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Keyes Point on Lake Clark

Kijik Corp. retains 2 firms for resort

Kijik Corp., which is in the midst of negotiations with a world-class resort development and management company to build a major resort at Keyes Point on Lake Clark, has retained two consulting firms to provide services pertinent to its plans and negotiations, according to Dennis Trefon, Kijik's president and board chairman.

The firms are Wirth Design Associates of Billings, Mont., and Laventhol & Horwath of Seattle and Anchorage.

The project will be the first world-class multiple activity resort in Alaska. It is planned to occupy an estimated 500 acres at Keyes Point, which is located within the boundaries of the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

If negotiations are successful, it will be co-developed by Kijik Corp. and an internationally recognized developer and operator of luxury resort facilities. The name of the resort developer will not be announced until an agreement is signed, which is expected in January.

Wirth Design Associates is developing a master plan for integrating the resort, commercial services and recreational residential properties into a harmonious community that is designed to blend with the natural beauty and pristine quality of the surrounding parklands.

The planning will be spearheaded by Theodore J. Wirth, president, who served 10 years as a park planner prior to forming his consulting firm in 1961.

His firm, which includes a professional staff of park planners, landscape architects and other specialists, has been responsible for a wide scope of park and recreation projects over the past 25 years, ranging from major urban parks to national parks, as well as several international projects.

Among them are a master plan, environmental impact study and specific projects for Big Horn National Recreation Area in Wyoming and Montana; several projects in and surrounding Grand Teton National Park; development of coordinated shoreline management and comprehensive plans for

three of the four reservoirs of the Lower Snake River Reservoir Project in Washington and Idaho; and the planning and design of seven areas within the 1.5 million acre Asir National Park in Saudi Arabia.

Laventhol & Horwath, certified public accountants specializing in the hospitality industry, have been retained to perform a market study with financial projections for the proposed resort.

The firm also will refine the development concept by recommending the economic size and nature of the facilities and amenities.

Experience in projects similar to this one include numerous site evaluations, marketing studies and financial projects for proposed resorts and parks in such areas as the Olympic Peninsula, Grand Coulee Dam, Mount Rainier and the San Juan Islands in Washington.

The firm also has conducted studies for major projects in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Wasilla, Dutch Harbor and Valdez, including the market study for

the new Clarion Hotel in Lake Spenard in Anchorage.

Kijik Corp. has been developing the infra-structure and setting for a world class resort at Keyes Point over a period of eight years.

The first stage of the project is well underway. It includes several hundred homesites of 2.5 acres or larger that have been on the market for the past two years.

The first year of sales was highly successful, and their second year, which is still in progress, has been comparatively strong when appraised in the context of the current Alaska economy.

In support of a corporate pledge to "Keep Nature First," Kijik has consistently worked with the National Park Service in the preparation of its master plan and the formation of its property covenants.

Kijik Corp. is the Nondalton Native Village Corp. and is headquartered in Anchorage and Nondalton. Keyes Point represents only 2 percent of its total land holdings.