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System Upgrades Improve Efficiency and Decrease Utility Costs at Le Meridien *--25-Year Old Bangalore Hotel Earns Trane Energy Efficiency Leader in Lodging Award--*

Bangalore, India, Dec. 14, 2009 – The Le Meridien Hotel, a 25-year old city landmark building, is more comfortable and energy efficient due to the completed infrastructure improvements that saved \$85,000 USD in annual energy costs, lowered operating noise levels and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The Le Meridien Hotel faced several challenges - high operating and maintenance costs caused by the aging infrastructure and the need for stable indoor air quality and comfort conditions for the guests. The five-star deluxe hotel needed improvements to be environmentally responsible, save energy and most importantly, provide the hotel guests with impeccable indoor comfort.

In addition to the energy savings of \$85,000 USD per year, the building managers have noted a noise level reduction of 40 percent and a service cost reduction of 30 percent. The improvement in system reliability and the increase in system efficiency have resulted in reduced greenhouse gas emissions and enhanced sustainability. Most importantly, the new systems are making the hotel's operating conditions more stable and providing greater comfort for guests.

“At Le Meridien Bangalore Hotel we have always proactively adopted our building to the highest quality standards,” said G Vijay, vice president at Hotel Le Meridien. “Our actions are not limited to only the indoor design. We constantly seek ways of modernizing the building to meet the most modern technology standards in order to be energy efficient and environmentally responsible. We are proud, that although 25 years old, the building represents the same technological standards as the most up-to-date and recently constructed buildings in Bangalore.”

Hotel Le Meridien Bangalore Earns Award for Energy Leadership

To recognize these upgrades and commitment to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship, Hotel Le Meridien is earning the “**Trane Energy Efficiency Leader in Lodging Award**” for its sustainable energy and operational efficiency improvements.

The award recognizes important buildings around the world in cities like Bangalore, and its leadership for taking the initiative to improve energy and operating environments.

Details of the award presentation:

- Venkatesh Valluri, president for Ingersoll Rand in India, will present the award to G. Vijay, vice president of Le Meridien, Bangalore
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Senate Hall of the Le Meridien Hotel.

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Customized Upgrades Improve Bottom Line

Before the infrastructure improvements, the Le Meridien hotel building was facing rising energy costs and system reliability issues. The old systems consumed a lot of energy and failures affected the comfort of the hotel guests.

Le Meridien leaders commissioned a site survey to determine the measures that would best meet their needs. They decided to proceed with a complete, tailor made and turnkey upgrade of the building's heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system which resulted in a complete, reliable and efficiency-oriented solution. The HVAC system modernization included new chilled water plants with such energy saving features as a building management system along with predictive maintenance agreements.

The building management system ensures that the cooling plant provides appropriate capacity while minimizing energy consumption. By controlling the system throughout the day, comfort conditions are maintained when the building is occupied and energy consumption is minimized when occupancy levels are low.

Planned maintenance ensures that systems run at top efficiency and provide significant energy savings, which in turn leads to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Above all, this maintenance program ensures single source responsibility for the complete HVAC system.

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About Le Meridien

Located opposite the Bangalore Golf Club, Le Meridien is a five-star deluxe hotel with 196 guest rooms, nine banquet halls, two restaurants, a healthclub and a nightclub. Brand Le Meridien epitomizes luxury and upscale full-service hotels and yet it is conscious of its environmental footprint. For more information, visit: www.lemeridien-bangalore.com

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