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New Bern Mall Announces the Grand Opening of T.J. Maxx

(May, 2010) - Hull Storey Gibson Companies and New Bern Mall are proud to announce the Grand Opening of T.J. Maxx, the nation's largest off-price retailer.

T.J. Maxx will be the Mall's newest anchor tenant and will occupy 18,973 square feet of retail space. The official Grand Opening will be held on Sunday, May 23rd. The opening ceremony will take place at 7:30am. To help celebrate the opening, T.J. Maxx will present a \$5,000 check to Craven Smart Start, Inc.

"We are excited about the opening of T.J. Maxx at New Bern Mall," said John Gibson, Managing Member of Hull Storey Gibson Companies. "We are dedicated to the success of the New Bern Mall and know that this additional anchor tenant will have a positive impact on the economic growth of the New Bern community."

Headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts, The TJX Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TJX) traces its history back to 1919 when brothers Max and Morris Feldberg founded New England Trading Company in Boston, Massachusetts. T.J. Maxx sells the same brand name family apparel, women's shoes and home fashions as department and specialty stores, but for much less. T.J. Maxx operates 890 stores in 48 states.

T.J. Maxx will be a significant addition to the recently renovated 361,000 square foot enclosed regional mall anchored by JC Penney and Belk department stores. T.J. Maxx plans to create 60 full and part-time jobs for the area.

New Bern Mall is located at the key retail intersection of Dr. M.L. King Boulevard (U.S. Hwy. 17) and U.S. Hwy. 70 – the best retail location in the market. In 2009, the Mall underwent an extensive renovation which included a new main entrance, new paint, carpet, ceramic tile, raised ceiling with new ceiling tiles, new pendant light fixtures, benches, and planters in the interior of the mall.

Hull Storey Gibson Companies, LLC (www.hullstoreygibson.com) is headquartered in Augusta, Georgia, and is one of the largest owners of retail properties in the Southeast with a portfolio of over 10.5 million square feet, which includes 17 enclosed malls in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas. Hull Storey Gibson has a consistent record of property redevelopment and improvement as well as a demonstrated commitment to building strong community relationships to foster economic development.

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