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Marx Brothers Invests in Sustainability by Launching Solar Energy Initiative

Marx Brothers solar energy system among largest to-date in central and southern Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (April 10, 2018) – Marx Brothers, Inc., a national importer, producer and supplier of high quality coconut products, today announced it has launched a sustainability initiative that includes the installation of a 132-kilowatt solar photovoltaic energy system on the roof of its facility located in Birmingham, Alabama.

In its first year, the system is projected to produce more than 205,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity, enough to power over 16 homes and equivalent to approximately 35 percent of Marx Brothers' annual electricity consumption. The renewable energy produced by the system during this time will offset 168 tons of CO₂, equivalent to the amount of CO₂ produced by 33 passenger cars in a year.

Over its minimum lifespan of 30 years, the system is projected to produce more than 5.7 million kWh of electricity, enough to power 460 homes for a year, and it is expected to offset 4,692 tons of CO₂, equivalent to the amount produced in a year by 912 cars.

"This investment in renewable energy demonstrates our company's commitment to both the environment and to our customers nationwide," said Marx Brothers President Edgar Marx, Jr. "We strive to operate with a sense of stewardship that contributes to the many sustainability efforts of our customers and will continue to seek solutions supporting these initiatives."

The solar photovoltaic energy system was designed and installed by Vulcan Solar Power, a leading provider of turnkey solar energy systems across Alabama and Mississippi.

"We are fortunate to have worked with Marx Brothers throughout this process and are excited to assist them in meeting their sustainability and renewable energy objectives," said Vulcan Solar Power Founder and CEO Rob Ozols. "The company's strong commitment to reducing its carbon footprint will positively impact the environment throughout Birmingham for many years to come."

The solar array spans 12,400 square feet across its rooftop and consists of 400 330-watt panels.

About Marx Brothers, Inc.

Marx Brothers imports, produces and supplies high quality coconut products for retail grocery chains, foodservice distributors, national accounts and bakery supply customers nationwide. After nearly 100 years, we serve as a trusted industry resource known for high quality coconut items and a service-driven culture. Founded in 1919, Marx Brothers is a family owned, zero-landfill, SQF Level III certified company based in Birmingham, Alabama. For more information, visit www.marxbrothersinc.com.

About Vulcan Solar Power

Vulcan Solar Power is a leading provider of turnkey solar energy systems for businesses and nonprofits across Alabama and Mississippi. As a licensed General Contractor, we provide services covering every aspect of the installation process, including system design, permitting, installation and final interconnection. Our comprehensive approach allows us to offer the most efficient and cost-effective solar energy systems, generating the highest



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