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**Mayor Manny Diaz kicks-off Earth Hour at Bank of America Tower at International Place**

MIAMI MAYOR MANNY DIAZ WELCOMES EARTH HOUR 2009 AT CITY'S ICONIC BANK OF AMERICA TOWER AT INTERNATIONAL PLACE

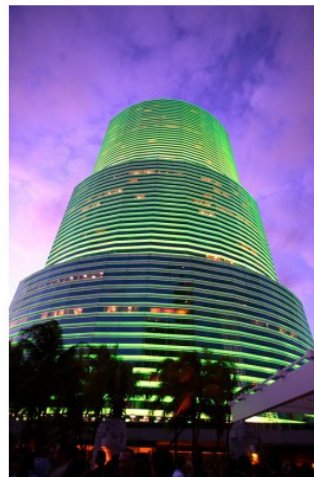
As millions of people around the world prepared to 'go dark' in recognition of Earth Hour 2009, hundreds gathered at Miami's landmark Bank of America Tower at International Place for a special Earth Hour kick-off party on March 26. The landmark tower – illuminated in a flood of green light – served as the backdrop for the event. City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and his family were on-hand to turn-off the tower's iconic lights.

Earth Hour is World Wildlife Fund's global initiative where individuals, businesses and governments turn off their lights for one hour to show support for action on climate change and global warming. In 2008, 50 million people switched off their lights to honor Earth Hour.

Bank of America Tower at International Place is a 600,000 square-foot, I.M. Pei-designed office tower in Downtown Miami. The tower has earned 'icon' status for its changing palette of exterior lighting schemes timed to coincide with holidays, sporting events and other significant occasions.



*Tony Puente of Fairchild Partners, City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Vince Croce of Bank of America Tower at International Place*



*Bank of America Tower at International Place lit up green for 'Earth Hour'*



*Misha & Ina Mladenovic of the Miami Downtown Development Authority*



*Tony Cho of Metro One, "Earthman", Susie Glass of Metro One*