

Corkery and Reardon of CB Richard Ellis/New England represent ING Clarion in 216,780 s/f lease

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CB Richard Ellis/New England has arranged a new 216,780 s/f lease with PetEdge on behalf of ING Clarion Partners, the U.S. arm of ING Real Estate Investment Management, at Billerica Commerce Center. PetEdge, will occupy 35% of the building, a 612,685 s/f warehouse and distribution center located at 90 Salem Rd. The long-term lease, which was signed at the end of the fourth quarter 2009, marks one of the largest single-story new leases signed in eastern Mass. during the past year. The CBRE suburban team of David Corkery, first vice president, and Mark Reardon, executive vice president/partner, negotiated the lease on behalf of ING Clarion Partners. Greg Klemmer, principal, and Tim Brodigan, vice president, of Klemmer Associates represented PetEdge.

ING Clarion Partners purchased the Billerica Commerce Center in 1998. The property, which is managed by Equity Industrial, will serve as the primary distribution center for PetEdge. With the long-term lease, Billerica Commerce Center is 85% occupied.

"Billerica Commerce Center is well located with immediate access to Rte. 3 and I-495. We believe the building, with its excellent distribution amenities, will suit the needs of PetEdge very well," said Corkery.

The property features clear heights of 30' to 38', large column spacing, 97 tailboard loading docks and a 62-acre site to accommodate significant trailer and vehicle parking. Recent improvements made to the single-story facility include new tenant entrances, driveways and parking areas, an upgraded façade and new overhead dock doors. The property is located 30 minutes northwest of Boston.

According to research by CB Richard Ellis, the Route 3 North industrial submarket comprises approximately 10.9 million square feet. At the close of the fourth quarter 2009, the market posted a 27.9% availability rate, a 22.1% vacancy rate and a 0.9% sublease rate.

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