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DESTINY USA GOES VERTICAL

Structural Steel Framing Erection Underway

Syracuse, New York – Destiny USA officials announced today that the initiative will enter the next phase with structural steel framing erection activities commencing today, March 26, 2008.

There are approximately 7,500 tons of steel to be erected including columns, beams, girders, joists, tube steel, angles, plate steel and metal decking. There are approximately 10,000 pieces of steel. There are 61 divisions to be erected in 3 areas starting with the northern most portion of the building near JC Penney. The steel erectors will start the job with a 140 ton Link Belt Truck Crane and in a few weeks will have a 250 ton crawler brought to the site.

The top of the steel elevations will range from 75' 1" to 75' 11" at the roof. For drainage of water requirements, the actual column lengths vary from 18' to 36' in length. The 18' columns attach to the top of the 36' columns to make a total length of 54', and the ground elevation starts at 18'. The combined columns will weigh approximately 5,000 pounds. The average beam is 40' in length. The heaviest beams weigh an estimated 15,000 pounds apiece, and the lightest beams weigh about 20 pounds each. The bundles of decking will weigh roughly 4,000 pounds each and cover a total area of 1.2 million square feet.

The structural steel framing activities are a separate phase of the project than the pile driving activities that have been ongoing since last July. Over 12,680 tons and 41 miles of pile were driven to support the structural steel framing activities that are now underway; which represents more linear footage than seven times the height of Mount Everest.

"This is an exciting step that all of us have been greatly anticipating. More than 341,000 work hours have been logged on this project to get us to this point. We are now going vertical," said Chris Haywood, a Destiny USA Innovator and Project Engineer."

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Over 90% of the charged material used to produce liquid steel consists of various types of steel scrap. The balance of the metallic charge is made up of pig iron, which is produced from iron ore. By utilizing such high percentages of recycled materials in its construction activities, Destiny USA qualifies to earn credits towards LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification; and further distinguishes itself as an industry leader in Green Construction.

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