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### **Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf Supports Maryland's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program** *Waldorf is first Hilton Garden Inn property to install electric vehicle charging stations*

Waldorf, Maryland (September XX, 2011) - Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf today announced the installation of several ChargePro electric vehicle charging stations that have been provided by SemaConnect as part of Maryland's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (EVIP). The property is the first Hilton Garden Inn to install stations and is also among the first to be installed in the state of Maryland, which continues to emerge as a national leader in electric vehicle (EV) readiness.

"At Hilton Garden Inn, we're committed to successfully implementing new technologies that will better serve our guests and the environment," said Michael Sweeney, VP of Construction at Shamin Hotels. "We are thrilled that our property is the first within the city of Waldorf and within the brand to install these cutting edge charging stations. Together with the Maryland Energy Administration, we're working to ensure that Maryland's green initiatives are successfully carried out."

Within the next few weeks, the Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf will become a Maryland Green Travel Partner meaning that the property has met Maryland's Green Travel certification core requirements, which includes mastering recycling and waste reduction, water efficiency, conservation and results measurement. The property also features complimentary wireless internet, the brand's signature Garden Sleep System® bed – a revolutionary bed providing self-adjusting, pressure-free support, and access to the complimentary 24-hour business center, featuring Print Spots™ remote printing which allows wireless printing from any laptop or PDA.

As part of a statewide initiative, last June the Maryland Energy Administration announced a \$500,000 investment in electric vehicle infrastructure, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, in order to promote a cleaner, more efficient transportation system in Maryland. That investment fueled the construction of sixty-five charging stations throughout the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area, providing the necessary infrastructure to allow electric vehicle owners to travel throughout the region with confidence.

"Maryland has emerged as a national leader in advancing electric transportation, which promotes energy independence, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and saves consumers' money," remarked Maryland Energy Administration Director, Malcolm Woolf. "While gas prices in Maryland hover around \$3.50 per gallon,

charging an electric vehicle costs the equivalent of about a dollar per gallon. For Maryland families, that means real savings each and every month.”

The ChargePro Charging Stations are developed and produced by SemaConnect, a leading electric vehicle charging solutions company. The stations are on SemaConnect’s SemaCharge Network, which allows the stations to wirelessly communicate with station owner and electric vehicle driver software delivering advanced features such as:

- **Time-of-Use Pricing:** designate a certain price for charging at allotted times at your discretion
- **Sustainability Reporting:** calculate your fossil fuel emissions and produce data for green reports
- **Smart Grid Integration:** seamlessly incorporate utility grade metering for accurate data collection
- **Affordability:** state of the art technology at the most competitive price

The Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf is located at 10385 O'Donnell Place in Waldorf, Maryland, 20603 and is just off Highway 301. For more information about Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf, please visit [HiltonGardenInn.com](http://HiltonGardenInn.com) or call 1-240-222-0000. For more information regarding Maryland’s Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program please visit the Maryland Energy Administration at <http://energy.maryland.gov/>, or BEVI at <http://www.b-evi.net>.

#### **About Hilton Garden Inn**

Hilton Garden Inn is the award-winning, upscale, yet affordable hotel brand that continually strives to ensure today’s busy travelers have everything they need to be most productive on the road — from our oh-so-comfortable Garden Sleep System® bed to complimentary wired and Wi-Fi Internet access in all guestrooms. So whether on the road for personal or business reasons, Hilton Garden Inn offers the amenities and services for travelers to sleep deep, stay fit, eat well and work smart while away from home. For more information about our locations around the globe, visit [www.hgi.com](http://www.hgi.com) or call 1-877-STAY-HGI.

#### **About Shamin Hotels**

Shamin Hotels, based in Richmond, Virginia, is a dynamic, growth-oriented hotel company that owns, operates, and develops commercial business hotels under various flags. With 4000+ rooms in 38 properties across three states, Shamin Hotels is recognized as the largest hotel management company in Virginia. This executive team along with more than 1000 associates provides a daily wealth of intuitive input, perspective, and knowledge that helps to create the Shamin Touch. The company also has long-standing relationships with the industry’s most highly regarded brands and has consistently been recipient of awards from its franchisors. Shamin was awarded the multi brand developer of the year in 2003 by President Bush Sr. on behalf of Hilton Corporation & most recently, Shamin Hotels was awarded the Hilton Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. For more information, call 804-777-9000 or visit [www.shaminhotels.com](http://www.shaminhotels.com)

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#### **About SemaConnect, Inc.**

SemaConnect is a leading provider of electric vehicle charging solutions and sophisticated software for station owners and electric vehicle drivers. SemaConnect’s [ChargePro Charging Stations](#) utilize CDMA and Zigbee Wireless technology and offer advanced features such as smart-grid integration, RFID card authentication, sustainability reporting and more. Everyday, SemaConnect works to build the electric vehicle charging station infrastructure across the nation with the philosophy of providing the most advanced systems at the most competitive prices. Purchase a charging station by contacting us at (410) 384 – 4223, or visit our website at [www.SemaConnect.com](http://www.SemaConnect.com). Follow us on Twitter @Sema\_Connect and learn more about EV infrastructure on our YouTube Channel, SemaConnect.