

First Industrial Names Keith S. Stauber, SIOR, Senior Regional Director, Chicago

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CHICAGO, Sept. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- First Industrial Reality Trust, Inc. (NYSE: FR), the nation's largest provider of diversified industrial real estate, today announced that Keith S. Stauber, SIOR, has been named senior regional director of its Chicago region. Mr. Stauber will be responsible for acquisitions, providing industrial real estate solutions and expanding First Industrial's customer relationships in the greater Chicago-area.

"We are very pleased that Keith has joined the First Industrial team to lead our efforts in the Chicago region to meet our customers' industrial real estate needs as part of their supply chain management strategies," said Mike Brennan, First Industrial's President and CEO. "The Chicago industrial market is comprised of a number of submarkets with distinct characteristics and serves as a critical distribution hub for many corporations. We look forward to Keith's contributions to providing customized solutions to our clients in the area, drawing upon his extensive industry expertise, local market knowledge, and strong client and broker relationships."

Mr. Stauber has more than 18 years of providing real estate solutions to corporate customers nationwide including acquisitions, leasing, build-to- suits, and dispositions. Most recently, he served as senior vice president of the industrial group of Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler, a nationwide leader in commercial real estate brokerage. Mr. Stauber currently serves on the board of directors and as vice president of the Chicago chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) and is president-elect for 2007. He is also a member of the Association of Industrial Real Estate Brokers (AIRE) and formerly served on its board of directors. Mr. Stauber earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Northwestern University.

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. The Company owns, operates and has under development more than 100 million square feet of industrial real estate in markets throughout the United States. 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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