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CUMMING CONTINUES FOCUS ON STRATEGIC NATIONWIDE EXPANSION WITH OPENING OF NEW YORK CITY OFFICE, BRINGS ON SEVERAL INDUSTRY VETERANS

NEW YORK - (Oct. 15, 2013) – [Cumming](#), an international project management and cost consulting firm, announced today it will further expand its East Coast presence with the opening of a New York office and the hiring of veteran talent. Supporting a nationwide growth plan, the construction management firm’s Midtown office located at 60 East 42nd Street will focus on serving the Greater New York City-area and growing its client base.

“Expanding Cumming’s geographical footprint with a New York City office and adding leaders that have deep Tri-State experience, will allow us to better serve our clients as construction in the region continues to rebound,” said Peter Heald, President at Cumming.

While the firm has been involved with numerous projects in the Greater New York City-area since 1998 - representing approximately \$2 billion in development value - Cumming is solidifying its commitment to clients by adding a physical office and key senior talent. Regional project experience includes: EDITION New York, Waldorf Astoria New York, World Trade Center Towers 2 & 4, West 57th Street by Hilton Club, New York Public Library, Westchester County Medical Center, 432 Park Avenue, and SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, among many others.

Cumming’s New York-based team specializes in program, project and cost management. The team supports clients nationwide and across a broad range of building sectors. Noteworthy regional leaders that have recently joined the firm include:

- **John Perez, Vice President** - Joining Cumming as Vice President, John has more than 26 years of construction and facilities management experience. He will lead Cumming’s expansion efforts in New York while supporting the healthcare project management team both locally and nationally. Currently, John is serving as Principal-in-Charge of several projects for the Westchester County Medical Center, including the Ambulatory Care Facility, a new Cell and Tissue Engineering Lab (CTEL), and the modernization of the Neurological Intensive Care Unit.
- **Chris Cummings, MRICS, Director** - Chris brings more than 11 years of industry experience in the areas of cost management, quantity surveying, project monitoring, and proactive problem solving to clients in the corporate, residential, and hospitality sectors. Serving as a Director, Chris has spent the majority of his career in New York, where he has worked on technically complex and budget-sensitive projects. Examples of



his work include: 432 Park Avenue, 425 Park Avenue, interior construction at Li & Fung, refurbishment of the Pierre Hotel, interior construction at Limited Brands, and the Macquarie Bank Trading Floor refurbishment.

- **Donald O’Keefe, Project Manager** - In the role of Project Manager, Donald joins Cumming with more than 30 years of experience in the construction and facility management industry. Prior to joining Cumming, he served as the Assistant Vice President of Facilities for Sotheby’s Auction House, where he managed the operations and maintenance of M/E/P systems and equipment in their worldwide headquarters in New York for 11 years. Before joining Sotheby’s, Donald was a training instructor in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 30 Apprentice Training Program for 10 years. Donald’s experience includes the facility management of 24 Cartier retail stores in North America and Canada. In his new role with Cumming, Donald is managing work on the multi-phase Westchester County Medical Center program, and will assume a key role on future project management assignments throughout the region.
- **Alan Bates, Senior Cost Manager** - Alan joined Cumming as a Senior Cost Manager in the beginning of 2013 with more than 18 years of experience in the construction industry. He is well-versed in a variety of project types including data centers and corporate fit-outs, as well as healthcare, higher education, aviation, pharmaceutical, hospitality, and industrial facilities. Prior to joining Cumming, Alan served as a project manager and quantity surveyor for a major London-based consulting firm. His international portfolio includes estates, hospitals, and several airports. In 2007, Alan moved to New York to help manage the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. His recent experience includes cost management for the newly developed EDITION New York, the new Baccarat Hotel in New York, and Kaiser Permanente’s Largo and Southwood Medical Center projects in Maryland and Georgia, respectively.

For more information about Cumming and past projects, please visit: www.ccorpUSA.com

About Cumming

Cumming is an international project and cost management firm. Since opening for business in 1996, Cumming has provided efficient and cost-effective solutions to ensure that projects in the hospitality, government, education and healthcare sectors are executed on time and within budget. Cumming provides a solutions-oriented suite of services that specifically address its clients' unique challenges, thus enabling them to achieve extraordinary results. For more information, please visit www.ccorpUSA.com.

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