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**Franklin Electronic Publishers Reports Closing of Sale and  
Leaseback of its Headquarters Building**

**BURLINGTON, New Jersey – January 19, 2006** – Franklin Electronic Publishers, Inc. (AMEX:FEP) reported today that the transaction for the sale of its headquarters building for \$10,300,000 closed on January 18, 2006. Franklin has leased back the building for 10 years. The lease provides for an initial annual rental payment of \$736,000. The Company will realize a gain on the sale of approximately \$4,800,000 which will be amortized over the period of the lease. The net proceeds from the sale will be used to retire all of the Company's outstanding Preferred Shares for \$2,434,000, and for additional working capital.

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