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## Press Release

### **pbb provides a € 32.5 million loan to W. P. Carey for a distribution centre in Poznan, Poland, leased to Hennes & Mauritz**

**Munich/London/Warsaw, 29 November 2013** – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank has provided a € 32.5 million medium-term refinancing facility for CPA<sup>®</sup>:17 - Global, one of W. P. Carey's publicly held non-traded REIT affiliates. The proceeds will be used to partially refinance the purchase price paid by W. P. Carey for the acquisition of a distribution centre in Poland in July of this year. The refinancing transaction closed in November 2013.

The spacious distribution centre is subject to a long-term lease by H&M. Located in Gądky nearby Poznan, the second largest logistics market in Poland outside of the Warsaw region, the modern centre is H&M's distribution centre for Eastern Europe, as well as one of its e-commerce and online-retail logistics hub for Europe.

**Charles Balch**, Head of Real Estate Finance International, UK & CEE at pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, said: "pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank is very pleased to support W. P. Carey in this Polish acquisition, and we are looking forward to other transactions with them, both in Poland and elsewhere in Europe."

**Arvi Luoma**, Director of W. P. Carey in Europe, noted. "W. P. Carey has a history and continuing interest in building its global portfolio of long-term leased corporate real estate through additional European acquisitions. Consequently, we also look forward to working with pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank again and appreciate the support they have provided through their long-term fixed rate financing of the H&M distribution centre."

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

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In **real estate financing**, the Group's range of services is targeted at professional national and international real estate investors such as real estate companies, institutional investors, real estate funds as well as SMEs and customers with a regional focus in Germany. The focus is on the less volatile real estate types, namely offices, retail properties, apartments and logistics. pbb focuses on medium to large-scale financing arrangements, and offers its customers local expertise and international know-how.



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