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Howard Properties, Ltd. Represents NYC Law Firm in Altria Building Lease

RYE BROOK, NY -- (APRIL 2006) Howard Properties, Ltd. reports that the New York City-based law firm Nordlicht & Hand has signed a long-term lease for 3,515 square feet of space at the former Altria Group headquarters complex at 800 Westchester Avenue in Rye Brook, NY.

Nordlicht & Hand is currently headquartered at the Olympic Tower building at 645 Fifth Ave. Managing Partner Ira Nordlicht said the new office at RPW Group's 800 Westchester Ave. property will likely begin operations by August of this year. The firm, which practices in the areas of corporate, international law, securities, real estate, secured transactions and employment law, signed a 10-year lease at the 550,000-square-foot complex.

Howard Greenberg, president of Howard Properties, Ltd. of White Plains, was the exclusive tenant representative for Nordlicht & Hand in the transaction.

"With its headquarters at the prestigious Olympic Tower in Manhattan, and its roster of high-profile American and European clients, Nordlicht & Hand required a Westchester office that mirrored the quality of its New York office," Greenberg said. "From the initial inspection, it was clear that 800 Westchester Avenue offered the location, the prestige, and the amenity package that achieved the firm's business and image goals."

Nordlicht added that 800 Westchester Avenue is "the prestigious address" the firm was looking for. In addition, the office will also be convenient to a number of attorneys with the firm who reside in Westchester.

He noted that the law firm had been interested in establishing a Westchester branch office and retained Howard Properties, Ltd. to find a suitable location. After some study, Greenberg recommended the firm lease space at the 800 Westchester Avenue property, which has been subdivided by the building ownership for multi-tenant use.

“Howard helped us not only with site selection, but with the legal process and the build out process. He has provided a level of competency substantially above expectations,” Nordlicht said.

Nordlicht & Hand join a growing tenant roster at 800 Westchester Avenue that includes: Altria Corporate Services, Ameriprise, Cadent Energy Partners, Charter Realty & Development, Coventry Capital, Ideas International Inc., Mitsui Chemical, Tramsco International, Trucc Companies and WRNN.

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