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### **Kling's Move to the West**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – February 9, 2006 – Kling, the architectural, engineering, interiors, and planning firm headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, is pleased to announce the opening of their new office in San Francisco, CA.

Kling, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, plans to capitalize on its strength in the biopharmaceutical and higher education markets by expanding to the West Coast. The San Francisco office is part of Kling's strategic plan for geographical diversification.

The new office will be managed by Project Director Stephen Mullen, AIA. He will report to Robert Hsu, AIA, Kling's national leader for R&D Projects. Mr. Mullen has been with Kling for over 16 years and specializes in the design and management of pharmaceutical and biotech facilities. A member of and speaker at several industry associations such as ISPE, AIA, and AALAS, he most recently served as Project Manager for Merck Research Laboratories in Boston, winner of several AIA Design Excellence honors including the Gold Medal Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of AIA.

Mr. Mullen is enthusiastic about Kling's prospects in California. He states, "Kling is well-positioned to provide high level design to clients in our targeted markets in the Bay Area and beyond."

"Several of our existing clients have provided us with new assignments on the West Coast this past year, based upon our commitment to establish this office in the Bay Area," said Kling's CEO, Robert Thompson, AIA. "We are currently working on projects in the Bay Area, in Southern California, and in Seattle."

Prior to the office opening, Kling's presence in California included the design of the environmentally-sensitive Johnson & Johnson Drug Discovery Lab in La Jolla, which earned LEED® Certification, recognizing leadership in energy efficient design—one of the few laboratory facilities in the country to receive this recognition.

Kling's San Francisco office is located at 153 Townsend Street, Suite 620, San Francisco, CA, 94107. Mr. Mullen can be reached by phone at 415.247.9701 or by email at smullen@kling.us.

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