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Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty Grows Agent Team

MILLBROOK, N.Y. (July 8, 2015) – Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty in Millbrook, New York, today announced the appointment of two sales associates, Elizabeth Peters and Sapana Shakya.

Peters, who joined the firm in March, has lived in New York's Hudson Valley for more than 12 years and serves clients throughout the Hudson Valley. She specializes in finding country properties that have ideal access to New York City. In addition to her love of art and architecture, Peters is a certified yoga and Gyrotonic exercise instructor and an avid outdoorswoman and gardener. She has worked as a professional artist for more than 20 years, primarily sculpting clay and metal.

Shakya, who has lived in the area since 2008, joined the firm in January. Since relocating from Nepal, she continues to serve The Bodhivastu Foundation for Enlightened Activity, a not-for-profit organization that operates in Dutchess and Ulster counties, as treasurer and administrator. In 1998 became director and president of the not-for-profit Himalayan Light Foundation, which she still serves in that capacity. Both organizations benefit remote village development, women's empowerment and clean energy technologies. Shakya also worked in the Nepal energy industry in various management and financial capacities.

"I am proud to welcome both Elizabeth and Sapana to my firm and look forward to bringing their unique skill sets to our clientele," said Heather Croner, principal broker. "Elizabeth raised her daughter in Rhinebeck and relies on her background as a professional artist and designer to help buyers envision how spaces can be transformed and utilized both aesthetically and functionally. Sapana speaks Hindi and Nepali and offers her clients a great understanding of other cultures. She remains very involved in providing disaster assistance for Nepal."

About Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty

Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty, established in 1980, provides real estate brokerage, marketing and consulting services throughout the Hudson Valley of New York state, known for its historic small towns, fine arts, farm-to-table cuisine and country lifestyle. The brokerage's resources include four multiple-listing services focused on Dutchess, Columbia and Ulster Counties as well as the *Sotheby's International Realty* global network. With its principal office in Millbrook, New York, the heart of the Hudson Valley, the firm is less than two hours north of New York City.

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