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Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Partner at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, Helps “LEED” Tour of Sustainable Manufacturing Sites to Kick-off Greenbuild 2013

Philadelphia, PA (December 5, 2013) – Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, PA, kicked-off the Greenbuild 2013 International Conference and Expo in Philadelphia last month as a tour captain on the first tour of the Conference “*Philadelphia: Manufacturing Center for the World.*” This tour showcased four LEED-certified facilities in our region that are reinventing Philadelphia’s industrial heritage as “Workshop for the World” in a new sustainable model. The tour participants were treated to an insider’s look at: (1) the LEED Silver certified Tastykake Bakery at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, (2) US Airway's LEED Silver certified Ground Service Equipment Maintenance Facility at Philadelphia International Airport, (3) the LEED Gold certified Knoll furniture manufacturing center in East Greenville, and (4) Morphotek's LEED Gold certified Pilot Plant in Exton.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building rating and certification system of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), which provides independent third-party verification that building design, construction, and operation employ strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health, such as sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. USGBC’s annual Greenbuild Conference is the world's largest conference and expo dedicated to green building. Greenbuild brings together industry

leaders, experts and professionals for three days of education, networking, industry showcases, and tours. Greenbuild tours highlight the region's leading sustainable buildings and neighborhoods, providing unique learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Ms. Gotanda is Co-Chair of the MGKF Sustainability practice and is a LEED® Accredited Professional (LEED AP). She represents and counsels clients on a broad range of environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety issues in regulatory compliance, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, alternative energy and energy efficiency, sustainability programs, due diligence, brownfield redevelopment, water and waste compliance, spill response, and site remediation. Ms. Gotanda serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and the Greenbuild 2013 Host Committee. She founded and coordinates the Sustainability Directors' Roundtable. She is also a co-founder and Director Emeritus of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP) of Greater Philadelphia. She has served as Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council, and on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden in Fairmount Park. She earned her J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Boston College.

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. For the tenth consecutive year, MGKF has been listed in the top tier for environmental law in Chambers USA—America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Offices are located at: 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and at 25 West Third Street, Suite 303, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For additional information, visit www.mankogold.com or call 484-430-5700, 856-317-1299, or 570-567-7325.

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