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**KALAHARI RESORTS CONTINUES TO LEAD THE HOTEL INDUSTRY WITH  
INNOVATIVE “GREEN” OPERATIONS**

*- New AquaRecycle System to conserve 26 million gallons of water each year -*

**WISCONSIN DELLS, Wisc. (April 16, 2008)** –Kalahari Resorts’ long-standing commitment to energy efficient operations continues as it adds the AquaRecycle system, a laundry water recycling and filtration system which will allow Kalahari Resorts to reuse 70 percent of its laundry water. The AquaRecycle system’s chemical-free filtration and treatment recycle process will provide clean, disinfected and pre-heated water to the laundry systems at Kalahari Resort properties in Wisconsin Dells, WI and Sandusky, OH and eventually a third resort in Fredericksburg, VA.

Home to a 740-room hotel in Wisconsin and an 884-room hotel in Ohio, Kalahari Resorts estimates the AquaRecycle system, which is expected to be operating by June 1, to:

- Conserve 26 million gallons of drinking water per year.
- Prevent 26 million gallons of waste from returning to the environment.
- Prevent more than 8,400 pounds of total Organic Carbon from being released to a waste water treatment plant each year.
- Prevent more than 400 tons of Green House Gases from entering the atmosphere in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Reduce water and sewer costs by 70 percent and energy costs by up to 50 percent.

Winner of the 2006 Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Recognition Award, Kalahari Resorts began exploring options for energy efficiency for its properties in 2005.

“The effectiveness of our energy efficient operations has been impressive and we remain committed to adding measures that will save energy and protect our environment,” said Todd Nelson, president and owner of Kalahari Resorts which are home to two of America’s largest indoor waterparks. “As we design our third property in Fredericksburg, VA, we are researching a wide array of state-of-the-art green initiatives to implement.”

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In addition to its new AquaRecycle system, Kalahari Resorts green initiatives include:

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- A recent installation of the 103-panel solar hot water system, Wisconsin's largest solar hot water system, to provide approximately 11,800 therms per year of hot water which heats 60 percent of the hot water utilized by the resort's laundry facility.
- Installation of Entergize Energy Control Systems in guest rooms to control energy use based on guest presence. For example, when a key card is removed from wall-mounted slot, lights turn off and HVAC goes into standby mode.

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- Installation of Texlon transparent roof system which allows natural light in to help heat America's largest indoor waterpark.
- Installation of ozone laundry system which allows for faster washing and drying using less chemicals and less energy.
- Partnering with a local landscaping company to implement a food waste composting system.

### **Both Properties**

- Installation of low-flow showerheads in guest rooms, reducing water consumption by more than two million gallons per year.
- Installation of massive fans in the waterpark to lower heating costs by pushing warm air near the ceiling to floor level.
- Installation of HVAC energy management system.
- Installation of 200 indoor waterpark lighting with fluorescent fixtures.
- Installation of LED exit signs.
- Installation of 15-watt compact fluorescent bulbs in 5,500 fixtures, saving 294,000 kWh per year.
- Installation of motion-sensored lights in public areas of the resort.
- Installation of low-flow dishwasher sprayheads.
- Reducing oven pre-heating and combining underused coolers.

Kalahari Resort is also in the process of installing high-efficiency boilers in its indoor waterparks and exploring geothermal heat recovery and the use of wind turbines.

### **About Kalahari Resorts**

Kalahari Resorts, located in Wisconsin Dells, WI and Sandusky, OH, are home to two of the largest indoor waterparks in the U.S. In addition, both resorts feature outdoor waterparks, spas, a collection of unique retail shops, a plethora of dining options and variety of guest and suite room options. For reservations and guest information, call (877) 525-2427 or visit [www.KalahariResorts.com](http://www.KalahariResorts.com). To review Kalahari Resort's electronic press kit, go to [www.kalahariresortsgobig.com](http://www.kalahariresortsgobig.com).