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**Widewaters Group Announces Closing Date for
Renovation of The Elms Resort & Spa**
The Historic Grand Dame to Undergo Significant Renovations

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (August 12, 2011) – The Widewaters Group, Inc., a premier real estate development and management company based in Syracuse, N.Y., today announced it will close to renovate The Elms Resort & Spa in Excelsior Springs, Mo. on November 1, 2011.

Widewaters will embark upon extensive renovations to the entire Elms property, with a focus on restoring the historic hotel to its prominent social status. The building is expected to re-open in April 2012, just in time to celebrate the building's centennial anniversary.

“The Elms is a historic and important property in Excelsior Springs,” said Robert Arigo, chief operating officer, Widewaters Hotels. “We are thrilled to provide the Grand Dame with a much needed makeover, and to reopen its doors just in time for the 100th anniversary.”

Initial renovations call for a world-class transformation of the entire property including the spa and restaurant. Currently, The Elms Resort & Spa is comprised of 153 guest rooms; 10,000 square feet of spa space; 11,000 square feet of meeting space; a restaurant; two lounges; and approximately 16 acres of property.

Reservations are being accepted for those who wish to be the first to experience the newly renovated Grand Dame. To make a reservation or for more information on The Elms Resort & Spa, visit <http://elmsresort.com>.

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About The Widewaters Group, Inc.

The Widewaters Group, Inc. is a premier real estate development and management firm headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y. Throughout its history, Widewaters has developed and/or acquired 20 hotel properties. Its current portfolio consists of 47 shopping centers and 18 hotels. Sixteen of those hotels are located in 14 U.S. states. The others are located in two Canadian provinces. Widewaters currently has six retail and mixed use developments and three hotels under development and planned over the next two years which will be in addition to its 3.6 million square feet of retail and 2000+ hotel rooms. More information on The Widewaters Group, Inc. and a complete listing of properties can be found at www.widewatershotels.com.

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