings, quality assurance and control, conducting energy efficiency workshops, building science trainings and consulting. Lightly Treading, Inc. is located in Denver, Colorado and services all of Colorado with limited projects in Wyoming, Nevada, and Utah. For more information visit www.lightlytreading.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce offers businesses greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 127,000 new homes were constructed to meet ENERGY STAR guidelines in 2011, by partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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