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# Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Announces 4th Quarter 2008 Earnings Release Date and Conference Call Information

ROCKVILLE, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) (NYSE: WRE) will announce 4th Quarter 2008 Earnings in a Press Release to be issued on Thursday, February 19, 2009, after the market close.

The Conference Call for 4th Quarter Earnings is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. Eastern time. Conference Call access information is as follows:

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| USA Toll Free Number: | 1-877-407-9205 |
| International Toll Number: | 1-201-689-8054 |

Instant replay of the Conference Call will be available until March 6, 2009 at 11:59 P.M. Eastern time. Instant replay access information is as follows:

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| USA Toll Free Number: | 1-877-660-6853 |
| International Toll Number: | 1-201-612-7415 |
| Account: | 286 |
| Conference ID: | 308562 |

The live on-demand webcast of the Conference Call will be available on the investor section of WRIT's website at http://www.writ.com. On-line playback of the webcast will be available for two weeks following the Conference Call.

WRIT is a self-administered, self-managed, equity real estate investment trust investing in income-producing properties in the greater Washington metro region. WRIT's dividends have increased every year for 38 consecutive years. WRIT owns a diversified portfolio of 93 properties consisting of 14 retail centers, 28 office properties, 17 medical office properties, 22 industrial/flex properties, 12 multi-family properties and land for development. WRIT shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: WRE).

Certain statements in this press release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, the effect of the current credit market and financial conditions, dependence on tenants' financial conditions, fluctuations in interest rates, levels of competition, the effect of government regulation, the availability and cost of capital, the timing and pricing of lease transactions, the impact of newly adopted accounting principles, changes in general and local economic and real estate market conditions, and other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our filings with the SEC, including our 2007 Form 10-K and our third-quarter 2008 Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events.

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