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GuocoLand goes “Greener” by winning the prestigious BCA Green Mark Platinum Award for Goodwood Residence

Singapore -- Goodwood Residence, an upcoming luxurious condominium developed by GuocoLand Group, has won the prestigious BCA Green Mark Platinum Award for its eco-friendly features. The BCA Green Mark Platinum Award, conferred by the Building and Construction Authority, is the highest honour for a “green” building in Singapore. Only one other private residential development has won the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award since it was launched in 2005.

The Green Mark Scheme, a green building rating system by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), evaluates a building in terms of energy and water efficiency, indoor environmental quality and other environmentally friendly measures.

Goodwood Residence's Platinum Award is the second consecutive BCA Green Mark Award won by GuocoLand, underlining our commitment as a responsible developer to our buyers and the environment. Our first BCA Green Mark Award was won last year by The Quartz for its outstanding green features.

Mr Tan Tian Chong, Director (Technology Development) of BCA said: “The BCA Green Mark award aims to recognise the developer’s commitment and effort in making its properties eco-friendly. It is very important to have both the public and private sectors working together to shape a sustainable built environment in Singapore.

“To further promote environmentally sustainable development here, early next year, legislation will require all new buildings and existing buildings undergoing major retrofitting works to achieve standards of environmental sustainability that is equivalent to the minimum BCA Green Mark certified level. However, we still look forward to having greater support from the private developers who go beyond the minimum standards to achieve higher Green Mark ratings such as the Gold, Gold Plus and Platinum ratings.

With wider adoption of Green Mark and Green Building Technologies, we can expect both developers and home owners to reap the long-term benefits of greater energy and water efficiency,” he said.

Goodwood Residence is located in the central Orchard-Scotts vicinity. It comprises 210 units of luxury apartments, housed in two blocks of 12 storeys each with an exceptionally generous distance of up to 100m separating the blocks. The site is about 2.5 ha and shares a 150 m boundary with Goodwood Hill. This expansive Hill is dotted with elegant black and white colonial bungalows, boasting a rich heritage within the tree conservation area. Some of these rain trees are more than 200 years old. This 20 ha of natural greenery is a rarity in the urban Orchard Area.

The seamless green belt extension of the natural Goodwood Hill foliage into Goodwood Residence is one of the outstanding features recognised by the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award. All the units in this enclave are meticulously designed to enjoy unobstructed views of the lush greenery. Immense care has also been taken to give as much green space as possible to residents. As a result, close to 80% of the grounds in the estate have been reserved for landscaping and communal facilities. A sprawling lawn, measuring approximately 60 m by 30 m, separates the two blocks and gives residents a green lung and cherished privacy.

Indeed, lovely trees will feature prominently here. Close to 500 carefully selected trees will be planted to complement the existing 58 preserved trees. At the start of the grand entrance to Goodwood Residence will be a tree-lined driveway, leading to a spacious walled courtyard and a *portè cochère* for a pampered drop-off. A stunning canopy provided by four huge trees, likely to be of the rain tree species, will greet visitors at the courtyard.

Reinforcing the green ambience will be “Green Walls” which allow the landscape to extend vertically up the buildings. It will help the building to blend into the already lush green setting of Goodwood Residence while visually “rooting” the building into the compound. An added bonus will come from the water run-off from these “Green Walls” and sky gardens, which will be recycled to water plants in the estate. Altogether, there will be about 1,700 sq m of these Green Walls.

A self-sustaining method of plant irrigation has been developed in Goodwood Residence to minimise the use of potable water. There will also be provision of special storage tanks to harvest rainwater to irrigate the plants in Goodwood Residence through both wet and dry seasons. A natural bio-filtration process using reed beds along the water migration route will ensure the stored water is treated and fit for watering of plants.

Another groundbreaking innovation pioneered by GuocoLand is the use of original building material which is being reclaimed and manufactured into new

internal partition walls. Instead of disposing the demolished material from the site, which is the usual industry practice, GuocoLand is systematically extracting materials such as organic material, plastics, timber, exposed metal and glass. The resulting aggregates are then manufactured into new internal partition walls under the "Zero Building Waste" concept.

The Zero Building Waste approach was conceptualised while studying the lightweight partition developed by Professor Wee Tiong Huan of National University of Singapore's Department of Civil Engineering. Although it started off as a response to the sand ban, GuocoLand took it a step further by transforming it into a practical and commercial process.

GuocoLand's eco-friendly efforts are possible because of its strong partnership with like-minded consultants. Award winning WOHA Architects Pte Ltd is the architectural consultant while the landscape specialist is ICN Design International.

Mrs Trina Loh, Managing Director of GuocoLand (Singapore) Ltd, said: "We are honoured to be recognised for our green efforts. Due to our early planning, we have demonstrated that green features can complement good design at Goodwood Residence."

Other eco-friendly features include extensive use of shading and the use of double refuse chutes to separate re-cycable from non-recycleable waste.

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