

# The W. P. Carey Group Completes \$87 Million Sale-Leaseback with Berry Plastics

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New York, NY – January 22, 2008 – Investment firm W. P. Carey & Co. LLC (NYSE: WPC) announced today that its publicly held, non-traded REIT affiliate, CPA<sup>®</sup>:16 – Global, and its newest fund, CPA<sup>®</sup>:17 – Global, have jointly acquired three facilities from Berry Plastics Corporation for approximately \$87 million.

This transaction follows a \$33 million sale-leaseback CPA<sup>®</sup>:15 completed with Berry Plastics in 2003 and includes its headquarters and largest production facility in Evansville, Indiana, a manufacturing facility in Baltimore, Maryland, and a facility in Lawrence, Kansas. All facilities are being leased back to Berry Plastics on a long-term basis.

Berry Plastics Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers and suppliers of a diverse mix of plastic packaging products including open top containers, closures, aerosol overcaps, drink cups, prescription vials, flexible packaging, tapes and specialty coated products. Berry Plastics sells a broad range of products to over 13,000 customers including McDonald's, Procter & Gamble, Hershey, Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart and Bayer as well as smaller specialty businesses. Berry Plastics is majority owned by private equity sponsor Apollo Management.

“We are happy to be working with W. P. Carey again,” said Ira G. Boots, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Berry Plastics Corporation. “The sale-leaseback of these three facilities allowed us to raise funds for an add-on acquisition. We look forward to working with W. P. Carey on future projects down the road.”

“We continually look to further our relationships with our tenants by doing follow-on transactions with them,” said Benjamin P. Harris, Head of Domestic Investments at W. P. Carey. “We are pleased to have been able to provide Berry with the financing they required during such choppy market conditions and are fortunate to now have Berry Plastics as a tenant in three of our funds.”

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