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CONSENSUS: REDEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR BOISE SITE

SALEM, OR – July 11, 2007. Mayor Janet Taylor has brought together representatives from the City of Salem, Boise Cascade LLC, and the potential buyer of the roughly 13-acre Boise property to discuss the goals and guidelines for the mixed use redevelopment of this critical Riverfront property at the heart of Salem's vibrant downtown retail core. Broad goals for the site, the details of which are to be determined through a land use process, include provision of on-site parking, pedestrian connections, view corridors, open space and daylighting of Pringle Creek. The development is expected to emphasize mixed use with housing, retail, and office.

The City plans to initiate a change to the zoning and comprehensive plan designation for the property in collaboration with the site's prospective buyer and developer. This collaboration will ensure the best possible outcome for the community within the context of the market, allowing redevelopment of the site to occur as quickly as possible. The rezoning process is expected to take approximately six months and include public comment.

Simultaneously, the City is also considering adoption of the South Waterfront Urban Renewal Area which will help to enhance public access to the site and riverfront, and make available grant and loan resources to area businesses and property owners.

For information on the redevelopment at the former Mill Site, contact Bob Wells with the City of Salem at (503) 588-6255. For more information on the South Waterfront Urban Renewal Area, contact Rick Scott with the City of Salem at (503) 588-6178.

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