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**Bollinger Acquires 2 NJ Insurance Agencies**

SHORT HILLS – Bollinger, Inc., one of the country's largest insurance brokers, announces the acquisition of two New Jersey insurance agencies. The agencies are The Peter Duffy Agency, Green Village, NJ and Patchett, Grode & Topp, Wyckoff, NJ.

The Peter Duffy Agency, a surety bond specialty agency, will relocate to Bollinger's headquarters in Short Hills, NJ. Peter Duffy is an acknowledged expert in the field of surety bonds and many large construction firms are included among his clientele. This acquisition will expand Bollinger's presence in this specialty area.

Patchett, Grode & Topp is a well known insurance agency with a long history in the Wyckoff area. Providing insurance to personal lines customers as well as area businesses, the agency has grown under the leadership of John Topp, who will continue as a consultant to his many clients. Patchett, Grode & Topp employs 22 professionals in its Wyckoff office.

Bollinger is the nation's 7<sup>th</sup> largest privately held insurance broker, with commission revenues in excess of \$100 million and 465 employees. Bollinger is an employee owned business and was ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Work in 2006 by NJBiz Magazine.

Headquartered in Short Hills, NJ, Bollinger has branch offices in New York City, Philadelphia, Princeton, Moorestown and Vineland, NJ. The firm provides business and personal insurance to a wide range of customers, as well as specialty insurance programs for golf and country clubs, amateur sports, and schools and colleges.

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