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HBBH Architects Only Canadian Firm Short-listed for Major Post-Katrina/New Orleans Waterfront Project

New Orleans, LO – Vancouver-based Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects (HBBH) has been short-listed to redevelop New Orleans riverfront, as part of a vision to transform the banks of the Mississippi River into the greatest riverfront in North America.

Through a Request for Proposal, The New Orleans Building Corporation (NOBC) has short-listed HBBH as part of one of four consultant teams selected to compete for the project. The winning team will produce comprehensive design and construction documents for the first phase of the “Reinventing the Crescent Development Plan”, which includes roughly 70 acres of new landscape and urban design for the Mississippi Riverfront neighbourhood. The project will incorporate the development of several key architectural elements including a new amphitheater, a wharf structure, and an ecumenical sanctuary.

Alan Boniface, Partner at Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden, will be in New Orleans on April 21st to present on behalf of the firm. *“This is an exciting opportunity to showcase the many waterfront projects HBBH has developed world wide over its 35-year history,”* says Boniface. *“Our extensive experience in creating people-first, mixed-use, public waterfronts will contribute greatly to making the New Orleans’ riverfront a focus for the renewal of the city.”*

Over the last twenty years, fundamental changes in the maritime industry have resulted in the need for major restructuring and consolidation of New Orleans’ port operations. For the first time in 150 years, the city stands ready to invent a 21st century riverfront - one that is poised to become a model of design excellence. The chosen team will implement the first phase of the New Orleans Building Corporation’s (NOBC) recently finalized concept plan for the riverfront development, named “Reinventing the Crescent”. The document is the product of a prominent team of architects and urban designers selected by the NOBC to provide New Orleans with a world-class riverfront plan, one that would reunite some of the city’s most legendary neighborhoods with the majestic Mississippi River.

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Teams selected to present: Team 1: Eskew Dumez Ripple/Hargreaves/Chan Krieger; Team 2: Cashio Cochran/John Williams/Caesar Pelli; Team 3: Michael van Volkenberg/Steven Holl/Coleman Coker; Team 4: Perez Architects/HBBH Architects/ABB Landscape Architects.

Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden architects + urbanistes is a firm of 40 professionals, who combine creative problem solving with design innovation that grows out of the particularities of place and the unique needs of each client. The firm’s design work ranges from small architectural redevelopment projects in sensitive neighbourhoods, to plans for entirely new communities and waterfronts. Celebrating 35 years of work, the firm’s pursuit of design excellence has been acknowledged nationally and internationally through more than 40 design awards.

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