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Dear Mr. Wienold:

We would like to personally thank you and Bear Construction Company for your participation in the Dream Home exhibit. Bear's hard work and dedication ensured another successful Dream Home project here inside the Merchandise Mart. Throughout the entire construction period for the Dream Home, the talent of the Bear team was evident in the quality craftsmanship, sound project management, and communication abilities with the interior designers.

This project was another example of perfect execution by Bear Construction here at the Merchandise Mart. Bear Construction continues to provide a high level of service, quality, and project management to Merchandise Mart Properties and our valuable tenants. Everyone on the Bear team was a pleasure to work with including Scott Kurinsky, Tim Kosogof, Mike Pelsoci, Tom Lane, Joe Mitacek, Steve Stramaglio, Chuck Fisher, Kasmir Pyter, Chris Lonson, Ron Gulyban. We sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts and hard work on this very important exhibit at the Merchandise Mart.

I would like to reiterate the appreciation and thanks that we at Merchandise Mart Properties have for Bear Construction and their contribution to Dream Home to make it such a wide success.

Thank you,

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