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**ANCHORAGE MICROTEL INN AND SUITES EARNS J.D. POWER
GUEST SATISFACTION FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

79-room hotel completes renovation and to hold open house

September 19, 2007 – Anchorage, AK. The Microtel Inn and Suites, 5205 Northwood Drive, located off International Airport Road, has been ranked highest in guest satisfaction among economy/budget hotel chains in the J.D. Power and Associates 2007 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index for the sixth consecutive year. The hotel is managed by The Hotel Group, Edmonds, WA.

Additionally, the Microtel Inn, Anchorage, has completed an extensive property updating of both public and guest room spaces: including the hotel lobby; refreshed guest room bedding, flooring and window treatments, as well as a renovated spa and the property's parking area.

The J.D. Power Guest Satisfaction Index is based on responses from a survey measuring guest satisfaction using the following criteria: reservations, check-in/check-out, guestroom, food and beverage, hotel services, hotel facilities and costs & fees.

"Microtel is solid performer, well-known for its consistency, quality and customer service," said Doug Dreher, president, The Hotel Group. "Equally important is the hotel team that delivers on the guest promise day-in and day-out. I extend my heart-felt congratulations to the Diane Bates and her remarkable staff," he added.

"This is an unprecedented honor to receive this award for the sixth year in a row. The J.D. Power recognition, in conjunction with the recent property renovation, reinforces our commitment to exceeding our guest expectations," said Diane Bates, general manager, Microtel Inn and Suites, Anchorage. Bates is a 20-year Alaska hotel veteran.

The Microtel Inn and Suites features chiropractic-approved mattresses, complimentary continental breakfast, free wireless high-speed Internet access and 24 hour Jacuzzis. Microtel is a

sponsor of The Society for Accessible Travel & Hospitality (SATH) and is a preferred lodging destination for travelers with disabilities offering guest rooms that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The hotel is a member of the Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association (AkH&LA).

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About The Hotel Group:

The Microtel Inn & Suites in Anchorage is one of six properties in Alaska owned or operated by The Hotel Group. THG currently manages and/or owns a total of 27 properties in 10 states and employs over 1,800 people. Since its inception in 1984, THG has managed more than 100 properties in 20 states, directed the design and construction of 30 new hotels, completed \$460 million of asset management assignments for The Resolution Trust Company, and is the sponsor of The Hotel Group Opportunity Funds I, II and III. For more information visit www.thehotelgroup.com or call (425) 771-1788.

About AkH&LA:

*The Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association (AkH&LA) is a non-profit trade association representing over 80% of the lodging rooms in the state of Alaska as well as over 35 industry suppliers. Established in 1983, its mission is to be the leading voice in Alaska's Hotel & Lodging Industry. AkH&LA is a member of the Alaska Hospitality Alliance along with the Alaska Hospitality Alliance Education Foundation (AHAEF) and the Alaska Restaurant & Beverage Association (ARBA). The Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association is a partner state association to the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Microtel General Manager, Diane Bates, invites you to attend an open house on Thursday, September 27, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call (907) 249-2503 for more information and to RSVP.

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