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Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa Has Achieved GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation

Fasmendhoo Island, Raa Atoll, the Maldives – 28th October 2020 – Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa has announced that it has achieved Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities. Under the guidance of GBAC, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in its facilities.

As the cleaning industry’s only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation, GBAC STAR™ helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility’s readiness for biorisk situations. The program verifies that Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa implements best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics.

“GBAC STAR accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to maintain clean and healthy environments,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “By taking this important step to pursue GBAC STAR, Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa has received third-party validation that it follows strict protocols for biorisk situations, thereby demonstrating its preparedness and commitment to operating safely.”

To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa was required to demonstrate compliance with the program’s 20 core elements, which range from

standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation at www.gbac.org.

About Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa

The resort, developed by the Emerald Collection, an Italian company renowned for its construction and management of luxury all-inclusive resorts across East Africa, the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean. Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa is a new five-star luxury resort officially opens on 1st August 2019, that offers spacious facilities, close proximity to nature, safety for all guests and exclusive privacy with one of the lowest density of villas in the Maldives and the Indian Ocean. Located in the Raa Atoll, the Resort, proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World is set on 20-hectares of serene private island land, enveloped by 100 hectares of coral reef in walking distance of the 1.7 km unspoiled beach and close to the Manta Rays point. Boasting 120 luxurious villas and 11 different villa categories, both contemporary and tropical in design, divided into 60 beach villas and 60 overwater villas and operating on a unique Deluxe all-inclusive basis, Emerald Maldives is home to four open-air atmospheric concept restaurants covering international cuisine from every continent, in addition to a Sunset Pool Café and Sunrise Café. Moreover, The Emerald SPA offers Balinese and Thai treatments in 10 airconditioned bungalows, and comprises a jacuzzi, sauna and Turkish baths. The resort will also feature the biggest Kids Club of the Maldives, a fully equipped Technogym Gym & Sport Center with two tennis courts and two paddle courts, plus a Water Sports Centre and five-star Diving Centre. At Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa, the Natural Elegance experience begins with the freedom and serenity that sweeps in with the tides. From stunning Island wide spaces to breathtaking views and excellent services, the Resort meet and exceed expectations at all times.

About GBAC, a Division of ISSA

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization's services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR™ facility

accreditation program, training and certification of individuals and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit www.gbac.org.

About ISSA

With more than 9,300 members—including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners and associated service members—ISSA is the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA, visit www.issa.com or call 800-225-4772 (North America) or 847-982-0800.

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