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### **HEMPEL OPENS WEST COAST OFFICE**

**Maple Grove, MN -- Tuesday, February 07, 2006** – As part of an effort to expand and serve tenants nationwide, Hempel Properties has opened an office in Northern California. Richard Brandt, formerly the Vice President of real estate development for Anton Airfood Inc., has joined Hempel Properties to head the office and participate in Hempel's national expansion plans.

As Vice President of Development, Brandt will oversee the development of new Hempel Properties' regional offices. Currently Hempel Properties is exploring commercial real estate opportunities in the San Francisco Bay Area, New Jersey, Nevada and the Washington DC Metropolitan Area. Additionally, as VP of Development, Brandt will also focus on providing and expanding Hempel's turnkey development services to third party clients across the US.

According to Jon Hempel, President of Hempel Properties, "Hempel Properties has had extensive success and growth in the Twin Cities over the past five years and we look to duplicate that success on a national level. Richard's experience and enthusiasm complement Hempel's strengths as we expand into new strategic markets."

**About Hempel Properties:**

Hempel Properties is a Minneapolis/St.Paul- based developer of retail, office, multi-family and industrial properties. They are recognized for their responsive and proactive approach to development partnerships which result in timely and innovative real estate solutions. [www.hempelproperties.com](http://www.hempelproperties.com)

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