

## W. P. Carey Announces \$90 Million Acquisition of Siemens Headquarters in Oslo, Norway

First acquisition in Norway expands global presence to 21 countries

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LONDON, Feb. 28, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- W. P. Carey Inc. (NYSE: WPC), a global real estate investment trust ("REIT") specializing in corporate <u>sale-leaseback and build-to-suit financing</u> and the acquisition of single-tenant net-lease properties, announced today that CPA<sup>®</sup>:18 – Global, one of its publicly held non-traded REIT affiliates, has acquired the new headquarters of Siemens AS in Oslo, Norway from the developer of the facility, Oslo Business Park AS.

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Siemens AS is the wholly-owned Norwegian operating subsidiary of German engineering and electronics conglomerate Siemens AG, rated A+/Aa3 by S&P/Moody's. In its fiscal year 2013, Siemens AG generated revenues of \$103 billion and employed approximately 362,000 people worldwide.

## Key facts:

- Critical office asset: Siemens AS has been headquartered at this location in Oslo for more than 40 years and completed construction on its new building in December 2013.
- **Green building**: The new 166,000 square foot headquarters facility is currently the most energy efficient office building in Norway with a LEED Gold (Energy A) rating.
- Rapidly growing commercial location: Located in the new Oslo Business Park ("OBP"), the Siemens AS headquarters forms part of a growing office and commercial submarket in Oslo. Upon completion, OBP will be a 1.1 million square foot, nine-building office park that benefits from excellent transport connections.
- Strong credit: Siemens AS operates across several business lines, with a key focus in Norway on energy and related sectors. The company generates approximately 60% of its revenues from the energy sector and has the leading market share in wind energy and the healthcare sector.
- Lease term: Approximately 12-year existing lease with two 10-year renewal options.
- Purchase price: Approximately \$90 million (NOK 544 million).

## Quotes:

Arvi Luoma, Director of W. P. Carey, commented:

"The acquisition of Siemen's Norwegian headquarters is well-aligned with our strategy of acquiring high quality, critical assets with strong covenants in key commercial locations. As one of the largest engineering companies in the world and active in 190 countries, Siemens is a strong credit with a long-term sustainable future.

"In addition, we are delighted that this first acquisition in Norway expands our presence to 21 countries. Norway's strong AAA/Stable S&P rating, combined with Oslo's status as the fastest growing capital city in Europe makes it an attractive long-term investment location. As Norway maintains an independent currency and its economy is largely uncorrelated with those of its neighbors, this transaction provides additional diversification to CPA<sup>®</sup>:18 – Global's portfolio."

Lars Windfeldt of Oslo Business Park commented:

"The sale to CPA<sup>®</sup>:18 – Global allowed us to efficiently access the value embedded in the facility we developed for Siemens. As an established investor in long-term, net-leased, single tenant properties, W. P. Carey was ideally suited to structure a mutually attractive transaction and close on a timely basis."

Per Otto Dyb, CEO of Siemens AS commented:

"Together with Oslo Business Park we have developed a building for the future, showcasing energy efficient and sustainable Siemens technology. We are proud of the result, which we believe will be beneficial to the new owners as well."

Arctic Securities ASA advised CPA<sup>®</sup> 18 – Global on the acquisition and provided long-term bond financing for the investment.

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