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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Migizi Economic Development Company has scheduled the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel. We will break ground on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 1:30 p.m. stated Jennifer Turner the CEO for Migizi Economic Development Company who is responsible for development of all business interest non gaming for the Tribe. "This will mark an exciting time in our Tribal community and the greater community" stated Tribal Chief and Migizi Board of Director Chair, Dennis V. Kequom Sr.

The Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel will boast an impressive mix of 243 guest rooms, family suites and alternative accommodations for patrons to choose from. With over 6000 square feet more than any other water park in Michigan to its impressive water park components the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel will be one of the most attractive draws for Mid Michigan.

Thalden Boyd Emery Architects, a Native American owned firm, from St Louis MO have worked diligently on the design with a rustic contemporary façade. Native Regalia will adorn the design of the lobby with a botanical feel throughout all of the guest rooms. The restaurant will feature nature themes with seating for 134 indoors and an additional seating outdoors for up to 72. Meeting space will be limited but available up to 48 people.

Construction is estimated to take upwards of 14-16 months with an expected completion date in early summer of 2012. Horizon Construction Group from Madison WI will be the primary contractor and the project will be under the guidance of Ryan Alvin Director of Project Management for Horizon Construction Group. This project will provide over 200 hundred jobs during construction with an estimated 124 full time positions at opening. Please visit the Tribal web site at <a href="https://www.sagchip.org">www.sagchip.org</a> for future updates on construction future announcements.