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Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Announces Income Tax Treatment of Its 2008 Dividend Distribution

ROCKVILLE, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) (NYSE:WRE) announced the income tax treatment of its 2008 dividend distributions. This information represents final income allocations. Shareholders are encouraged to consult with their personal tax advisors as to their specific tax treatment of WRIT dividend distributions.

Common Share Dividends

NYSE Ticker Symbol: WRE CUSIP #939653101

Dividend Paid Date	Gross Distribution Per Share	Ordinary Taxable Income Per Share	(Return of Capital) Non-Taxable Distribution Per Share	Unrecap Sec. 1250 Gain Per Share	Capital Gain Per Share
03/31/2008	$ 0.4225	$ 0.2533	$ 0.0740	$ 0.0267	$ 0.0685
06/30/2008	$ 0.4325	$ 0.2593	$ 0.0758	$ 0.0273	$ 0.0701
09/30/2008	$ 0.4325	$ 0.2593	$ 0.0758	$ 0.0273	$ 0.0701
12/31/2008	$ 0.4325	$ 0.2593	$ 0.0758	$ 0.0273	$ 0.0701
TOTALS:	$ 1.7200	$ 1.0312	$ 0.3014	$ 0.1086	$ 0.2788
	100.00 %	59.95 %	17.53 %	6.31 %	16.21 %

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).

Source: Washington Real Estate Investment Trust