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## **From Former Superfund Site to Incredible Retail Project – Vestar Leads State’s Landmark Cleanup**

TEMPE, ARIZONA. – From pollutants to people, the southeast corner of loops 101 and 202 will be soon restored in what marks the state’s largest Brownfield environmental cleanup project in state history.

The area is underlaid by three unlined landfills which contain dangerously high levels of flammable and explosive methane gas. Additionally, the area has contaminated soil, hazardous materials, unsafe working conditions, building foundation failures, lacks sewer and water services and has had at least two tire fires that polluted Valley skies.

“We’re proud of all of the greenbacks Tempe Marketplace will produce for city police, fire, and other important municipal services,” said David Larcher, Vestar executive vice president. “But we’re especially proud to be going green for the benefit of the environment. This is a focus and direction Vestar will continue to head in other projects”

Environmental remediation at the former Superfund site has begun with the demolition and removal of numerous properties. The formal groundbreaking for the 1.3 million square foot Tempe Marketplace was January 31 for the largest retail project in Arizona since 2001.

When complete in 2007, Vestar’s \$250 Million Tempe Marketplace will deliver the largest retail and entertainment destination in the state. The equivalent of 25 football fields of stores, restaurants, theaters and attractions will be the next generation of Vestar’s wildly popular Desert Ridge Marketplace.