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**Deal Sikes & Associates Completes Evaluation \$35 Million
Real Estate Portfolio in the Upper Kirby District of Houston**

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Monday, May 21, 2012 — Deal Sikes & Associates, one of the nation’s leading real estate valuation and counseling firms, has announced its completion of an evaluation of a significant real estate portfolio in the Upper Kirby District of Houston for gift tax purposes. The portfolio is valued at approximately \$35 million.

The real estate portfolio consists of nine Texas commercial properties in the Upper Kirby District, which is located in Houston’s urban core between the Galleria and Downtown and the affluent neighborhoods of River Oaks and West University Place. The Upper Kirby District includes retail, office, high-rise residential and a variety of other commercial and residential properties.

“Deal Sikes has provided valuation services for commercial property owners in every part of Houston and we understand the growth patterns in the Upper Kirby District and other vibrant, rapidly growing metropolitan areas,” said Matthew Deal, co-founder of Deal Sikes & Associates. “Real estate values continue to evolve and our firm’s deep, long-term experience equips us to maintain our position as the leader in our field.”

Deal Sikes & Associates, based in Houston, provides real estate valuation and counseling services for eminent domain initiatives, transactions, estate tax planning, due diligence research and litigation support. The principals of Deal Sikes & Associates provide real estate counseling and valuation services for governmental agencies, real estate companies, law firms and corporate clients across the nation.

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