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**Deal Sikes & Associates Completes Evaluation
of \$90 Million Houston Real Estate Portfolio**

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Monday, February 18, 2013 — Deal Sikes & Associates, one of the nation's leading real estate valuation and counseling firms, has completed an evaluation of a large and diverse portfolio of Houston-area commercial real estate as part of a family estate-planning program. The portfolio is valued in excess of \$90 million.

The real estate portfolio consists of 54 Houston-area properties, including raw land, shopping centers, multifamily housing, industrial properties, office buildings, quick-service restaurants, parking lots and service stations.

"As the real estate markets have recovered, there have been some notable changes in property values that can have major impacts on estate planning," said Matthew Deal, principal of Deal Sikes & Associates. "Our firm has seen a significant increase in our estate planning practice as trusts and estates attorneys guide their clients through changing laws and economic cycles."

Houston-based Deal Sikes & Associates is a leader in providing valuation services for estate tax planning, evaluating in excess of \$1 billion in real estate holdings for estate planning purposes.

"Deal Sikes delivers confidence and eliminates uncertainty by evaluating the potential for valuation increases as the future sale of estate properties are anticipated," Deal said. "With superior real estate counsel and valuations, the value of the estate can be preserved by reducing future taxes and expenses through an informed and well-advised long-range planning process."

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

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