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## MISSION POINT RESORT ON MACKINAC ISLAND, MI ACQUIRED BY NEW OWNERSHIP

Detroit, Mich. – December 16, 2014 – Mr. and Mrs. Dennert O. Ware of D & S North have purchased Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, MI. The iconic 239-room hotel is set on 18 acres of lakefront property, where Lakes Huron and Michigan meet.

"A new chapter is beginning for Mission Point Resort," said Vice President and Managing Director, Bradley McCallum, who will continue his leadership at the property. "This property is a gem in a one-of-a-kind destination and we are greatly looking forward to working with the Ware family to further its success."

Mission Point Resort is set to remain one of Mackinac Island's landmark destinations, with its core leadership team continuing the successful day-to day management. New ownership is immediately setting into motion an exciting, multi-million dollar upgrade property wide, designed to honor the special character of the destination. Among initial plans are a new, larger spa facility and pool complex as well as improvements to guest rooms.

"Our family loves Mackinac and the Great Lakes region," said Mr. Ware, a Michigan native. "We look forward to helping this very special property realize its full potential while remaining a time-honored tradition for families to visit year after year."

In addition to Mission Point Resort, the Ware family also owns Silver Birches on Mackinac Island, an historic, Adirondack style lodge currently under loving restoration by their daughter Liz Ware of Chicago, Ill. The family has deep roots in Michigan and Texas and has long had connection to charming Mackinac Island.

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## **About Mission Point Resort:**

Set on 18 acres of lakefront property on the east end of where this special tale takes place, where Lake Huron meets Lake Michigan, lies the 239 room Mission Point Resort. Ideal for families, honeymooners, friends and groups, the Great Lakes icon embraces the best of the destination's past while incorporating today's twists on the classics. Four restaurants boast some of the best food on island, including tasty takes on the region's white fish as well as wine, beer and spirit selections sourced from nearby. In the morning, the sweeping lawn that is the centerpiece of the property hosts picnickers feasting on local favorites as

part of the resort's Sun-Up Sessions, while later in the day it may be dotted with guests lounging in crisp white Adirondack chairs or by a couple celebrates their nuptials with loved ones another day. Mission Point offers activities such as a waterfront 18 hole putting course, observation tower and museum, movie theater, Mackinac art and history museum, and tennis court. Additionally, the property offers over 38,000 sq. ft. of flexible sate-of-theart function space for meetings and events.