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MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL AND SPA CELEBRATES RECEIVING MOBIL TRAVEL FOUR-STAR AWARD

Mayor Chuck Della Sala and General Manager John Narigi Unveil Plaque to Hotel Staff

MONTEREY, Calif. – February 27, 2009 – Over 100 associates of the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa gathered on the hotel's outdoor plaza, sipped champagne and sampled hors d'oeuvres as Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala and General Manager John Narigi unveiled the hotel's Mobil Four-Star Award. For the past two years the hotel management and staff have been working to achieve this status, and now join the ranks of a select few hotels in the United States and Canada—137—that have earned the award this year.

"Our goal at the hotel has always been to focus on providing our guests with the best in service and facilities that our industry has to offer. This award validates what we attempt to do on a daily basis, strive to meet and exceed every guest's expectation," stated John Narigi, Vice President and General Manager of Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. "I am truly excited for all our great associates; as individuals, they earned this award through their personal dedication of providing consistent quality service."

Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa is the only hotel in Monterey and the first in the city to be honored with a 2009 Mobil Four-Star Award by Mobil Travel Guide, the originators of the prestigious star rating system and providers of one of the most comprehensive evaluation systems of hotels, restaurants and spas throughout the world. The list provided by Mobil Travel Guide has been defining the industry's highest standard for excellence in the hospitality industry for over fifty years.

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The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa is located at 400 Cannery Row, Monterey, California. For more information please call (831) 646-1700 or visit www.montereyplazahotel.com.

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About the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa

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