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Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd. Promotes Palesh, Terry, Yong Palesh elected Chairman, Terry adds CEO to title, Yong elevated to Vice President

HONOLULU, HI (August 24, 2009) – Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd., a Hawaii-based planning, design and consulting firm announces the following promotions:

Cheryl Palesh, PE, LEED AP, was elected as Chairman. Current President Michael Terry, ASLA, CLARB, is now President and Chief Executive Officer. Gene Yong, AICP, was promoted to Vice President and Senior Project Manager.

Cheryl Palesh, a licensed civil engineer and LEED Accredited Professional, was previously Vice President and Chief Engineer before being elected as Chairman by the Belt Collins Hawaii Board of Directors. She will also continue to serve as Chief Engineer for the firm. Palesh assumes the position from Anne Mapes, who is now Chairman Emeritus and Principal of the firm. Palesh has extensive experience in civil and environmental engineering, and has served as principal-in-charge, project manager, project civil engineer, and designer on a wide variety of site development, infrastructure design and environmental projects. She also has extensive experience in infrastructure master planning, residential and industrial subdivision development and building site design. A resident of Makiki, she has 36 years of experience and has been with the firm for 20 years.

Michael Terry, a registered landscape architect, served as President of Belt Collins Hawaii for four years before adding Chief Executive Officer to his title. He has supervised and worked on a wide range of landscape and planning projects and has expertise in landscape design, environmental planning,

entitlements permitting, land management, and resort and recreation area design. A resident of Hawaii Kai, Terry has 29 years of experience and has been with Belt Collins for 15 years.

Gene Yong, a certified planner, was previously Project Manager with Belt Collins Hawaii before being elevated to Vice President and Senior Project Manager. He has worked extensively throughout the Hawaiian Islands and Asia, starting first in Belt Collins' Singapore office prior to joining the Honolulu office 13 years ago. His work experience and expertise covers a wide variety of projects, including resort residential land planning, campus planning, military planning, urban design, land use entitlements, and residential design guidelines. Mr. Yong is certified as a planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and is a past president of the American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter, and The Early School, of which he remains a director. Yong is a resident of Moanalua.

Founded in Honolulu in 1953, Belt Collins is an international planning, design and consulting firm focused on providing value to its clients' land-based assets. The firm employs over 500 multidisciplinary professional and support staff practicing from ten offices in eight countries and territories. In addition to its U.S. offices in Honolulu, Seattle, and Boulder, Belt Collins has offices in Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Singapore, Bangkok, Bali, Guam, and Manila. Belt Collins consistently ranks as one of the top 200 international design firms and top 500 U.S.-based design firms, according to Engineering-News Record. Services provided include planning, civil and sanitary engineering, landscape architecture, environmental consulting, GIS and graphic design. Acknowledged internationally as a leading design and consulting company, Belt Collins is best known for its extensive work in planned resorts, residential development and community design both in Hawaii and internationally. Visit the firm's award-winning web site at www.beltcollins.com.

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