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HAMDEN MART TO WELCOME NEW RETAILERS

New Tenants Arriving and Occupying New Space

Hamden – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng and Economic Director Dale Kroop are very pleased to announce that there will be a number of exceptionally positive developments occurring within the Hamden Mart over the next 6-12 months.

After years of vacancy, the former Toys-R-Us lot will now have two new tenants. The Wine Merchant will now occupy half of the existing space, moving from another location which is currently adjacent to Walmart. The other half of the former Toys-R-Us lot will be occupied by a well-known and respected national retailer (to be announced at a later date subject to contract confidentiality). Once The Wine Merchant occupies its new location, Kimco Realty (the current leasing agency of the property) will fill the former location with another, expected to be nationally operating business.

In addition, Bonton will close its doors in Hamden over the next 6-12 months and will be replaced by the Burlington Coat Factory (Burlington). Bonton has been closing several stores throughout the USA. Hamden is very excited to welcome Burlington Coat Factory to the Town.

These changes represent major improvements in the Hamden Mart and demonstrate that there is still strong interest amongst business owners for relocation and development within Hamden. “We have been working pro-actively at the Hamden Mart with Kimco Realty, and it is great to know that the only major vacancy in the magic mile will now be filled. Kimco has been a great partner who is always willing to work with the Town and share important information about the retail market. It the best way we can help”, stated Dale Kroop, Director of the Economic Development Department.

Commenting on the expected changes, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng stated, “We are very pleased to see positive developments and exciting new retail opportunities coming to

the Hamden Mart. It is expected to see substantial development progress over the next year, beyond what we can officially announce right now. I extend my thanks to the members of the Economic Development Department and the Legislative Council, who helped to make many of these positive developments possible; and I look forward to the positive impact that these major retailers will have on both Hamden's economic future and the quality of life for Hamden residents." stated Mayor Curt Balzano Leng.

Further information will be provided in the months to come. Please check www.hamden.com and www.hamdeneconomicdevelopment.org for updates.

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