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STAPLES JOINS EXPANDING RETAIL OPTIONS AT MUELLER

AUSTIN, Texas – Jan. 6, 2008 – Staples, the world’s largest office supply company, will soon join the ever-growing list of retailers serving the residents, employees and neighbors of Mueller.

“Popular national brands like Staples provide a variety of shopping options to Mueller and the surrounding trade area, and attract customers who discover other retailers and services within the center,” said David Ross, vice president of Catellus Development Group, the master developer of Mueller. “Having a convenient place where people can run in to grab the office supplies they need quickly — especially for the growing number of people working from home — is important in a community like Mueller.”

Staples will replace Shoe Pavilion, a national retailer that recently closed its Austin stores. Staples at Mueller, the company’s second location in Austin, will provide more than 7,000 office products, a Copy & Print Center, a UPS® Ship Center and an EasyTechSM computer service desk when it is scheduled to open by early spring 2009.

Staples is pursuing a four-star energy efficiency rating in Austin Energy’s Green Building program, and will help protect the environment through the use of energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems, water-saving plumbing features and low-emitting flooring and construction materials. The store will also provide customers with technology recycling and access to more than 3,000 eco-friendly products as part of Staples’ long-standing commitment to sustainability.

Meanwhile, The Home Depot recently opened at Mueller, earning a four-star energy efficiency rating in Austin Energy’s nationally recognized Green Building program. Green building features include increased use of local building materials, natural light, water-efficient plumbing and lighting fixtures, low-emitting materials and green building materials available for sale. Construction crews also recycled 95 percent of the building’s construction waste, the highest rate of any construction project under Austin Energy’s program.



Other retailers at Mueller include Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, The Chair King, Marshalls, Old Navy, PetSmart, Chipotle Grill, DOTS, Family Christian Store, Famous Footwear, Fashionique, Great Nails, HCS Hair Salon, Lane Bryant, rue 21, Sprint, Starbucks, Wachovia and Which Wich.

“From the very beginning, Mueller has been envisioned by the City and concerned citizens as a diverse community where a variety of businesses, employees and residents come together,” said Matt Whelan, senior vice president for Catellus. “We’re pleased to bring a new store to the growing list of Mueller retail and dining options now available in Central East Austin.”

About Mueller: Mueller is one of Central Texas’ most ambitious new-urbanist communities located in the heart of Austin. The 700-acre site of Austin’s former airport is being transformed into a diverse, sustainable, compatible, revitalizing and fiscally responsible master-planned community. Mueller is taking shape as a joint venture between the City of Austin and Catellus Development Group, a ProLogis company, over 10-15 years following nearly 20 years of extensive citizen input. Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 4,600 single-family and multi-family homes, a mixed-use town center district, 3.8 million square feet of prime commercial space, 650,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of parks and open space, Dell Children’s Medical Center and the Austin Film Studios. For more information, visit www.MuellerAustin.com.

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