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Boston Properties enters into \$930 million agreement to purchase John Hancock Tower

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Boston Properties, Inc. has entered into an agreement to acquire the John Hancock Tower and Garage for an aggregate purchase price of \$930 million. The seller is a joint venture between an affiliate of Normandy Real Estate Partners and an affiliate of Five Mile Capital Partners. The purchase price consists of approximately \$289.5 million of cash and the assumption of approximately \$640.5 million of indebtedness. The debt being assumed is a securitized senior mortgage loan that bears interest at a fixed rate of 5.68% per annum and matures in January 2017. Boston Props. expects to incur approximately \$2 million of acquisition-related costs. The closing is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2010 and is subject to customary closing conditions. There can be no assurance that the acquisition will be completed on the terms or schedule currently contemplated, or at all.

In connection with the transaction, the seller has agreed to fund and complete the cost of certain capital projects and tenant improvements that are currently underway.

The John Hancock Tower is a 62-story, approximately 1.7 million rentable s/f office tower located in the city's Back Bay neighborhood. The garage is an eight-level, 2,013 space parking facility. As New England's tallest building, the John Hancock Tower features views of the Back Bay, Charles River, Cambridge, the Public Gardens, Boston Harbor and Financial District.

Goodwin Procter LLP advised Boston Props. and Allen & Overy LLP and Haynes & Boone LLP advised the seller in connection with the transaction. Cushman & Wakefield was the broker in the deal.

Boston Properties is a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust that develops, redevelops, acquires, manages, operates and owns a diverse portfolio of Class A office space, one hotel, two residential properties and three retail properties. The Company is one of the largest owners and developers of Class A office properties in the United States, concentrated in five markets - Boston, Midtown Manhattan, Washington, DC, San Francisco and Princeton, NJ.

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