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Louisiana Spirits Receives DSP Permit from TTB

Important Project Milestone Achieved in Quest to Produce World Class Rum in Louisiana

LACASSINE, La., February 13, 2012— Louisiana Spirits LLC was approved for operation on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 by the United States Department of the Treasury’s Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). Louisiana Spirits’ new registry number is DSP – LA – 20001 which signifies the first distillery in Louisiana under the current TTB numbering system. Louisiana Spirits is now fully bonded and has a Basic Permit and Operation Permit from the US Government to manufacture distilled spirits.

“Our vision for a world class rum distillery in Louisiana is coming to life. The DSP Permit represents a major milestone in our overall project to bring a distillery to Louisiana. We are energized by this approval and we look forward to working with the Louisiana ATC and Department of Revenue to complete our operating license requirements.” said Trey Litel, President of Louisiana Spirits LLC.

This important approval comes ahead of schedule as the building is still under construction. The recent rainy weather has caused some delays in the construction schedule for the new state of the art distillery in Lacassine, La, along the South Frontage Road of Interstate 10. However, the roof and warehouse structure are complete which will house the distillery equipment, beverage tanks, barrel storage, bottling line, and raw materials. The next phase includes the dirt work for the ponds, entrance road, and the foundation for the Louisiana Spirits offices and visitor center. Visitors will be treated to a gift shop, tasting room, and viewing gallery that explores the state’s historic role as a sugar cane producer and rum distiller with memorabilia and curated exhibits. The historic 1903 farmhouse will be relocated to the site soon after the office phase is complete.

Louisiana Spirits is positioned to add value to the harvest from the second largest producer of sugar cane in the United States. By utilizing Louisiana sugar cane as its primary ingredient, and investing in an appealing cultural visitor destination, the company is creating 17 to 20 direct full-time jobs and additional economic opportunities for Louisiana contractors, partners, and suppliers.

About Louisiana Spirits LLC

Louisiana Spirits is currently in the process of building a new state-of-the-art distillery in Lacassine, Louisiana to produce world class rum from local Louisiana sugar cane products. Members Tim Litel and Skip Cortese have worked together over the past 12 years to build and sell environmental service companies. Tim brings his environmental expertise with specialties in operations, compliance and general management. Skip is a successful entrepreneur with an environmental engineering background and specializes in construction and startup management. Trey Litel brings over 25 years of sales and marketing expertise, with over 10 years in the distilled spirits and beverages industries. For construction photos and more information, visit www.laspirits.net.

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