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### **NEW VALLEY TO RECEIVE \$21 MILLION DISTRIBUTION FROM SALE OF MOSCOW OFFICE BUILDING**

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**MIAMI, FL, December 21, 2001** – New Valley Corporation (NASD: NVAL) announced today that its affiliate Western Realty Development LLC has sold for a total consideration of approximately \$42 million the Ducat Place II office building in Moscow, Russia and the adjoining site for the proposed development of Ducat Place III. Western Realty Development is a joint venture between New Valley and Apollo Real Estate Investment Fund III, L.P. Of the net cash proceeds from the sale, after repayment of debt and estimated closing adjustments and expenses, New Valley will receive 70%, or approximately \$21 million, and Apollo will receive 30%, or approximately \$9 million.

Western Realty Development is currently engaged in discussions to sell its remaining real estate assets in Moscow, Russia, consisting of two sites located across the Moscow River from the Kremlin.

New Valley recently completed the distribution to its stockholders of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc., its former majority-owned subsidiary engaged in the investment banking and brokerage business. New Valley is currently engaged in the real estate business and is seeking to acquire additional operating companies.

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