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The Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate officially opened by HRH The Countess of Wessex

On Monday 8th March 2010 HRH The Countess of Wessex officially opened the Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate, the much anticipated hotel and spa in Tregorrick, near St Austell. Local dignitaries including the Mayor of St Austell Brian Palmer, Lady Mary Holborow, Mr Jonathan Coode DL and Cllr Jill Bassham joined the architects, interior designers and funders of the hotel in the glorious sunshine to celebrate the opening of the hotel – seven years in the making.

HRH The Countess of Wessex arrived at the hotel at lunchtime, and toured the Clearing Spa, located in the 19th century converted stable-block before meeting with the architect Richard Francis who talked her through his drawings. The tour was led by Hotel Manager James Harding and Director Mark Rudrum - the hotel funders are the Rudrums, a coal-mining family from Bristol, heavily involved in the development of the hotel since acquiring the site almost seven years ago. The Countess was then shown various bedrooms and met key staff before joining guests in the lounge where she unveiled the plaque, opening the hotel officially.

Notes to editors: The Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate is located at Tregorrick just a few miles from the Eden Project, The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Mevagissey and the spectacular south Cornish coast. Set in 43 acres of glorious Victorian parkland and woodland, this hidden retreat is home to a luxurious hotel, a state-of-the art spa and 60 architect designed woodland holiday homes. The Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate is part of the Bespoke Hotels group who manage hotels in the UK. For more information, please visit www.thecornwall.com

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