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Mars Super Market to Open 17th Store in Maryland at Bel Air Plaza

Mars Super Markets, Inc., a Baltimore-based, family-owned and operated grocery store chain, recently leased the former SuperFresh site at Bel Air Plaza. Located at 599 Baltimore Pike, in Bel Air Maryland, the 45,272 square foot building will be the company's 17th store in Maryland.

Tom Fidler, a Senior Vice President and Principal with MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services, LLC, represented the owner, Hill Management Services, Inc, in the transaction.

"This recent tenant transaction will be a great addition to Bel Air's prominent shopping center and will further the success of both the national and local tenants currently operating at Bel Air Plaza," said Fidler. "In addition, the shopping center's excellent co-tenancy, which includes Ross Dress for Less, Target, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond, should create substantial traffic flow at the new Mars Super Market, and contribute to awareness of Bel Air Plaza in the local marketplace," he added.

Chris Walsh, Leasing and Acquisitions Manager for Hill Management Services, Inc., stated "We are excited about the opportunity to add Mars Super Markets to the tenant roster at Bel Air Plaza. This strong, locally-owned food market will be a great addition to the current success of the project and its tenants. Mars has demonstrated its commitment to providing value and customer service to the residents in Harford County since 1993 at its Aberdeen and Edgewood stores. Bringing this business platform to Bel Air will enhance the quality of related retail services in the area."

Scott McQuilken of CM Commercial Realty represented Mars Super Markets in this lease.

Mars Super Markets Inc., whose roots and name go back to where they opened their first store in 1942, Mars Estates, an eastern Baltimore County community comprised primarily of military families and Glen L. Martin Aviation workers, plans to be operational at Bel Air Plaza by year-end. Improvements to the space will be extensive and will model the services and offerings found in its other Maryland locations, including fresh produce, seafood, meats, deli and bakery. The company regularly offers local seafood and produce and carries a line of their own private label goods in addition to national brands.

Mars employs 1,700 associates statewide at its 16 Maryland stores, Baltimore distribution center, and corporate office. Mars expects to hire approximately 120 new employees to serve the Bel Air store.

"We are very excited to be opening a store in the heart of Bel Air. Mars has had such a positive experience in Harford County over the past 17 years. We feel the addition of the Bel Air store will be a natural fit for the company and the community," said Phil Hanlon, President and Chief Operating Officer for Mars Super Markets.

To learn more about Mars Super Markets, Inc., please visit www.marsfood.com. For more information regarding Bel Air Plaza, or to learn more about tenant or landlord advisory services, please visit www.mackenziecommercial.com or contact Tom Fidler directly at 410.494.4860 or tfidler@mackenziecommercial.com.

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