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Exhibit of Bedouin Weavings Opens at Mills Building on May 9, 2011

San Francisco, CA – April 25, 2011 – Artsource Consulting presents the opening of an exhibit of Bedouin weaving textiles in the historic Mills Building on May 9, 2011.

The exhibit is from the collection of Joy Totah Hilden and Robert Hilden, acquired by the Hildens between 1982 and 1994 while they lived in Saudi Arabia. While Robert taught at a university, Joy conducted research that culminated in the book, *Bedouin Weaving of Saudi Arabia and Its Neighbours*, which was published in July 2010. The book is available at www.beduinweaving.com, along with and photographs of Beduin textiles and artifacts.

The exhibit includes a 31 foot long hand-woven tent wall, rugs, saddlebags, weaving tools, wool and dyes, camel head-stall and bridle, saddle-blanket, woven and braided horse reins, woven blanket and cushion covers, as well as other items produced and used by Bedouins in their everyday lives. The exhibit is curated by Margot Blum Schevill, a museum anthropologist, textile scholar, author and a curator at the San Francisco Airport Museums.

The exhibit runs from May 9, 2011 through July 29, 2011. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Mills Building, owned and managed by The Swig Company, located at 220 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA is a historical landmark in the heart of the San Francisco financial district.

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