

J.H. Berry adds six leased buildings to collection in Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM, Alabama -- J.H. Berry & Gilbert Inc. has boosted its Birmingham office leasing portfolio by 560,000 square feet with the addition of six buildings it is leasing for owner In-Rel Properties.

Lake Worth, Fla.-based In-Rel owns six office buildings in the Birmingham area and will continue to manage them. J.H. Berry's Philip Currie and John Hardin are handling the leasing.

"In-Rel is focused on delivering a value driven, high-quality rental experience for tenants. That is a product we can support," Hardin said.

The 90,000-square-foot Grand Twin Towers at 234 Goodwin Crest Drive in Homewood is fully leased while the 46,000-square-foot building at 800 Concourse Parkway in Hoover has only one 946-square-foot space available.

The other buildings are:

Beacon Ridge Tower at 600 Beacon Parkway West in Birmingham (153,000 square feet, with more than 11,300 square feet vacant);

100 Concourse Parkway in Hoover (125,000 square feet with more than 12,700 square feet vacant);

West Oxmoor Tower at 11 West Oxmoor in Birmingham (87,000 square feet with more than 5,500 square feet vacant);

The Tower Building at 530 Beacon Parkway West in Birmingham (59,000 square feet with more than 45,800 square feet vacant).

Currie noted the Red Mountain properties offer some of the best views of the city and sit on the edge of the Vulcan-Oxmoor office market and the highly desirable midtown office market.

J.H. Berry & Gilbert manages more than 7 million square feet of office and industrial real estate leases and properties as well as apartment and condominium properties.

"We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our Birmingham portfolio in 2012 and beyond," Mukang Cho, In-Rel Properties chief executive and principal, said in a statement to The Birmingham News. "With J.H. Berry & Gilbert as our partners on our leasing endeavors, we are confident we will continue to deliver a product that will be well supported by the marketplace."



Philip Currie, left, president of J.H. Berry & Gilbert Inc., and John Hardin, vice president of J.H. Berry, are handling the leasing of six buildings Florida-based In-Rel Properties owns in the Birmingham area, including the Beacon Ridge Tower atop Red Mountain. (The Birmingham News / Linda Stelter)