



Tejon Indian Tribe Announces Selection of General Contractor and Architectural Firms for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon

Important Step in Creating Local Jobs and Strengthening Kern County Economy

BAKERSFIELD, CA, Thursday, July 15, 2021 – The Tejon Indian Tribe, announced that it has selected the firms to design and construct the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon project in south Kern County. Penta Building Group was selected as the general contractor, Klai Juba Wald was selected as the architect of record, and The Friedmutter Group was selected as the design and interior design architect. SCCR Tejon LLC, a joint venture controlled by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, owners of Hard Rock International, one of the World’s preeminent entertainment and hospitality companies, will develop and manage the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon located approximately 25 minutes south of Bakersfield.

Tejon Tribe Chairman, Octavio Escobedo released the following statement:

“The Tejon Indian Tribe is excited to announce that it has selected the Penta Building Group as the general contractor for our project. Having built gaming and hospitality projects worth over \$8 billion, Penta has a proven track record of success in building high-quality resorts,” said Chairman Escobedo. “Penta also has extensive experience in working with tribes and a deep knowledge of the local and regional subcontractors we will need to build our project,” Chairman Escobedo added.

The Tribe has also selected Klai Juba Wald as the architect of record and The Friedmutter Group as the design architect. “The architectural and design team has designed some of the most beautiful and iconic projects in the hospitality industry and we look forward to working with them to fulfill our Tribe’s vision of a complete entertainment facility,” stated Chairman Escobedo. “We look forward to the positive benefits our project will bring to our tribal citizens and

the Kern County community at large. Rest assured local subcontractors, suppliers, vendors, and workers will be part of the construction of our project,” Chairman Escobedo added.

The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon’s economic impact on Kern County will be substantial. Thousands of direct and indirect construction jobs will be the first step in bolstering Kern County’s economy. Thousands of permanent jobs and millions of dollars spent with local vendors will continue to enhance the local economy for years to come. The project will also boost the Tejon Tribe toward economic self-sufficiency and social justice for Tejon tribal members.

John Cannito, President of the Penta Building Group stated:

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John Wald, President of Klai Juba Wald stated :

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Tejon Indian Tribe

The Tejon Indian Tribe is Kern County’s only federally-recognized Tribe. Its membership continues to grow, and the tribe is currently 1120 members strong. A vast majority of members reside in Kern County, and many are life-long residents of Bakersfield. Since re-establishing its federally recognized status in 2012, the tribe has focused on strengthening and empowering its citizens through better health care, education, quality housing and economic development. For more information on the Tejon Indian Tribe, please visit – www.tejonindiantribe.com

Hard Rock International

Hard Rock International (HRI) is one of the most globally recognized companies with venues in 68 countries spanning 239 locations that include owned/licensed or managed Hotels, Casinos, Rock Shops®, Live Performance Venues and Cafes. HRI also launched a joint venture named Hard Rock Digital in 2020, an online sportsbook, retail sportsbook and internet gaming platform. Beginning with an Eric Clapton guitar, Hard Rock owns the world’s largest and most valuable collection of authentic music memorabilia at more than 86,000 pieces, which are displayed at its locations around the globe. In 2021, Hard Rock International was awarded the Top Employer in the Travel & Leisure, Gaming, and Entertainment Industry by Forbes and also

designated as a U.S. Best Managed Company by Deloitte Private and The Wall Street Journal. In 2020, Hard Rock was honored as one of Forbes Magazine's Best Employers for Diversity and a Top Employer for Women. Hard Rock Hotels & Casinos also received first place ranking in the 2020 Casino Gaming Executive Satisfaction Survey conducted by Bristol Associates Inc. and Spectrum Gaming Group. In addition, Hard Rock Hotels was named one of the top performing hotel brands in J.D. Power's North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Study for the second consecutive year. Hard Rock destinations are located in international gateway cities, including its two most successful flagship properties in Florida and home to the world's first Guitar Hotel® in South Florida, Global Gaming's 2020 Property of the Year. The brand is owned by HRI parent entity The Seminole Tribe of Florida. For more information on Hard Rock International, visit www.hardrock.com or shop.hardrock.com.

Penta Building Group

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Klai Juba Wald

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The Friedmutter Group

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