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PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY.....VORNADO REALTY TRUST (NYSE:VNO) today announced that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of the 1.05 million square foot Market Square Complex of showrooms in the nation's 'furniture capital', High Point, NC. The consideration was approximately \$97 million consisting of \$46 million in debt and \$51 million in Operating Partnership Units and 6.5% Preferred Operating Partnership Units convertible at \$43.74 per unit.

The acquired real estate assets include the Market Square, Hamilton Market and Furniture Plaza showroom buildings and the High Point Holiday Inn hotel.

In a second transaction, Vornado announced that it has also acquired the 243,000 square foot National Furniture Mart, which is adjacent to the aforementioned properties, in High Point. The price was approximately \$17.7 million consisting of \$3.8 million in cash and \$13.9 million in debt.

The properties will be managed by Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. which Vornado acquired as part of the Kennedy Family portfolio in April 1998.

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