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Benchmark Hospitality International Appoints Denise O’Laughlin Director of Human Resources at Chaminade Resort & Spa

Santa Cruz, Calif – September 7, 2010 ... Benchmark Hospitality International, a leading US-based hospitality management company, has appointed Denise O’Laughlin director of human resources for Chaminade Resort & Spa of Santa Cruz, California. Norbert Relecker, Benchmark’s general manager at the resort, made the announcement.

“We welcome Denise to Chaminade,” said Mr. Relecker. “She brings important experience within the Northern California market to her new role, as well as a significant background in human resource operations and employee satisfaction programming.”

Denise O’Laughlin comes to Chaminade Resort & Spa with over a decade of progressive human resources experience, having served at the departmental level and as a strategic partner implementing global projects. Most recently she was director of human resources for John Q. Hammonds Hotels in Monterey, California. In this role she created highly successful employee safety programs and worker satisfaction and retention programs.

Previous to this, Ms. O’Laughlin held senior-level human resource positions for a variety of companies in the technology industry within Silicon Valley, including positions with global reach.

Denise O’Laughlin holds a Master’s of Science degree in Human Resources and Organizational Development and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics – both from the University of San Francisco. She is an active member of the Society of Human Resources and USF Alumni Association. She and her family reside in Hollister, California.

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About Chaminade Resort & Spa

Chaminade, a Full Service Conference Resort, www.chaminade.com, offers world-class hospitality on the California Coast. Built high on a bluff, the mission-style luxury resort commands a panoramic view of the Monterey Bay and the Santa Cruz Mountains. Chaminade's superior location offers a sense of peaceful seclusion only minutes from world-renowned golf, beaches and downtown Santa Cruz. The remarkable setting, combined with the renowned quality and personalized service of Benchmark Hospitality International, keeps guests coming back time and time again. At Chaminade, our goal is to exceed the expectations of guests during their stay at one of the finest conference resorts in the Bay Area. Benchmark Hospitality International operates Chaminade.

About Benchmark Hospitality International

Benchmark Hospitality International is a leader in the management and marketing of resorts, conference centers, hotels, and Personal Luxury Hotels™. The independent company, launched in 1980, is a founding member of the International Association of Conference Centers. Benchmark Hospitality is a worldwide organization operating properties in major metropolitan and resort destinations. Benchmark’s international headquarters is located in The Woodlands, Texas, near Houston. The company’s northeast regional office is in New Jersey, with international offices in Tokyo, Japan, and Santiago, Chile. For the location of Benchmark’s properties and additional information, visit www.benchmarkhospitality.com.