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**World's First Truly Sustainable Homes: Net-Zero Energy and will Withstand the Forces of Nature  
Introduced by The Regen Group™ Partnered with OceanSafe Housing**

**NEW ORLEANS** — The ReGen Group™, LLC announced that it has signed a contract valued at over \$2M with OceanSafe, a manufacturer of custom-built, steel, structural insulated panels, to develop the Nation's first mass-produced, truly sustainable homes: the *OceanSafe Sustainable Home*.

The ReGen Group™, a diverse group of educators, engineers, architects, designers, developers and building science professionals, created the Standard of Sustainability (SOS)™ in response to the wide-scale building failure following Hurricane Katrina. The SOS™ provides a concise set of specifications that scientifically define *sustainability* for homes. These homes will generate all of their own energy, withstand Category 5 hurricane winds, protect against damage from fires and floods, and will be extremely durable, comfortable, healthy and safe and designed to last generations. They also integrate “passive survivability,” a concept that is defined as providing all of the above during power and water outages lasting as long a week. The SOS™ home builds upon the shoulders of EnergyStar and LEED® for Homes certified homes and sets a new level of functional performance for the world's housing. Compared to minimally code-compliant homes, these new SOS™ homes will have higher up-front capital costs, yet lower cost of ownership (i.e., lower monthly costs). Their true value lies in the sense of security and independence they offer the homeowner and the community — a value that cannot be overestimated.

OceanSafe is a manufacturer and leader in the construction of lightweight, recycled steel, structurally insulated panels for both commercial and residential building applications. This line of quality housing is unique in the industry in that its pre-engineered design offers lab-proven strength to withstand the forces of nature. The green technology used in OceanSafe homes provides owners with improved air quality, as well as energy cost savings up to 72% (as compared to code-compliant homes). When combined with solar and geothermal systems, the savings increase to over 90%. OceanSafe has been chosen as the green-building, energy-efficient material of choice projects in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Louisiana and Mississippi. By utilizing the OceanSafe building system, a home can be built in half the time and with half the crew of conventional construction and can be adapted to almost all architectural plans. OceanSafe also has worked for two years with American Insurance Underwriters to attain a 10-year, renewable warranty covering the complete replacement of the OceanSafe System if damage occurs due to wind, mold or termites. Proudly made in the U.S.A., OceanSafe is the leader of a new wave of quality, green building systems. *When partnered with The Regen Group's SOS improvements, the result is a new category of commerce: “The Sustainable Home”.*

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