



## **CityCenter submits proposed plan of action to resolve public safety concerns at Harmon Building**

*Imploding defective structure best way to assure public safety, experts say*

**LAS VEGAS – Aug. 15, 2011** - In response to a July 12 directive from Clark County to resolve the public safety concerns arising from faulty construction at the Harmon Building, CityCenter announced Monday that it has submitted a plan of action to demolish the unfinished structure.

The proposed demolition plan is subject to approval from the County Building Department. If the plan is approved by the county, CityCenter intends to seek appropriate relief from a standing order of the District Court that prohibits alteration or destruction of the building during the civil litigation between CityCenter and its general contractor, Perini Building Company.

“CityCenter consulted with experts about the fastest and safest way to resolve public safety concerns created by the structural defect issues at the Harmon” said Gordon Absher, vice president of public affairs for MGM Resorts International. “Based on their expert advice, CityCenter is recommending that the structure be demolished by implosion. We have been assured by demolition experts that a properly executed implosion will not pose health or safety problems for residents, visitors and adjacent businesses.”

Experts told CityCenter that repair may not be possible and that it would take approximately 18 months to conduct tests and come up with an approved, permitted design to fix the Harmon if repair is even a possibility. Thereafter, if the necessary additional testing and analysis showed that repair was possible, it likely would take another 2-3 years to complete.

CityCenter, the nation’s largest privately financed construction project, opened in December 2009. The Harmon, which stands at the corner of Harmon Avenue and the Las Vegas Strip, has remained unfinished. The Clark County Building Department halted construction after noting serious structural defects.

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