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Best Service Stores Leases Space in Hunt Midwest SubTropolis **Online retailer expands underground for its second KC metro location**

KANSAS CITY, Mo – Dec. 10, 2009 – Best Service Stores, a privately held, Lenexa, Kansas-based online retailer, has signed a new term lease for nearly 62,000 square feet at Hunt Midwest SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex.

With rapid growth since its founding in 2005, Best Service Stores will add the additional space in SubTropolis to its existing warehouse operations at its world headquarters in nearby Lenexa, Kansas.

Best Service Stores is an unbiased, one-stop source for everyday consumer products at incredible prices. The privately held company – whose online stores include HobbyWarehouse.com; TheJungleStore.com; World of Bags.com; and ArsaToys.com – is committed to a “no compromises” services philosophy that promises no hassles and low prices.

“Our decision to expand our business to SubTropolis was the result of two specific needs,” said Best Service Stores CEO Mike Amon. “First, the layout is specific to shipment and shipping efficiency. Second, SubTropolis is in close proximity to all major shipping companies in the Kansas City metro area.”

Prior to this agreement, Best Services Stores leased overflow space in SubTropolis. Company management was pleased with the facility and location, so when it became time to secure additional space on a permanent basis, SubTropolis was the location of choice.

“We are extremely pleased that Best Service Stores will move from being a temporary client to a permanent tenant,” said Connie Kamps, director of real estate operations at SubTropolis. “They offer consumers a valuable service, and we’re happy they’ve selected SubTropolis to help grow their business.”

Best Service Stores’ CEO Amon added, “Applications for shipping efficiency, the right layout, and climate controlled conditions all played an important role in selecting our second Kansas City location. SubTropolis fulfilled those specific needs and included additional offerings such as security, affordability and a convenient location, which made it an easy decision for Best Service Stores.”

Best Service Stores’ new location in SubTropolis is at 8800 NE Underground Drive, Kansas City, Mo.

About SubTropolis

As the largest underground business complex in the world, Hunt Midwest [SubTropolis](#) sets the standard for subsurface business developments. SubTropolis was created through the mining of a 270-million-year-old limestone deposit. In the mining process, limestone is removed by the room and pillar method, leaving 25-foot square pillars that are on 65-foot centers and 40 feet apart.

The pillars’ even spacing, concrete flooring and 16-foot-high, smooth ceilings have been specially engineered and carefully designed to provide an efficient layout for light manufacturing, distribution and warehouse operations.

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SubTropolis is completely dry, brightly lit, with miles of wide, paved streets, and all entrances are at street level. The complex has nearly 5-million square feet of leasable space.

Among the many benefits tenants enjoy are low lease rates that are 30-50 percent less than above ground facilities; low utility costs that offer 50-70 percent savings in total energy costs; and the largest foreign trade zone under one roof in the United States. SubTropolis is home to more than 50 national, international, regional and local companies.

About Hunt Midwest Enterprises

Hunt Midwest Enterprises, Inc. is a Kansas City, Missouri-based company comprised of two wholly-owned subsidiaries: Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc., developer of over 6,000 acres of commercial, retail, industrial and residential property, and owner/developer of SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex; and Hunt Midwest Mining, Inc., 50% owner of the region's largest supplier of crushed limestone, Hunt Martin Materials, L.L.C.

Hunt Midwest, a privately held company, is owned by the Lamar Hunt family. The Hunt family business is a diverse portfolio of entities involved in real estate, sports/media, energy/resources, private equity, and investments. Marquee entities include the Kansas City Chiefs, Hunt Midwest, Chicago Bulls, Pizza Hut Park, FC Dallas Soccer Club and United Center.

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