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EWM's Scott Patterson's \$4.35 Million Sale in Island Estates is the Second-Highest Price Ever Paid For a Single-family Home in the City of Aventura

Sale is most paid for a single-family home in Aventura since 2006; second-highest price overall

Miami (January __, 2011) – In a city where single-family home sales are a rarity (accounting for only 2.5% of total transactions in 2010), EWM's Scott Patterson not only bucked the trend, but did so in a huge way, with the second-highest paid price for a home in the city's history. The \$4.35 million transaction for the six-bedroom, eight and one half-bath new construction home was the most paid for a single-family home in Aventura since 2006.

Patterson, who is consistently among South Florida's top residential real estate agents, attributes the sale to international buyers, recognizing the immense value within today's South Florida residential real estate market.

"These are extremely savvy, educated buyers," says Patterson. "I believe that it is now broadly recognized that prices, for the most part, have stabilized, and that the values will never be this compelling. In short, the time to garner the best value is now."

"Scott has been one of South Florida's most successful realtors," adds EWM President Ron Shuffield. "A sale of this magnitude, in this market, is another positive sign for the industry's overall recovery."

Patterson has been an associate with EWM since 1997, and has had more than \$200 million in residential sales throughout his career. He is a member of EWM's International Chairman's Club and is one of the elite top 10 producers. He markets single-family estate homes, luxury condominiums and waterfront home sites from Miami to Palm Beach County.

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