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March 3, 2010: ARAGON LAUNCHES CONSTRUCTION ON 17,000-SQUARE-FOOT OFFICE WITH CUTTING-EDGE AMENITIES & ENGINEERING AT BUSINESS/TRANSPORT HUB OF MIDTOWN MANHATTA (PDF, 35K)

New York, NY - March 3, 2010. Aragon Construction, New York's premier general contracting and construction management firm, has begun building Pine Brook Road Partner's newly-leased 17,000-square foot office space at One Grand Central Place, the 55-story W&H Properties tower in the heart of the Grand Central District at 60 East 42nd Street.

Pine Brook Road Partners, LLC is a New York-based private equity firm established in 2006 to make business building and growth capital investments, primarily in the energy and financial services sectors. Currently located at 100 Park Avenue, Pine Brook is scheduled to move into the new state-of-the-art space -- which comprises the full 49th floor and half of the 50th floor at One Grand Central Place -- immediately after its completion in April.

Aragon has teamed with architectural firm Watson & Associates in this gut renovation project involving the construction of 25 high-design private offices, three conference rooms, one boardroom and two amply equipped pantries. "Everything is being built with extreme precision and meticulous attention," says Ramon Ocampo, Associate Architect at Watson & Associates. "The design elements are very detailed and sophisticated, and include such features as very highend millwork and enhanced, fabric-wrapped panels in the conference rooms." In addition, the space will boast custom Anigre wood cabinetry throughout the reception and office areas, Vivid Product glass partitions in the conference rooms and a custom staircase with a glass and millwork railing fluidly connecting the two levels of the office. Aragon is providing state-of-the art communication, IT, security and audio-visual systems to maximize the office's technological capabilities.

Ensuring the total acoustical privacy of each office was of the utmost importance to Pine Brook. To achieve this, Cerami & Associates, a trendsetting acoustical consultant firm, became an integral member of the project team. Working with Aragon, they added acoustical duct lining above the conference room areas to minimize HVAC noise, and installed multiple layers of sound-damping dry wall throughout the offices.

Pine Brook, wanting to maximize the number of private windowed offices, challenged the project architects to move the perimeter mechanical rooms inward all the while maintaining the highest ceiling heights possible throughout the space. In order to accomplish this, Aragon had to chop off the concrete fireproofing, replacing it with Intumescent paint. "The result is that despite the larger amount of ductwork crossing in and out from the core, the entire office still has great ceiling heights to capture the beautiful views," says Aragon President Alex Getelman. "Years of experience working on challenges of this nature, combined with constant client communication, enabled us to provide Pine Brook with everything they wanted for their new offices."

Aragon has worked with W&H Properties for over seven years and has completed several projects at One Grand Central Place. In addition, Aragon recently delivered the 44th floor buildout for one of New York's leading PR firm, Gibbs & Soell.

About Aragon Construction:

Founded in 2000, Aragon Construction is a leading New York City-based general contracting and construction management firm specializing in interior construction fit-outs for both the public and private sectors. The company has an extensive client roster, Paramount Group Inc., Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., Goldman Sachs, Robert Half, Lazard Freres and Company, Shorenstein Properties LLC, Rudin Management, Citadel Investment Group, The Mandell School, W&M Properties and Barclays. Aragon's niche work includes corporate buildouts, boutique retail spaces and showroom spaces. For more information about Aragon, please visit www.aragonllc.com.

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