

Brookfield Office Properties Signs 173,000-Square-Foot Lease with Commerzbank at Two World Financial Center in Lower Manhattan

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NEW YORK, March 21, 2011 – Brookfield Properties Corporation (“Brookfield Office Properties”) (BPO: NYSE, TSX) today announced that it has signed a 173,000-square-foot lease with Commerzbank at Two World Financial Center in Lower Manhattan.

Coupled with the 236,000-square-foot lease signed last month with Oppenheimer Funds, over 400,000 square feet of Bank of America/Merrill Lynch sublease space has been converted to direct leases with Brookfield Office Properties. Both leases commence in 2013 for 15 years.

“We are pleased that these two respected financial services institutions have chosen to extend their tenancy at the World Financial Center and remain committed to Lower Manhattan,” said Ric Clark, president and chief executive officer of Brookfield Office Properties.

Commerzbank was represented in lease negotiations by John Cefaly and Robert Lowe of Cushman & Wakefield. Brookfield Office Properties was represented in-house.

Two World Financial Center is one of four office towers of the 8-million-square-foot commercial complex on the west side of Lower Manhattan overlooking the Hudson River.

Brookfield Office Properties is Lower Manhattan’s largest office landlord with 12.9 million square feet of space, which is 98% leased. In addition to the World Financial Center, Brookfield Office Properties also owns and manages One Liberty Plaza and One New York Plaza in downtown New York.

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About Brookfield Office Properties

Brookfield Office Properties owns, develops and manages premier office properties in the United States, Canada and Australia. Its portfolio is comprised of interests in 108 properties totaling 78 million square feet in the downtown cores of New York, Washington, D.C., Houston, Los Angeles, Toronto, Calgary, Ottawa, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, making it the global leader in the ownership and management of office assets. Landmark properties include the World Financial Center in Manhattan, Brookfield Place in Toronto, Bank of America Plaza in Los Angeles, Bankers Hall in Calgary, Darling Park in Sydney and City Square in Perth. The company’s common shares trade on the NYSE and TSX under the symbol BPO. For more information, visit www.brookfieldofficeproperties.com.

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