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Coconut Grove Home is First in Miami-Dade County to Earn Fortified Home - Hurricane Gold Designation and ENERGY STAR Certification

(Miami, FL October 29, 2013) - City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and City Commissioners will be in Coconut Grove, one of Miami's most historic neighborhoods, to tour Prima Casa, the first home in Miami-Dade County to earn both Fortified Home - Hurricane Gold Designation and ENERGY STAR certification with a HERS (Home Energy Rating System) rating of 54 - one of the best in the industry. The Prima Casa home is the product of years of research and efforts by Alan S. Lester, a local developer.

The Fortified Home - Hurricane Gold Designation certified that the home meets the highest standard of safe construction issued by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IIBHS), and results in approximately 80% savings in insurance costs. The home's ENERGY STAR certification signifies that it also meets strict requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for quality, comfort, and durability.

Sustainability, affordability and social impacts were crucial elements in this project. Drought resistant, native landscaping surrounds the insulated, fortified construction, low maintenance island-style home.

WHO: City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, City Commissioners, and Alan Lester, Developer

WHAT: Fortified Home Press Conference and Tour

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 12:00PM (Noon)**

WHERE: 3660 William Avenue
Coconut Grove, FL

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