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## **RPW Group Exhibits 9/11 Commemorative Artwork**

**Port Chester, NY**...Randall Weis, President of RD Weis Companies, recently arranged for the loan of two original pieces of artwork commemorating the events of 9/11/2001—and memorializing those heroes who sacrificed their lives on that day—to the RPW Group, one of the leading commercial real estate developers in Westchester and Fairfield Counties. The works are currently on exhibit at 800 Westchester Avenue in Rye Brook, NY.

The two mixed-media pieces, previously displayed in the conference room of RD Weis Companies' corporate headquarters in Port Chester, NY, were created by Peggy Weis. An established artist who works in a variety of mediums, Ms. Weis was compelled by the images that appeared in the media as the events of that infamous day unfolded to express her horror and grief and to assuage these feeling through the creative process.

"There was this terrible feeling of impotence and frustration, wanting to do something to combat the senselessness of it all. I immediately began creating these pieces as the images of that day started to emerge in newspapers and magazines. It helped me to cope with those horrible days that followed. In the process, there was always the hope that the work would not just ease my personal pain and frustration, but also honor those who lost their lives and the heroes of 9/11," Ms. Weis commented.

The works are on a large scale—48" x 68"—and are based on the design of the American flag. "The Fiends' Inferno," about the actual attack has a red, white and blue color theme and is composed of tempera, gesso, xerox lithography and magazine and, newspaper

transfers. "Ashes to Ashes", capturing the hours following, incorporates gauze, soot and ashes, in addition to the above, and combines a gray, white and yellow color scheme.

Ms. Weis, a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Contemporary Printmaking, and active in the Westport Arts Center and the Women's Caucus for the Arts, has exhibited her artwork in numerous shows including the Westport Arts Center's Pools—a Solo Show, Katonah Museum of Art Print Expo '06, Fairfield Arts Council 2005 Group Show, Bruce Kershner Gallery at the Fairfield Library and the Center for Contemporary Printmaking's "ARTitudes: 12 printmakers". Her work will next appear in the 25th National Juried Print Show at the Silvermine Gallery in October. She was awarded her Master of Arts from the University of Connecticut and her Bachelor of Arts from Carnegie Mellon University.

Robert P. Weisz, President and CEO of RPW Group, founded his company in 1979, and he is currently Westchester County's largest private owner of commercial real estate. A native of Uruguay, Mr. Weisz arrived in the U.S. in 1977, and began working in the furniture industry, quickly establishing himself as a furniture wholesaler with national distribution. In 1979, he purchased his first warehouse to house his furniture business, and, five years later, sold the furniture business to pursue commercial real estate.

Following the installation of Ms. Weis's artwork, Mr. Weisz remarked, "RPW Group is proud to display Peggy's paintings. Tenants throughout the building have really been moved by these engaging works, and their display here has provoked much discussion and many compliments."

"With its domed atrium, pure white facade and dramatic setting, 800 Westchester Avenue has been Westchester County's most visible corporate landmark for over 20 years. It is a fitting venue for this tribute to the heroes and victims of 9/11."

RD Weis Companies, a full-service flooring contractor specializing in environmentally safe flooring solutions for commercial use, recently completed installation of flooring at 800 Westchester Avenue. Established by Randall D. Weis in 1990, RD Weis is an

authorized MilliCare® Commercial Carpet Care franchisee serving the northeastern and midwestern U.S., a FreeAxez USA partner and a Grout Armor™ of New England distributor. As a member of StarNet®, the largest commercial carpet channel in the U.S., RD Weis offers commercial clients and design professionals a broad range of floor covering products at the industry's most competitive prices.

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