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## PRIVATE PROPERTIES

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### Mining Magnate Sets \$65 Million Sale

Three years after listing his Marin County home for \$65 million, mining magnate Robert Friedland has a signed sales contract for the full asking price.



**Robert Friedland**

The 1895 mansion, on a crest with sweeping views of San Francisco Bay, sits on an acre on Belvedere Island, about a half-hour drive north of downtown San Francisco. Called Locksley Hall, the 12,000-square-foot mansion has a wraparound veranda, and there's a pool and a caretaker's studio. The sale accord includes the home's furniture, confirms listing broker Olivia Hsu Decker, co-owner of Decker Bullock Sotheby's International Realty.

A real-estate investor controls the legal entity buying the property, Ms. Decker says, but she declined to elaborate. A closing is set for January, but the agreement is still subject to contingencies, she adds.

Mr. Friedland, 57 years old, founded Vancouver-based Ivanhoe Mines, which has spent more than \$400 million to develop a southern Mongolian discovery that could become one of the world's largest copper and gold mines. The house is in the name of a company owned by his wife, Darlene. The Friedlands spent nine years and more than \$32 million renovating the house, which was bought for \$5.5 million in 1995.

The record for a Northern California home is believed to be a \$52.5 million sale in Woodside in 2000. In San Francisco so far this quarter, 30 homes costing over \$3 million have sold, double the number in the year-earlier period, according to data compiled by Avram Goldman, head of Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate. The broader Bay Area market, though, has been weak.

## **Tom DeLonge, of Blink-182, Lists**

Blink-182's Tom DeLonge is asking \$6.25 million for his San Diego County home, a modest 14% markup on what he paid two years ago, excluding renovations.

The 32-year-old band frontman and his wife, Jennifer, an interior designer, paid \$5.5 million for the U-shaped home in 2005, says their listing agent, Laura Barry of Barry Estates. (Many consider the fourth quarter of 2004 the peak of the U.S. housing market.)

In Rancho Santa Fe, 25 miles north of San Diego, the 6,500-square-foot, single-level home has five bedrooms and six baths. The DeLonges replaced the kitchen and bathrooms, adding a craft room and pool, among other things, Ms. Barry says. Mr. DeLonge couldn't be reached for comment.

As co-founder of punk-pop band Blink-182, Mr. DeLonge is known for hits like "What's My Age Again." Two years ago, the group went on hiatus, and Mr. DeLonge started a new band, Angels & Airwaves, which released a second album this fall called "I-Empire."

## **Farm Miró Painted Is on Sale in Spain**

A farm in Spain's Catalonia, owned by the family of surrealist Joan Miró and the subject of one of his key paintings, is for sale for €5 million (\$7.4 million).

The artist's parents purchased the farm around 1910; now about 25 acres, it's in the village of Montroig about 70 miles southwest of Barcelona. As a young man, after working as a clerk, Miró had a mental and physical breakdown and convalesced at the farm. In 1921, he painted "La Masia" ("The Farm"), a picture once owned by Ernest and Mary Hemingway, who donated it to the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

The 100-year-old Spanish colonial house measures about 10,500 square feet and has a three-story tower, six bedrooms (each with a terrace) and an adjoining chapel. No one has lived in the main villa, about three miles from the Tarragona coast, for about 35 years. The sale includes some furniture, Miró's roughly 1,000-square-foot art studio and some drawings he made on the wall.

Employees live on the property and maintain it as a working farm, says the listing agent, Artur Stabinski of Fincas Exclusivas, an affiliate of Christie's Great Estates. Miró died in 1983 at age 90. The painter's two grandsons, who listed the farm, inherited the property two years ago, Mr. Stabinski says.

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