

EXTELL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

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EXTELL REACHES FOR THE STARS AT “TOPPING OFF” OF THE 60-STORY ORION RESIDENTIAL TOWER

***\$305 MILLION DEVELOPMENT A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE
IN THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY***

***SIXTH TALLEST RESIDENTIAL TOWER IN CITY TO BOAST
UNPARALLELED AMENITIES***

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Extell Development Company today celebrated the “topping off” of Orion, a new 60-story residential tower on West 42nd Street that will add a signature element to the city skyline and offer unparalleled amenities to residents of its 551 apartments.

“New York is our home and we believe in its future,” said Gary Barnett, president of Extell Development Company. “With the topping off of Orion, and other developments we have underway in the city, we are prepared to reach for the stars.”

Orion is a joint venture between Extell Development Company and the Carlyle Group, a \$305 million project on West 42nd Street at Ninth Avenue reaching 630 feet into the sky. The sleek and elegant tower, sheathed in an elegant glass curtain wall, will be the sixth tallest residential tower in the city when it opens for occupancy in 2006, offering dramatic views of Central Park, the Hudson River and city skylines from its various sides.

Extell officials were joined by leaders of Bovis Lend Lease, which built the tower, Corcoran Group Marketing, which is marketing the apartments, the architectural firm of Cetra-Ruddy that designed the building and other contractors who worked on it. Elected and community leaders also attended the ceremony on the 51st floor, along with about 500 of the 1,500 construction workers who erected the tower.

Barnett expressed appreciation that Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff, who spearheads Mayor Michael Bloomberg economic development efforts, attended the “topping off” ceremony.

James Abadie, Principal in Charge for Bovis Lend Lease, the construction manager for Orion, called Orion a first class development.

“Orion is a shining example of why Manhattan’s Midtown West is *the* new destination for top quality, luxury living,” said Abadie. “Combining the expertise of a first class developer, designer,

and construction team, as we have on this project, ensures unusual quality and first class results.”

Pam Liebman, President and CEO of the Corcoran Group, said Orion’s success signals the continued confidence in New York in general, and the Times Square-Forty Second Street corridor in particular.

“Arriving on the heels of several years of appreciation in value, the phenomenal success of ORION embodies the soaring confidence in the Manhattan real estate market as no other residential tower has done before,” said Liebman. “The building will stand as a cornerstone in the revitalization of Times Square and New York City as a center of commerce, investment, and luxury living.”

Extell Development Company is a New York-based firm which has completed or has under way developments throughout the nation, including developments in Miami, Boston, Houston, Providence and Chicago. New York projects include development of a 55-story luxury tower at West 47th Street and Broadway, now operated as the W Hotel, as well as the purchase of buildings throughout Manhattan for investment and development purposes.

Extell has emerged as a major presence in city development circles during this decade with its purchases, ground-up construction and redevelopment of properties. Its first major project in the city dates back to 1994 when the company purchased the historic Belnord apartment building on the Upper West Side, and transformed the troubled building into its current state as a first-class residential property.

Barnett, Extell’s president, noted that he was scheduled to close on the first parcel of land that eventually became the footprint of the Orion on September 11, 2001, when the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center occurred.

“Tragically, that did not happen,” Barnett said. “But we renewed our resolve to invest in our City’s future and carried out that closing soon thereafter. And under the leadership of Mayor Bloomberg and his administration, this city has continued to climb up from that awful day. We are proud to play our part in that climb.”

So far, Orion is the most ambitious development by Extell in the City and will include an unparalleled array of amenities for the people that live there. Residents will enjoy award-winning concierge service by Abigail Michaels, an exclusive health and fitness facility by La Palestra, a club and screening room, a double-lap swimming pool and oversized Jacuzzi, a sundeck and sun loggia and the availability of complimentary hot breakfasts each morning. Apartments boast kitchens by Valcucine from Italy and bathrooms by Waterworks, and provide spectacular vistas in all four directions of the compass through floor-to-ceiling windows.

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