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MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2012 Preferred Dividend of \$0.53125

NEW YORK, May 18, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) announced today that in accordance with the terms of its 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, the Board of Directors has declared a preferred stock dividend of \$0.53125 per share for the quarter ending June 30, 2012. This dividend is payable on July 2, 2012, to preferred stockholders of record as of June 1, 2012.

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in Agency and Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities.

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