



First Industrial Declares Quarterly Cash Dividends

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CHICAGO, Sep 12, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: FR) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.68 per share of common stock payable on October 21, 2002, to stockholders of record on September 30, 2002. This is equivalent to an annual dividend of \$2.72.

Previously, the Board of Directors declared the following preferred stock dividends for the quarter ending September 30, 2002. The dividends are payable on September 30, 2002, to stockholders of record on September 13, 2002:

- \$.53906 per depositary share of its 8.63 percent Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock (NYSE: FR-PrC) which is equivalent to an annual dividend of \$2.1563 per depositary share.
- \$.49688 per depositary share of its 7.95 percent Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock (NYSE: FR-PrD) which is equivalent to an annual dividend of \$1.9875 per depositary share.
- \$.49375 per depositary share of its 7.90 percent Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock (NYSE: FR-PrE) which is equivalent to an annual dividend of \$1.975 per depositary share.

First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc., the nation's largest provider of diversified industrial real estate, serves every aspect of Corporate America's industrial real estate needs, including customized supply chain solutions, through its unique I-N-D-L operating platform, which utilizes a pure Industrial focus and National scope to provide Diverse facility types, while offering Local, full-service management and expertise. Building, buying, selling, leasing and managing industrial property in major markets nationwide, First Industrial develops long-term relationships with corporate real estate directors, tenants and brokers to better serve customers with creative, flexible industrial real estate solutions.

This press release contains forward-looking information about the Company. A number of factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, including changes in: economic conditions generally and the real estate market specifically, legislative/regulatory changes (including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts), availability of financing, interest rate levels, competition, supply and demand for industrial properties in the Company's current and proposed market areas, potential environmental liabilities, slippage in development or lease-up schedules, tenant credit risks, higher- than-expected costs and changes in general accounting principles, policies and guidelines applicable to real estate investment trusts. For further information on these and other factors that could impact the Company and the statements contained herein, reference should be made to the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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