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**MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP
... LOCAL LEADERS IN BROWNFIELDS ...
PROVIDES SPEAKERS AND SPONSORSHIP
AT THE BROWNFIELDS 2011 CONFERENCE IN PHILA.**

(Philadelphia, PA – March 28, 2011) – Twenty-one years ago, when environmental issues were not nearly as prominent as they are today, a boutique law firm was launched with a concentration on environment, energy and land-use. Today that firm, Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, (MGKF) with offices in Bala Cynwyd, PA and Cherry Hill, NJ, continues to maintain that focus and handles emerging and complex environmental matters. They are involved in many ways with the Brownfields 2011 Conference taking place at the PA. Convention Center in Philadelphia on April 4 and 5. “We are very pleased that Brownfields 2011 is taking place in Philadelphia,” said Joseph M. Manko, founding partner. “It provides an opportunity for us all to stay on top of the most up-to-date information about Brownfields as well as a chance to network with peers from across the country.”

MGKF has been in the forefront of brownfields work, even before the term “brownfields” was coined. As land-use specialists, they supported clients looking to redevelop and expand properties that were abandoned or underused on industrial and commercial sites. Over the years, they have been involved in some of the largest brownfields

redevelopment projects in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Some of these are: the new Food Distribution Center on Essington Ave. in Philadelphia; the Philadelphia Naval Business Center; the former Frankford Arsenal; the former Schmidts Brewery in Northern Liberties; and the former National Lead site in Sayreville, NJ.

Historically, the attorneys and technical consultants of the firm assisted the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in drafting the state's initial "Brownfields" Act and its implementing regulations. They also helped draft the first prospective purchaser agreement for the EPA and assisted a client with securing one of the first releases of liability in the Commonwealth under the "Land Recycling program" at the Baer site in Eddystone, PA in 1995.

Bringing this understanding to the Brownfields 2011 Conference, MGKF is playing an active role in the two-day event. MGKF representatives will be participating in the following programs:

- On Monday, April 4 from 8 to 9:30 a.m., MGKF is co-sponsoring the EPA Region 3 Open House Breakfast
- From 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. that day, partner Jonathan E. Rinde will be one of the industry experts speaking about new and impending stormwater management regulations at the "Nutrient –Neutral Development of Brownfields" program.
- From 5:30 to 7:30 on April 4, the firm is one of the sponsors at the Brownfields 2011 Community Reception.
- On Tuesday, April 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. is the Pennsylvania Brownfields Stakeholders program. MGKF founding partner Joseph M. Manko will join Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Acting Secretary Michael Krancer and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Acting Secretary Alan Walker as they detail State of Pennsylvania Brownfields markets and anticipate future trends. (a closed event)
- Continuing on Tuesday, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., founding partner Bruce S. Katcher will moderate a panel for "Waste to Watts: Redeveloping Closed Landfills for Renewable Energy."

MGKF concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic region and on a national basis. MGKF's offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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