



PETE DYE GOLF COURSE TAKING SHAPE AT SANTA BARBARA PLANTATION IN CURAÇAO

CURAÇAO, Netherlands Antilles (February 12, 2008) – Golf course designer Pete Dye has never been shy about adding a little drama when he feels it's warranted. Massive railroad ties, coal mines and even an airport runway make cameos in several of his most notable examples – to the delight or chagrin of golfers, depending on their games. But standing here at Santa Barbara Plantation on a craggy knob of limestone, Dye seems utterly content with the hand he's been dealt by Mother Nature.

"It's the ambiance here...first you see the Caribbean, then the bay and the boats, then that big mountain. This land is incredible – the contours, the views, the ruins, the setting. Here the topography has enough movement; you don't have to create it," he says.

Scheduled for a fall 2009 opening, the course is taking shape on the naturally contoured site overlooking the Caribbean Sea and the sheltered harbor known as Spanish Water, aptly named centuries ago after the Spanish sailors who came ashore to fill their freshwater casks. Measuring 7,200 yards from the championship tees, the golf course will be complemented by an 8,000 square-foot clubhouse featuring a fully stocked golf shop, locker rooms, restaurant and lounge.



Pete Dye on site at Santa Barbara Plantation in Curaçao in the fall of 2007

Because of Curaçao's arid climate, Dye selected the hardy, salt-tolerant Paspalum grass that allows for irrigating with reclaimed water.

"Paspalum provides a better golfing surface than Bermuda grass and even bent grass," said Dye. "Water is precious. We want to conserve it. We'll use gray water, salt water, recycled water, the whole nine yards."

Santa Barbara Plantation is under development on 1,500 acres just 25 minutes from Curaçao's capital city of Willemstad. The first phase includes the 350-room Hyatt Regency Curaçao Resort & Spa and the 18-hole Pete Dye-designed golf course – both opening in 2009. Currently operational is the 120-slip Seru Boca Marina within Spanish Water which is capable of accommodating vessels up to 80 feet in length.

Available for sale at Santa Barbara Plantation are 95 Terrace Homes priced from \$1.1 million and offering commanding views of the golf course and the Caribbean Sea. Terrace Home models will be ready for viewing in mid-2009. Also available are 125 single family home sites priced from \$450,000 to over \$1 million and offering magnificent vistas of either the Pete Dye golf course or Spanish Water and the Caribbean Sea beyond. Marina Village, a 27-unit residential community overlooking Seru Boca Marina, consists of two- and three-bedroom patio homes ranging from 1,700-2,100 square feet in size and priced from \$726,000.

In addition to the golf course and marina, Santa Barbara Plantation will feature recreational amenities such as a beach club for homeowners and their guests, fine and casual dining, a tennis center, business center, outdoor swimming pools and boutique retail shops. The Hyatt Regency Curaçao Resort & Spa will include additional onsite amenities such as fine and casual dining restaurants, Hyatt's *Red Sail* Beach rental & tour center and the highly acclaimed Hyatt Pure Spa, complemented by spacious spa bungalow units available for rental featuring in-suite spa services. There will also be a resort marina located near the hotel will accommodate 5 mega yachts up to 120 feet in length, dive boats, charter boats and evening catamaran cruises. Nearby historic Willemstad is popular for its open-air and floating markets, museums and colorful Dutch 19th Century architecture.

Santa Barbara Plantation is located approximately 40 minutes from Curaçao's Hato International Airport, which is regularly served by major air carriers such as American, Continental and Delta. Air France-KLM also offers a number of flights each week from Amsterdam.

For more information on Santa Barbara Plantation, please call 877-740-0567 or visit www.santabarbaraplantation.com.

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