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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from            to

Commission file number 1-13102

**First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**  
**Incorporation or Organization)**

**36-3935116**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3900,**

**Chicago, Illinois 60606**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(312) 344-4300**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding as of November 2, 2012: 98,373,783.

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|  | September 30, 2012                             | December 31, 2011 |
|--|--|-------------------|
|  | (Unaudited)                                    |                   |
|  | (In thousands except share and per share data) |                   |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |  |                   |
| Assets:  |  |                   |
| Investment in Real Estate:   |  |                   |
| Land   | \$ 692,762                                     | \$ 638,071        |
| Buildings and Improvements   | 2,368,948                                      | 2,326,245         |
| Construction in Progress   | 46,892   | 27,780            |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation   | (717,503)                                      | (658,729)         |
| Net Investment in Real Estate  | 2,391,099                                      | 2,333,367         |
| Real Estate and Other Assets Held for Sale, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization of \$2,798 and \$39,413 | 6,492  | 91,659            |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents  | 2,808  | 10,153            |
| Tenant Accounts Receivable, Net  | 1,977  | 3,062             |
| Investments in Joint Ventures  | 1,247  | 1,674             |
| Deferred Rent Receivable, Net  | 53,515   | 50,033            |
| Deferred Financing Costs, Net  | 13,108   | 15,244            |
| Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net  | 35,062   | 38,037            |
| Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net   | 106,175  | 123,428           |
| Total Assets   | \$ 2,611,483                                   | \$ 2,666,657      |

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Liabilities:  |            |            |
| Indebtedness:   |            |            |
| Mortgage and Other Loans Payable, Net   | \$ 781,366 | \$ 690,256 |
| Senior Unsecured Notes, Net   | 488,487    | 640,227    |
| Unsecured Credit Facility   | 27,000     | 149,000    |
| Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net                       | 74,532     | 71,470     |
| Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net   | 15,921     | 16,567     |
| Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits                                     | 24,307     | 25,852     |
| Leasing Intangibles Held for Sale, Net of Accumulated Amortization of \$0 and \$415 |            | 690        |
| Total Liabilities   | 1,411,613  | 1,594,062  |

## Commitments and Contingencies

## Equity:

## First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity:

Preferred Stock (\$0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, 500, 250, 600 and 200 shares of Series F, G, J and K Cumulative Preferred Stock, respectively, issued and outstanding, having a

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liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (\$50,000), \$100,000 per share (\$25,000), \$250,000 per share (\$150,000) and \$250,000 per share (\$50,000), respectively)

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Common Stock (\$0.01 par value, 150,000,000 shares authorized, 102,659,540 and 91,131,516 shares issued and 98,335,426 and 86,807,402 shares outstanding) | 1,027        | 911          |
| Additional Paid-in-Capital  | 1,949,700    | 1,811,349    |
| Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings   | (647,762)    | (633,854)    |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss  | (7,674)      | (11,712)     |
| Treasury Shares at Cost (4,324,114 shares)  | (140,018)    | (140,018)    |
| <br>  |              |              |
| Total First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. s Stockholders Equity   | 1,155,273    | 1,026,676    |
| Noncontrolling Interest   | 44,597       | 45,919       |
| <br>  |              |              |
| Total Equity  | 1,199,870    | 1,072,595    |
| <br>  |              |              |
| Total Liabilities and Equity  | \$ 2,611,483 | \$ 2,666,657 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012<br><br>(Unaudited) | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| (In thousands except per share data)  |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| Rental Income   | \$ 63,256                                      | \$ 60,960                                      | \$ 189,818   | \$ 183,174                                    |
| Tenant Recoveries and Other Income  | 17,728   | 18,291   | 56,544   | 56,656  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>   | <b>80,984</b>                                  | <b>79,251</b>                                  | <b>246,362</b>   | <b>239,830</b>                                |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| Property Expenses   | 25,964   | 26,682   | 80,173   | 82,340  |
| General and Administrative  | 4,843  | 5,016  | 16,414   | 15,053  |
| Restructuring Costs   |  |  |  | 1,553   |
| Impairment of Real Estate   |  | 1,133  | (165)  | (7,131)                                       |
| Depreciation and Other Amortization   | 29,425   | 32,384   | 91,802   | 87,520  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   | <b>60,232</b>                                  | <b>65,215</b>                                  | <b>188,224</b>   | <b>179,335</b>                                |
| <b>Other Income (Expense):</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| Interest Income   | 656  | 1,167  | 2,261  | 3,034   |
| Interest Expense  | (20,127)                                       | (24,446)                                       | (63,992)   | (76,931)                                      |
| Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs  | (868)  | (1,075)  | (2,593)  | (3,237)                                       |
| Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements  | (29)   | (1,372)  | (334)  | (1,560)                                       |
| Loss from Retirement of Debt  | (424)  | (345)  | (6,646)  | (4,604)                                       |
| Foreign Currency Exchange Loss  |  | (332)  |  | (332)   |
| <b>Total Other Income (Expense)</b>   | <b>(20,792)</b>                                | <b>(26,403)</b>                                | <b>(71,304)</b>  | <b>(83,630)</b>                               |
| Loss from Continuing Operations Before Equity in Income of<br>Joint Ventures, Gain on Change in Control of Interests and Income |  |  |  |   |
| Tax Benefit (Provision)   | (40)   | (12,367)                                       | (13,166)   | (23,135)                                      |
| Equity in Income of Joint Ventures  | 28   | 772  | 156  | 907   |
| Gain on Change in Control of Interests  |  |  | 776  | 689   |
| Income Tax Benefit (Provision)  | 5  | 36   | (5,258)  | (41)  |
| <b>Loss from Continuing Operations</b>  | <b>(7)</b>                                     | <b>(11,559)</b>                                | <b>(17,492)</b>  | <b>(21,580)</b>                               |
| <b>Discontinued Operations:</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| Income Attributable to Discontinued Operations  | 1,006  | 94   | 1,595  | 345   |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate   | 4,420  | 6,010  | 12,005   | 13,351  |
| Provision for Income Taxes Allocable to Discontinued Operations   |  |  |  | (2,048)                                       |
| <b>Income from Discontinued Operations</b>  | <b>5,426</b>                                   | <b>6,104</b>                                   | <b>13,600</b>  | <b>11,648</b>                                 |
| <b>Income (Loss) Before Gain on Sale of Real Estate</b>   | <b>5,419</b>                                   | <b>(5,455)</b>                                 | <b>(3,892)</b>   | <b>(9,932)</b>                                |
| <b>Gain on Sale of Real Estate</b>  | <b>3,777</b>                                   | <b>1,370</b>                                   | <b>3,777</b>   | <b>1,370</b>                                  |

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|   |           |            |             |             |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Provision for Income Taxes Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate   |           | (452)      |             | (452)       |
| Net Income (Loss)   | 9,196     | (4,537)    | (115)       | (9,014)     |
| Less: Net (Income) Loss Attributable to the Noncontrolling Interest   | (277)     | 547        | 768         | 1,490       |
| Net Income (Loss) Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.   | 8,919     | (3,990)    | 653         | (7,524)     |
| Less: Preferred Dividends   | (4,725)   | (4,928)    | (14,285)    | (14,802)    |
| Net Income (Loss) Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. s Common Stockholders and Participating Securities | \$ 4,194  | \$ (8,918) | \$ (13,632) | \$ (22,326) |
| Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share:   |           |            |             |             |
| Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. s Common Stockholders                | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.17)  | \$ (0.30)   | \$ (0.42)   |
| Income from Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. s Common Stockholders         | \$ 0.05   | \$ 0.07    | \$ 0.14     | \$ 0.14     |
| Net Income (Loss) Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. s Common Stockholders                              | \$ 0.04   | \$ (0.10)  | \$ (0.15)   | \$ (0.28)   |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding   | 93,488    | 85,930     | 89,363      | 78,821      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012<br><br>(Unaudited) | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
|   | (In thousands)                                 |  |  |   |
| Net Income (Loss)   | \$ 9,196                                       | \$ (4,537)                                     | \$ (115)   | \$ (9,014)                                    |
| Amortization of Interest Rate Protection Agreements   | 579  | 531  | 1,690  | 1,633   |
| Write-off of Unamortized Settlement Amounts of Interest Rate Protection Agreements                                  |  | 541  | 2,619  | 2,889   |
| Reclassification of Foreign Exchange Loss on Substantial Liquidation of Foreign Entities, Net of Income Tax Benefit |  | 179  |  | 179   |
| Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment, Net of Income Tax Benefit  | 54   | (1,160)  | 51   | (1,586)                                       |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss)   | 9,829  | (4,446)  | 4,245  | (5,899)                                       |
| Comprehensive (Income) Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest   | (304)  | 551  | 535  | 1,296   |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.                                     | \$ 9,525                                       | \$ (3,895)                                     | \$ 4,780   | \$ (4,603)                                    |

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|  | Preferred<br>Stock | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid-<br>in Capital | Treasury<br>Shares<br>At Cost | Distributions<br>in Excess of<br>Accumulated<br>Earnings<br>(Unaudited)<br>(In thousands) | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Loss | Noncontrolling<br>Interest | Total        |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2011                    | \$                 | \$ 911          | \$ 1,811,349                      | \$ (140,018)                  | \$ (633,854)  | \$ (11,712)                                   | \$ 45,919                  | \$ 1,072,595 |
| Issuance of Common Stock, Net of<br>Issuance Costs |                    | 109             | 134,354                           |                               |   |   |                            | 134,463      |
| Stock Based Compensation Activity                  |                    | 4               | 3,124                             |                               | (276)   |   |                            | 2,852        |
| Conversion of Units to Common<br>Stock             |                    | 3               | 2,707                             |                               |   |   | (2,710)                    |              |
| Reallocation Additional Paid in<br>Capital         |                    |                 | (1,834)                           |                               |   |   | 1,834                      |              |
| Preferred Dividends                                |                    |                 |                                   |                               | (14,285)  |   |                            | (14,285)     |
| Net Income (Loss)                                  |                    |                 |                                   |                               | 653   |   | (768)                      | (115)        |
| Reallocation Other Comprehensive<br>Income         |                    |                 |                                   |                               |   | (89)  | 89                         |              |
| Other Comprehensive Income                         |                    |                 |                                   |                               |   | 4,127   | 233                        | 4,360        |
| Balance as of September 30, 2012                   | \$                 | \$ 1,027        | \$ 1,949,700                      | \$ (140,018)                  | \$ (647,762)  | \$ (7,674)                                    | \$ 44,597                  | \$ 1,199,870 |

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|   | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|---|---|---|
|   | (Unaudited)<br>(In thousands)                 |   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |   |   |
| Net Loss  | \$ (115)                                      | \$ (9,014)                                    |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:   |   |   |
| Depreciation  | 75,888  | 70,655  |
| Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs  | 2,593   | 3,237   |
| Other Amortization  | 23,903  | 26,742  |
| Impairment of Real Estate, Net  | 1,246   | (2,303)                                       |
| Provision for Bad Debt  | 667   | 1,019   |
| Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements  | 334   | 1,560   |
| Loss from Retirement of Debt  | 6,646   | 4,604   |
| Prepayment Penalties and Fees Associated with Retirement of Debt  | (440)   | (1,268)                                       |
| Equity in Income of Joint Ventures  | (156)   | (907)   |
| Distributions from Joint Ventures   | 27  | 949   |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate   | (15,782)                                      | (14,721)                                      |
| Gain on Change in Control of Interests  | (776)   | (689)   |
| Decrease (Increase) in Tenant Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net                                     | 1,609   | (633)   |
| Increase in Deferred Rent Receivable  | (2,384)                                       | (5,746)                                       |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses, Other Liabilities, Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits | 1,190   | (4,338)                                       |
| Decrease in Restricted Cash   |   | 117   |
| Payments of Premiums and Discounts Associated with Senior Unsecured Notes   | (3,619)                                       | (5,157)                                       |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>  | <b>90,831</b>                                 | <b>64,107</b>                                 |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |   |   |
| Purchases of and Additions to Investment in Real Estate and Lease Costs   | (113,032)                                     | (60,950)                                      |
| Net Proceeds from Sales of Investments in Real Estate   | 77,944  | 70,080  |
| Contributions to and Investments in Joint Ventures  | (184)   | (26)  |
| Distributions from Joint Ventures   |   | 717   |
| Repayments of Notes Receivable  | 14,226  | 10,173  |
| Increase in Lender Escrows  |   | (318)   |
| <b>Net Cash (Used In) Provided by Investing Activities</b>  | <b>(21,046)</b>                               | <b>19,676</b>                                 |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |   |   |
| Debt and Equity Issuance Costs  | (1,465)                                       | (3,304)                                       |
| Proceeds from the Issuance of Common Stock, Net of Underwriter's Discount   | 134,905                                       | 202,845                                       |
| Repurchase and Retirement of Restricted Stock   | (855)   | (1,001)                                       |
| Preferred Dividends   | (13,871)                                      | (15,254)                                      |
| Payments on Interest Rate Swap Agreement  | (819)   | (381)   |
| Proceeds from Origination of Mortgage Loans Payable   | 100,599                                       | 255,900                                       |
| Repayments on Mortgage and Other Loans Payable  | (21,468)                                      | (66,927)                                      |
| Repayments on Senior Unsecured Notes  | (152,170)                                     | (217,522)                                     |
| Proceeds from Unsecured Credit Facility   | 261,000                                       | 235,500                                       |
| Repayments on Unsecured Credit Facility   | (383,000)                                     | (451,553)                                     |

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|  |          |           |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Net Cash Used in Financing Activities                            | (77,144) | (61,697)  |
| Net Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents | 14       | (136)     |
| Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents             | (7,359)  | 22,086    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period                   | 10,153   | 25,963    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period                         | \$ 2,808 | \$ 47,913 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**(In thousands except share and per share data)**

**1. Organization and Formation of Company**

First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (the Company) was organized in the state of Maryland on August 10, 1993. The Company is a real estate investment trust (REIT) as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms Company, we, us, and our refer to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc., First Industrial, L.P. and their other controlled subsidiaries. We refer to our operating partnership, First Industrial, L.P., as the Operating Partnership.

We began operations on July 1, 1994. Our operations are conducted primarily through the Operating Partnership, of which we are the sole general partner with an approximate 95.2% ownership interest at September 30, 2012, and through our taxable REIT subsidiaries. We also conduct operations through other partnerships and limited liability companies, the operating data of which, together with that of the Operating Partnership and the taxable REIT subsidiaries, is consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. Noncontrolling interest of approximately 4.8% at September 30, 2012 represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own noncontrolling equity interests in, and provide various services to, two joint ventures (the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture and the 2007 Europe Joint Venture and, collectively, the Joint Ventures). The Joint Ventures are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Accordingly, the operating data of our Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. The 2007 Europe Joint Venture does not own any properties. See Note 4 for more information on the Joint Ventures.

As of September 30, 2012, we owned 716 industrial properties located in 26 states in the United States and one province in Canada, containing an aggregate of approximately 62.7 million square feet of gross leasable area (GLA).

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (2011 Form 10-K) and should be read in conjunction with such financial statements and related notes. The 2011 year end consolidated balance sheet data included in this Form 10-Q filing was derived from the audited financial statements in our 2011 Form 10-K, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The following notes to these interim financial statements highlight significant changes to the notes included in the December 31, 2011 audited financial statements included in our 2011 Form 10-K and present interim disclosures as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. In order to conform with GAAP, we, in preparation of our financial statements, are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In our opinion, the accompanying unaudited interim financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of our financial position as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the results of our operations and comprehensive income for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and our cash flows for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and all adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

***Investment in Real Estate and Depreciation***

The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 includes \$1,528 of depreciation and amortization expense which should have been recorded as depreciation and amortization expense during previous periods. Management evaluated these depreciation and amortization expense adjustments and believes they are not material to the results of the current periods or projected annual results or any previous annual or quarterly period.



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### ***IRS Tax Refund***

On August 24, 2009, we received a private letter ruling from the IRS granting favorable loss treatment under Sections 331 and 336 of the Code on the tax liquidation of one of our former taxable REIT subsidiaries. On November 6, 2009, legislation was signed that allowed businesses with net operating losses for 2008 or 2009 to carry back those losses for up to five years. As a result, we received a refund from the IRS of \$40,418 in the fourth quarter of 2009 (the Refund) in connection with this tax liquidation. As previously reported, the IRS examination team, which is required by statute to review all refund claims in excess of \$2,000 on behalf of the Joint Committee on Taxation, indicated to us that it disagreed with certain of the property valuations we obtained from an independent valuation expert in support of our fair value of the liquidated taxable REIT subsidiary and our claim for the Refund. We have reached an agreement with the regional office of the IRS on a proposed adjustment to the Refund. The total agreed-upon adjustment to taxable income was \$13,700, which equates to approximately \$4,800 of taxes owed. We must also pay accrued interest which approximates \$500 as of September 30, 2012. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a charge of \$5,300 related to the agreed-upon adjustment which is reflected as a component of income tax expense. The settlement amount is subject to final review and approval by the Joint Committee on Taxation. There can be no assurance that the settlement amount will be approved at the level we currently anticipate, nor can we provide an estimate of the timing of the final approval.

In addition, we are currently in discussions with the regional office of the IRS to determine the timing of the impact of the proposed tax settlement on the tax liability of the limited partners of the Operating Partnership and the stockholders of the Company.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

#### ***Fair Value Measurements***

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820) Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 clarifies the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, changes certain principles related to measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. Specifically, the guidance provides that the concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise in a fair value measurement are only relevant when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets and are not relevant when measuring the fair value of financial assets and liabilities. Required disclosures are expanded under the new guidance, especially for fair value measurements that are categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, for which quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used, and a narrative description of the valuation processes in place and sensitivity of recurring Level 3 measurements to changes in unobservable inputs are required. Entities are also required to disclose the categorization by level of the fair value hierarchy for items that are not measured at fair value in the balance sheet but for which the fair value is required to be disclosed. ASU 2011-04 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and is to be applied prospectively. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

### **3. Investment in Real Estate**

#### ***Acquisitions***

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we acquired one industrial property comprising approximately 0.4 million square feet of GLA through the purchase of the 85% equity interest in one property from the institutional investor in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture (see Note 4) and several land parcels.

The gross agreed-upon fair value for the industrial property was \$21,819, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the industrial property. The acquisition was funded through the assumption of a mortgage loan, which was subsequently paid off on the date of acquisition and whose carrying value approximated fair market value, in the amount of \$12,026 and a cash payment of \$8,324 (85% of the net fair value of the acquisition). We accounted for this transaction as a step acquisition utilizing the purchase method of accounting. Due to the change in control that occurred, we recorded a gain during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 of approximately \$776 related to the difference between our carrying value and fair value of our equity interest on the acquisition date.

The purchase price of the land parcels was approximately \$46,675, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the land parcels.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we acquired one industrial property comprising approximately 0.7 million square feet of GLA through the purchase of the 85% equity interest in one property from the institutional investor in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture.



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The gross agreed-upon fair value for the industrial property was \$30,625, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the industrial property. The acquisition was funded through the assumption of a mortgage loan, whose carrying value approximated fair market value, in the amount of \$24,417 and a cash payment of \$5,277 (85% of the net fair value of the acquisition). We accounted for this transaction as a step acquisition utilizing the purchase method of accounting. Due to the change in control that occurred, we recorded a gain during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 of approximately \$689 related to the difference between our carrying value and fair value of our equity interest on the acquisition date.

**Intangible Assets (Liabilities) Subject to Amortization in the Period of Acquisition**

The fair value at the date of acquisition of in-place leases, tenant relationships, above market leases and below market leases recorded due to the real estate property acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, which is recorded as deferred leasing intangibles, is as follows:

|                      | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| In-Place Leases      | \$ 1,750                                   | \$ 2,511                                   |
| Tenant Relationships | \$ 1,012                                   | \$ 1,553                                   |
| Above Market Leases  | \$   | \$ 2,883                                   |
| Below Market Leases  | \$ (102)                                   | \$   |

The weighted average life in months of in-place leases, tenant relationships, above market leases and below market leases recorded at the time of acquisition as a result of the real estate property acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

|                      | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| In-Place Leases      | 118  | 56   |
| Tenant Relationships | 178  | 116  |
| Above Market Leases  | N/A  | 56   |
| Below Market Leases  | 118  | N/A  |

**Sales and Discontinued Operations**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we sold 25 industrial properties comprising approximately 4.1 million square feet of GLA and one land parcel. Gross proceeds from the sales of the 25 industrial properties and one land parcel were approximately \$80,374. The gain on sale of real estate was approximately \$15,782, \$12,005 of which is shown in discontinued operations. The 25 sold industrial properties meet the criteria to be included in discontinued operations. Therefore the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate for the 25 industrial properties sold are included in discontinued operations. The results of operations and gain on sale of real estate for the one land parcel that does not meet the criteria to be included in discontinued operations are included in continuing operations.

At September 30, 2012, we had four industrial properties comprising approximately 0.2 million square feet of GLA held for sale. The results of operations of the four industrial properties held for sale at September 30, 2012 are included in discontinued operations. There can be no assurance that such industrial properties held for sale will be sold.

Income from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 reflects the results of operations of the 25 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the results of operations of 36 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2011, the results of operations of the four industrial properties identified as held for sale at September 30, 2012 and the gain on sale of real estate relating to 30 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2011.



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The following table discloses certain information regarding the industrial properties included in discontinued operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|                                     | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2012</b> | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2011</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2012</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2011</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Total Revenues                      | \$ 1,778   | \$ 4,271   | \$ 7,121  | \$ 14,394   |
| Property Expenses                   | (635)  | (1,640)  | (2,852)   | (5,838)   |
| Impairment of Real Estate           |  | (1,387)  | (1,411)   | (4,828)   |
| Depreciation and Amortization       | (137)  | (1,150)  | (1,263)   | (3,320)   |
| Interest Expense                    |  |  |   | (63)  |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate         | 4,420  | 6,010  | 12,005  | 13,351  |
| Provision for Income Taxes          |  |  |   | (2,048)   |
| Income from Discontinued Operations | \$ 5,426   | \$ 6,104   | \$ 13,600   | \$ 11,648   |

At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had notes receivable outstanding of approximately \$41,324 and \$55,502, net of a discount of \$271 and \$319, respectively, which are included as a component of Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net. At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair value of the notes receivable was \$44,350 and \$58,734, respectively. The fair value of our notes receivable was determined by discounting the future cash flows using current rates at which similar loans with similar remaining maturities would be made to other borrowers. The current market rates we utilized were internally estimated; therefore, we have concluded that our determination of fair value of our notes receivable was primarily based upon Level 3 inputs, as discussed below.

In 2009, we originated a mortgage loan receivable with a purchaser of one of our industrial properties. During July 2012, we were notified that the sole tenant in the industrial property that serves as collateral for the mortgage loan receivable filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. As of the date of this filing, the mortgagor is current on its loan payments and we are not aware of any information that would cause us to believe that the mortgagor will not pay us all amounts due on the mortgage loan receivable. As of September 30, 2012, the mortgage loan receivable had an outstanding principal balance of \$7,693, offset by an unamortized discount of \$271, resulting in a carrying value of \$7,422.

**Impairment Charges**

The net impairment charges for assets that qualify to be classified as held for sale are calculated as the difference of the carrying value of the properties and land parcels over the fair value less costs to sell. On the date an asset no longer qualifies to be classified as held for sale, the carrying value must be reestablished at the lower of the estimated fair market value of the asset or the carrying value of the asset prior to held for sale classification, adjusted for any depreciation and amortization that would have been recorded if the asset had not been classified as held for sale. Catch-up depreciation and amortization has been recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, if applicable, for certain assets that are no longer classified as held for sale. The net impairment charges recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 are due to updated fair market values for certain industrial properties whose estimated fair market values have changed since December 31, 2011 and were either sold or were classified as held for sale at December 31, 2011, but no longer qualify to be classified as held for sale at September 30, 2012.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we recorded the following net non-cash impairment charges:

|  | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2012</b> | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2011</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2012</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2011</b> |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Operating Properties Held for Sale and Sold Assets | \$   | \$ 1,387   | \$ 1,411  | \$ 4,828  |
| Impairment Discontinued Operations                 | \$   | \$ 1,387   | \$ 1,411  | \$ 4,828  |

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|                                   |    |          |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|----------|----------|------------|
| Land Parcels Sold Assets          | \$ | \$       | \$       | \$ (5,879) |
| Operating Properties Held for Use |    | 1,173    | (165)    | (617)      |
| Land Parcels Held for Use         |    | (40)     |          | (635)      |
| Impairment Continuing Operations  | \$ | \$ 1,133 | \$ (165) | \$ (7,131) |
| Total Net Impairment              | \$ | \$ 2,520 | \$ 1,246 | \$ (2,303) |

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The accounting guidance for the fair value measurement provisions for the impairment of long lived assets recorded at fair value establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The fair market values were determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analyses using expected cash flows, internal valuations of real estate and third party offers.

For operational real estate assets, the most significant assumptions used in the discounted cash flow analyses included the discount rate, projected occupancy levels, market rental rates, capital expenditures, and the terminal capitalization rate. For the valuation of land parcels, we reviewed recent comparable sales transactions, to the extent available, or if not available, we considered older comparable transactions, adjusted upward or downward to reflect management's assumptions about current market conditions. In all cases, members of our management team that were responsible for the individual markets where the land parcels were located determined the internal valuations. Valuations based on third party offers include bona fide contract prices and letter of intent amounts that we believe are indicative of fair value.

The following table presents information about our assets that were measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. There were no assets measured at fair value as of September 30, 2012. The table indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques we utilized to determine fair value.

| Description                              | Fair Value Measurements on a Non-Recurring Basis Using: |  |   |                               | Total Impairment |
|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------|
|  | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011                    | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |                  |
| Long-lived Assets Held for Sale or Sold* | \$ 25,502   |  |   | \$ 25,502                     | \$ (5,444)       |
| Long-lived Assets Held and Used*         | \$ 64,604   |  |   | \$ 64,604                     | (3,369)          |
|  |   |  |   |                               | \$ (8,813)       |

\* Excludes industrial properties and land parcels for which an impairment reversal of \$11,116 was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, since the related assets are recorded at carrying value, which is lower than estimated fair value at September 30, 2011.

**4. Investments in Joint Ventures**

We acquired the 85% equity interest in one property on February 13, 2012 and the 85% equity interest in another property on May 26, 2011, in each case from the institutional investor in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture (See Note 3).

At September 30, 2012, the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture owned six industrial properties comprising approximately 3.1 million square feet of GLA. The 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture is considered a variable interest entity in accordance with the FASB guidance on the consolidation of variable interest entities. However, we continue to conclude that we are not the primary beneficiary of this venture. As of September 30, 2012, our investment in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture is \$1,247. Our maximum exposure to loss is equal to our investment plus any future contributions we make to the venture. We continue to hold our 10% equity interest in the 2007 Europe Joint Venture. As of September 30, 2012, the 2007 Europe Joint Venture did not own any properties.

At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we have receivables from the Joint Ventures (and/or our former Joint Venture partners) in the aggregate amount of \$24 and \$137, respectively. These receivable amounts are included in Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net. We recognized fees from our Joint Ventures (and/or our former Joint Venture partners) of \$295 and \$439 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, and \$113 and \$700 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

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The following table discloses certain information regarding our indebtedness:

|  | Outstanding Balance at |              | Interest           | Effective        |                               |
|--|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | September 30,          | December 31, | Rate at            | Interest         | Maturity Date                 |
|  | 2012                   | 2011         | September 30, 2012 | Rate at Issuance |                               |
| <b>Mortgage and Other Loans Payable, Net</b>   | \$ 781,366             | \$ 690,256   | 4.03% - 9.25%      | 4.03% - 9.25%    | January 2013 - September 2022 |
| <i>Unamortized Premiums</i>                    | (257)                  | (305)        |                    |                  |                               |
| <b>Mortgage and Other Loans Payable, Gross</b> | \$ 781,109             | \$ 689,951   |                    |                  |                               |
| <b>Senior Unsecured Notes, Net</b>             |                        |              |                    |                  |                               |
| 2016 Notes                                     | \$ 159,497             | \$ 159,455   | 5.750%             | 5.91%            | 01/15/16                      |
| 2017 Notes                                     | 55,383                 | 59,600       | 7.500%             | 7.52%            | 12/01/17                      |
| 2027 Notes                                     | 6,066                  | 6,065        | 7.150%             | 7.11%            | 05/15/27                      |
| 2028 Notes                                     | 68,977                 | 124,894      | 7.600%             | 8.13%            | 07/15/28                      |
| 2012 Notes                                     |                        | 61,817       | 6.875%             | 6.85%            | 04/15/12                      |
| 2032 Notes                                     | 12,490                 | 34,683       | 7.750%             | 7.87%            | 04/15/32                      |
| 2014 Notes                                     | 79,336                 | 86,997       | 6.420%             | 6.54%            | 06/01/14                      |
| 2017 II Notes                                  | 106,738                | 106,716      | 5.950%             | 6.37%            | 05/15/17                      |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                | \$ 488,487             | \$ 640,227   |                    |                  |                               |
| <i>Unamortized Discounts</i>                   | 2,958                  | 4,625        |                    |                  |                               |
| <b>Senior Unsecured Notes, Gross</b>           | \$ 491,445             | \$ 644,852   |                    |                  |                               |
| <b>Unsecured Credit Facility</b>               | \$ 27,000              | \$ 149,000   | 2.175%             | 2.175%           | 12/12/14                      |

**Mortgage and Other Loans Payable, Net**

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, we originated the following mortgage loans:

| Mortgage  | Loan       | Interest | Origination     | Maturity          | Amortization | Number of Industrial Properties | GLA           | Property Carrying Value at |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Financing | Principal  | Rate     | Date            | Date              | Period       | Collateralizing Mortgage        | (In millions) | September 30, 2012         |
| I-VI      | \$ 100,599 | 4.03%    | August 29, 2012 | September 1, 2022 | 30-year      | 31                              | 3.8           | \$ 104,711                 |

For Mortgage Financings I through VI, principal prepayments are prohibited for 12 months after loan origination, after which prepayment premiums are calculated at the greater of yield maintenance or 1% of the outstanding balance.

As of September 30, 2012, mortgage and other loans payable are collateralized by, and in some instances cross-collateralized by, industrial properties with a net carrying value of \$976,321 and one letter of credit in the amount of \$537. We believe the Operating Partnership and the Company were in compliance with all covenants relating to mortgage and other loans payable as of September 30, 2012.

**Senior Unsecured Notes, Net**

On April 16, 2012, we paid off and retired our 2012 Notes, at maturity, in the amount of \$61,829.

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On January 20, 2012, we repurchased and retired a portion of our 2028 Notes prior to maturity as reflected in the table below. In connection with this repurchase prior to maturity, we recognized \$1 as gain on retirement of debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which is the difference between the repurchase price of \$406 and the principal amount retired of \$430, net of the pro rata write off of unamortized loan fees and the unamortized settlement amount of the interest rate protection agreements related to the repurchase of \$3 and \$20, respectively.

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On March 29, 2012, we announced a cash tender offer to purchase up to an aggregate of \$100,000 of our 2014 Notes, 2027 Notes, 2028 Notes and 2032 Notes. The tender offer expired on April 25, 2012. During the tender offer, we repurchased and retired certain of our senior unsecured debt prior to its maturity as reflected in the table below. In connection with these repurchases prior to maturity, we recognized \$6,223 as loss from retirement of debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which is the difference between the repurchase price of \$88,922 and the principal amount retired of \$86,925, net of the pro rata write off of the unamortized debt issue discount, the unamortized loan fees, the unamortized settlement amount of the interest rate protection agreements and the professional services fees related to the repurchases of \$578, \$609, \$2,599 and \$440, respectively.

On September 6, 2012, we repurchased and retired a portion of our 2017 Notes prior to maturity as reflected in the table below. In connection with this repurchase prior to maturity, we recognized \$424 as loss on retirement of debt for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, which is the difference between the repurchase price of \$4,632 and the principal amount retired of \$4,223, net of the pro rata write off of the unamortized debt issue discount and the unamortized loan fees related to the repurchase of \$2 and \$13, respectively

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we repurchased and retired the following senior unsecured notes prior to maturity:

|   | <b>Principal<br/>Amount<br/>Repurchased</b> | <b>Purchase<br/>Price</b> |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Senior Unsecured Notes Repurchases</b> |   |                           |
| 2014 Notes                                | \$ 9,000                                    | \$ 9,439                  |
| 2017 Notes                                | 4,223                                       | 4,632                     |
| 2028 Notes                                | 55,955                                      | 57,041                    |
| 2032 Notes                                | 22,400                                      | 22,848                    |
|   | \$ 91,578                                   | \$ 93,960                 |

**Indebtedness**

The following is a schedule of the stated maturities and scheduled principal payments as of September 30, 2012 of our indebtedness, exclusive of premiums and discounts, for the next five years ending December 31, and thereafter:

|                   | <b>Amount</b>       |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Remainder of 2012 | \$ 3,682            |
| 2013              | 14,944              |
| 2014              | 175,917             |
| 2015              | 64,017              |
| 2016              | 295,476             |
| Thereafter        | 745,518             |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$ 1,299,554</b> |

Our unsecured credit facility (the Unsecured Credit Facility) and the indentures governing our senior unsecured notes contain certain financial covenants, including limitations on incurrence of debt and debt service coverage. Under the Unsecured Credit Facility, an event of default can occur if the lenders, in their good faith judgment, determine that a material adverse change has occurred which could prevent timely repayment or materially impair our ability to perform our obligations under the loan agreement. We believe that we were in compliance with all covenants as of September 30, 2012. However, these financial covenants are complex and there can be no assurance that these provisions would not be interpreted by our noteholders or lenders in a manner that could impose and cause us to incur material costs.

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At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair values of our indebtedness were as follows:

|                                       | September 30, 2012 |              | December 31, 2011 |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                       | Carrying Amount    | Fair Value   | Carrying Amount   | Fair Value   |
| Mortgage and Other Loans Payable, Net | \$ 781,366         | \$ 839,687   | \$ 690,256        | \$ 743,419   |
| Senior Unsecured Notes, Net           | 488,487            | 519,797      | 640,227           | 630,622      |
| Unsecured Credit Facility             | 27,000             | 27,000       | 149,000           | 149,000      |
| Total                                 | \$ 1,296,853       | \$ 1,386,484 | \$ 1,479,483      | \$ 1,523,041 |

The fair values of our mortgage and other loans payable were determined by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made based upon similar leverage levels and similar remaining maturities. The current market rates we utilized were internally estimated; therefore, we have concluded that our determination of fair value for our mortgage and other loans payable was primarily based upon Level 3 inputs. The fair value of the senior unsecured notes was estimated by using rates, as advised by our bankers, that are based upon recent trades within the same series of the senior unsecured notes, recent trades for senior unsecured notes with comparable maturities, recent trades for fixed rate unsecured debt from companies with profiles similar to ours, as well as overall economic conditions. We have determined that our estimation of the fair value of our fixed rate unsecured debt was primarily based upon Level 3 inputs. The fair value of the Unsecured Credit Facility was determined by discounting the future cash flows using current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining term, assuming no repayment until maturity. The current market rate utilized for our Unsecured Credit Facility was internally estimated; therefore, we have concluded that our determination of fair value was primarily based upon Level 3 inputs.

**6. Stockholders' Equity****Shares of Common Stock and Noncontrolling Interest**

On August 6, 2012, we announced an underwritten public offering of 9,400,000 shares of the Company's common stock to the public. Proceeds to us, net of total expenses of \$127, were approximately \$116,715.

On March 1, 2012, we entered into distribution agreements with sales agents to sell up to 12,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, for up to \$125,000 aggregate gross sale proceeds, from time to time in at-the-market offerings (the ATM). During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we issued 1,532,598 shares of the Company's common stock under the ATM at a weighted average sale price of \$12.03 resulting in net proceeds to us of approximately \$18,063, net of \$369 paid to the sales agent. We did not issue any shares of the Company's common stock under the ATM during the three months ended September 30, 2012. Under the terms of the ATM, sales are to be made primarily in transactions that are deemed to be at-the-market offerings, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made through a market maker other than on an exchange or by privately negotiated transactions.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, 308,503 limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership (Units) were converted into an equivalent number of shares of common stock, resulting in a reclassification of \$2,710 of Noncontrolling Interest to First Industrial Realty Trust Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity.

The following table summarizes the changes in Noncontrolling Interest for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|  | September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2011 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Noncontrolling Interest, Beginning of Period | \$ 45,919          | \$ 45,266          |
| Net Loss                                     | (768)              | (1,490)            |
| Other Comprehensive Income                   | 233                | 194                |
| Conversion of Units to Common Stock          | (2,710)            | (885)              |
| Reallocation - Additional Paid In Capital    | 1,834              | 3,061              |
| Reallocation - Other Comprehensive Income    | 89                 | 231                |
| Noncontrolling Interest, End of Period       | \$ 44,597          | \$ 46,377          |

***Restricted Stock***

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we awarded 365,137 and 292,339 shares, respectively, of restricted common stock to certain employees. The restricted common stock had a fair value of approximately \$4,327 and \$3,248, respectively, on the date of approval by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The restricted common stock vests over a three year period. Compensation expense will be charged to earnings over the vesting period for the shares expected to vest.



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We recognized \$1,309 and \$3,707 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, and \$1,042 and \$2,768 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, in compensation expense related to restricted stock/unit awards, of which \$19 and \$19, was capitalized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, and \$0 and \$0 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, in connection with development activities. At September 30, 2012, we had \$5,536 in unrecognized compensation related to unvested restricted stock/unit awards. The weighted average period that the unrecognized compensation is expected to be recognized is 0.91 years.

**Dividend/Distributions**

The coupon rate of our Series F Preferred Stock resets every quarter at 2.375% plus the greater of (i) the 30 year Treasury constant maturity treasury ( CMT ) Rate, (ii) the 10 year Treasury CMT Rate or (iii) 3 month LIBOR. For the third quarter of 2012, the new coupon rate was 5.065%. See Note 9 for additional derivative information related to the Series F Preferred Stock coupon rate reset.

The following table summarizes dividends/distributions accrued during the nine months ended September 30, 2012:

|                          | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30, 2012</b> |                           |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
|                          | <b>Dividend/<br/>Distribution<br/>per Share</b> | <b>Total<br/>Dividend</b> |
| Series F Preferred Stock | \$ 4,105.28                                     | \$ 2,053                  |
| Series G Preferred Stock | \$ 5,427.00                                     | \$ 1,357                  |
| Series J Preferred Stock | \$ 13,593.90                                    | \$ 8,156                  |
| Series K Preferred Stock | \$ 13,593.90                                    | \$ 2,719                  |

**7. Supplemental Information to Statements of Cash Flows**

|  | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30, 2012</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30, 2011</b> |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:</b> |   |   |
| Distribution payable on preferred stock                                      | \$ 5,177  | \$  |
| <b>Exchange of Units for common stock:</b>                                   |   |   |
| Noncontrolling interest  | \$ (2,710)  | \$ (885)  |
| Common stock   | 3   | 1   |
| Additional paid-in-capital   | 2,707   | 884   |
|  | \$  | \$  |
| Write-off of fully depreciated assets  | \$ (36,560)   | \$ (34,644)   |
| Mortgage loan payable assumed in conjunction with a property acquisition     | \$ 12,026   | \$ 24,417   |
| Notes receivable issued in conjunction with certain property sales           | \$  | \$ 1,279  |

**Table of Contents****8. Earnings Per Share ( EPS )**

The computation of basic and diluted EPS is presented below:

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Numerator:</b>   |  |  |   |   |
| Loss from Continuing Operations   | \$ (7)   | \$ (11,559)                                    | \$ (17,492)                                   | \$ (21,580)                                   |
| Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Continuing Operations  | 181  | 950  | 1,699   | 2,276   |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate, Net of Income Tax Provision  | 3,777  | 918  | 3,777   | 918   |
| Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate  | (188)  | (53)   | (202)   | (57)  |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.                  | 3,763  | (9,744)  | (12,218)                                      | (18,443)                                      |
| Preferred Stock Dividends   | (4,725)  | (4,928)  | (14,285)                                      | (14,802)                                      |
| Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders        | \$ (962)                                       | \$ (14,672)                                    | \$ (26,503)                                   | \$ (33,245)                                   |
| Income from Discontinued Operations, Net of Income Tax Provision  | \$ 5,426                                       | \$ 6,104                                       | \$ 13,600                                     | \$ 11,648                                     |
| Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Discontinued Operations  | (270)  | (350)  | (729)   | (729)   |
| Income from Discontinued Operations Allocable to Participating Securities                                     | (33)   |  |   |   |
| Income from Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.                       | \$ 5,123                                       | \$ 5,754                                       | \$ 12,871                                     | \$ 10,919                                     |
| Net Income (Loss) Available   | \$ 4,194                                       | \$ (8,918)                                     | \$ (13,632)                                   | \$ (22,326)                                   |
| Net Income Allocable to Participating Securities  | (33)   |  |   |   |
| Net Income (Loss) Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders                      | \$ 4,161                                       | \$ (8,918)                                     | \$ (13,632)                                   | \$ (22,326)                                   |
| <b>Denominator:</b>   |  |  |   |   |
| Weighted Average Shares Basic and Diluted   | 93,488,276                                     | 85,930,470                                     | 89,363,294                                    | 78,821,342                                    |
| <b>Basic and Diluted EPS:</b>   |  |  |   |   |
| Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders        | \$ (0.01)                                      | \$ (0.17)                                      | \$ (0.30)                                     | \$ (0.42)                                     |
| Income from Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders | \$ 0.05  | \$ 0.07  | \$ 0.14                                       | \$ 0.14                                       |
| Net Income (Loss) Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders                      | \$ 0.04  | \$ (0.10)                                      | \$ (0.15)                                     | \$ (0.28)                                     |

Participating securities include 745,712 and 688,708 of unvested restricted stock awards outstanding at September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which participate in non-forfeitable dividends of the Company. Participating security holders are not obligated to share in losses. Therefore, none of the net loss attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. was allocated to participating securities for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.



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The number of weighted average shares diluted is the same as the number of weighted average shares basic for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, as the effect of stock options and restricted stock unit awards (that do not participate in non-forfeitable dividends of the Company) was excluded as its inclusion would have been antidilutive to the loss from continuing operations available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders. The following awards were anti-dilutive and could be dilutive in future periods:

|                                      | Number of<br>Awards<br>Outstanding At<br>September 30,<br>2012 | Number of<br>Awards<br>Outstanding At<br>September 30,<br>2011 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Non-Participating Securities:</b> |  |  |
| Restricted Stock Unit Awards         | 713,550  | 923,700  |
| Options                              |  | 25,201   |

**9. Derivatives**

Our objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense or preferred stock dividends and to manage our cash flow volatility and exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, we primarily use interest rate swaps as part of our interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

Our Series F Preferred Stock is subject to a coupon rate reset. The coupon rate resets every quarter at 2.375% plus the greater of i) the 30 year Treasury CMT Rate, ii) the 10 year Treasury CMT Rate or iii) 3 month LIBOR. For the third quarter of 2012, the new coupon rate was 5.065%. In October 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional value of \$50,000 to mitigate our exposure to floating interest rates related to the forecasted reset rate of the coupon rate of our Series F Preferred Stock (the "Series F Agreement"). This Series F Agreement fixes the 30 year Treasury CMT rate at 5.2175%. Accounting guidance for derivatives does not permit hedge accounting treatment related to equity instruments and therefore the mark-to-market gains or losses related to this agreement are recorded in the statement of operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, losses of \$29 and \$334, respectively, are recognized as Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, losses of \$1,372 and \$1,560, respectively, are recognized as Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements. Quarterly payments are treated as a component of the mark-to-market gains or losses and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, totaled \$326 and \$865, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, totaled \$106 and \$294, respectively.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) and is subsequently reclassified to earnings through interest expense over the life of the derivative or over the life of the debt. In the next 12 months, we will amortize approximately \$2,406 into net income by increasing interest expense for interest rate protection agreements we settled in previous periods.

The following is a summary of the terms of our derivatives and their fair values, which are included in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets:

| Hedge Product                                      | Notional<br>Amount | Strike  | Trade<br>Date | Maturity<br>Date | Fair Value As of<br>September<br>30,<br>2012 | Fair Value As of<br>December 31,<br>2011 |
|--|--------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments: |                    |         |               |                  |  |  |
| Series F Agreement*                                | \$ 50,000          | 5.2175% | October 2008  | October 1, 2013  | \$ (1,136)                                   | \$ (1,667)                               |

\* Fair value excludes quarterly settlement payment due on Series F Agreement. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the outstanding payable was \$326 and \$280, respectively.



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The following is a summary of the impact of the derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships on the statement of operations and the statement of OCI for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

| Interest Rate Products                                | Location on Statement | Three Months Ended |                    | Nine Months Ended  |                    |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   |                       | September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2011 | September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2011 |
| Amortization Reclassified from OCI into Income (Loss) | Interest Expense      | \$ (579)           | \$ (531)           | \$ (1,690)         | \$ (1,633)         |

Our agreements with our derivative counterparties contain provisions where if we default on any of our indebtedness, then we could also be declared in default on our derivative obligations subject to certain thresholds.

The guidance for fair value measurement of financial instruments includes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

The following table sets forth our financial liabilities that are accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

| Description                              | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using:               |   |                               |
|--|------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  |            | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                      |            |  |   |                               |
| Series F Agreement at September 30, 2012 | \$ (1,136) |  |   | \$ (1,136)                    |
| Series F Agreement at December 31, 2011  | \$ (1,667) |  |   | \$ (1,667)                    |

The following table presents the quantitative information about the Level 3 fair value measurements at September 30, 2012.

| Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements: |                                  |                      |  |                                |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Description   | Fair Value at September 30, 2012 | Valuation Technique  | Unobservable Inputs                              | Range                          |
| Series F Agreement  | \$ (1,136)                       | Discounted Cash Flow | Long Dated Treasuries (A)<br>Own Credit Risk (B) | 2.77% - 2.94%<br>1.04% - 1.82% |

(A) Represents the forward 30 year Treasury CMT Rate.

(B) Represents credit default swap spread curve used in the valuation analysis.

The valuation of the Series F Agreement is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of the instrument. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the agreements including the period to maturity. In adjusting the fair value of the interest rate protection agreements for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements. To comply with the provisions of fair value measurement, we incorporated a credit valuation adjustment (CVA) to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. However, assessing significance of inputs is a matter of judgment that should consider a variety of factors. One factor we consider is the CVA and its materiality to the overall valuation of the derivatives on the balance sheet and to their related changes in fair value. We consider the Series F Agreement to be classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to a significant number of unobservable inputs. The Series F Agreement swaps a fixed rate of 5.2175% for floating rate payments based on 30 year Treasury CMT rate. No market observable prices exist for long dated Treasuries. Therefore, we have classified the Series F Agreement in its entirety as Level 3.



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The following table presents a reconciliation of our liabilities classified as Level 3 at September 30, 2012:

|   | <b>Fair Value Measurements<br/>Using Significant<br/>Unobservable Inputs<br/>(Level 3)<br/>Derivatives</b> |
|---|--|
| Ending liability balance at December 31, 2011         | \$ (1,667)   |
| Mark-to-Market of the Series F Agreement              | 531  |
| <b>Ending liability balance at September 30, 2012</b> | <b>\$ (1,136)</b>  |

**10. Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of business, we are involved in legal actions arising from the ownership of our industrial properties. In our opinion, the liabilities, if any, that may ultimately result from such legal actions are not expected to have a materially adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, operations or liquidity.

We have committed to the construction of certain development projects totaling approximately 2.3 million square feet of GLA. The estimated total construction costs as of September 30, 2012, are approximately \$99,516. Of this amount, approximately \$68,401 remains to be funded. There can be no assurance that the actual completion cost will not exceed the estimated completion cost stated above.

**11. Subsequent Events**

On October 1, 2012, we paid off and retired an other loan payable originally maturing in January 2013 in the amount of \$115.

On October 4, 2012, we paid off and retired a mortgage loan originally maturing in September 2014 in the amount of \$1,880.



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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are including this statement for purposes of complying with those safe harbor provisions. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe our future plans, strategies and expectations of the Company, are generally identifiable by use of the words believe, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, project, seek, target, potential, focus, may, should, or similar expressions. Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have a materially adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to: changes in national, international, regional and local economic conditions generally and real estate markets specifically; changes in legislation/regulation (including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts) and actions of regulatory authorities (including the Internal Revenue Service); our ability to qualify and maintain our status as a real estate investment trust; the availability and attractiveness of financing (including both public and private capital) to us and to our potential counterparties; the availability and attractiveness of terms of additional debt repurchases; interest rates; our credit agency ratings; our ability to comply with applicable financial covenants; competition; changes in supply and demand for industrial properties (including land, the supply and demand for which is inherently more volatile than other types of industrial property) in the Company's current and proposed market areas; difficulties in consummating acquisitions and dispositions; risks related to our investments in properties through joint ventures; environmental liabilities; slippages in development or lease-up schedules; tenant creditworthiness; higher-than-expected costs; changes in asset valuations and related impairment charges; changes in general accounting principles, policies and guidelines applicable to real estate investment trusts; international business risks and those additional factors described under the heading Risk Factors and elsewhere in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and in this quarterly report. We caution you not to place undue reliance on forward looking statements, which reflect our analysis only and speak only as of the date of this report or the dates indicated in the statements. We assume no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms Company, we, us, and our refer to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc., First Industrial, L.P. and their controlled subsidiaries. We refer to our operating partnership, First Industrial, L.P., as the Operating Partnership.

**GENERAL**

The Company was organized in the state of Maryland on August 10, 1993. We are a real estate investment trust ( REIT ) as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code ). We began operations on July 1, 1994. Our interests in our properties and land parcels are held through partnerships, corporations, and limited liability companies controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company, including the Operating Partnership, of which we are the sole general partner with an approximate 95.2% ownership interest at September 30, 2012, and through our taxable REIT subsidiaries. We also conduct operations through other partnerships and limited liability companies, the operating data of which, together with that of the Operating Partnership and the taxable REIT subsidiaries, is consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. Noncontrolling interest of approximately 4.8% at September 30, 2012 represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own noncontrolling equity interests in, and provide various services to, two joint ventures (the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture and the 2007 Europe Joint Venture and, collectively, the Joint Ventures ). The Joint Ventures are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Accordingly, the operating data of our Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. The 2007 Europe Joint Venture does not own any properties. See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on the Joint Ventures.

As of September 30, 2012, we owned 716 industrial properties located in 26 states in the United States and one province in Canada, containing an aggregate of approximately 62.7 million square feet of gross leasable area ( GLA ).

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We maintain a website at [www.firstindustrial.com](http://www.firstindustrial.com). Information on this website shall not constitute part of this Form 10-Q. Copies of our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to such reports are available without charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Audit Committee Charter, Compensation Committee Charter and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee Charter, along with supplemental financial and operating information prepared by us, are all available without charge on our website or upon request to us. Amendments to, or waivers from, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that apply to our executive officers or directors will also be posted to our website. We also post or otherwise make available on our website from time to time other information that may be of interest to our investors. Please direct requests as follows:

First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.

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Attn: Investor Relations

## **MANAGEMENT S OVERVIEW**

We believe our financial condition and results of operations are, primarily, a function of our performance in four key areas: leasing of industrial properties, acquisition and development of additional industrial properties, disposition of industrial properties and access to external capital.

We generate revenue primarily from rental income and tenant recoveries from long-term (generally three to six years) operating leases of our industrial properties. Such revenue is offset by certain property specific operating expenses, such as real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities and insurance expenses, along with certain other costs and expenses, such as depreciation and amortization costs and general and administrative and interest expenses. Our revenue growth is dependent, in part, on our ability to (i) increase rental income, through increasing either or both occupancy rates and rental rates at our properties, (ii) maximize tenant recoveries and (iii) minimize operating and certain other expenses. Revenues generated from rental income and tenant recoveries are a significant source of funds, in addition to proceeds generated from gains/losses on the sale of our properties (as discussed below), for our liquidity. The leasing of property, in general, and occupancy rates, rental rates, operating expenses and certain non-operating expenses, in particular, are impacted, variously, by property specific, market specific, general economic and other conditions, many of which are beyond our control. The leasing of property also entails various risks, including the risk of tenant default. If we were unable to maintain or increase occupancy rates and rental rates at our properties or to maintain tenant recoveries and operating and certain other expenses consistent with historical levels and proportions, our revenue would decline. Further, if a significant number of our tenants were unable to pay rent (including tenant recoveries) or if we were unable to rent our properties on favorable terms, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and ability to pay dividends on, and the market price of, our common stock would be adversely affected.

Our revenue growth is also dependent, in part, on our ability to acquire existing, and acquire and develop new, additional industrial properties on favorable terms. The Company seeks to identify opportunities to acquire existing industrial properties on favorable terms, and, when conditions permit, also seeks to identify opportunities to acquire and develop new industrial properties on favorable terms. Existing properties, as they are acquired, and acquired and developed properties, as they are leased, generate revenue from rental income, tenant recoveries and fees, income from which, as discussed above, is a source of funds for our distributions. The acquisition and development of properties is impacted, variously, by property specific, market specific, general economic and other conditions, many of which are beyond our control. The acquisition and development of properties also entails various risks, including the risk that our investments may not perform as expected. For example, acquired existing and acquired and developed new properties may not sustain and/or achieve anticipated occupancy and rental rate levels. With respect to acquired and developed new properties, we may not be able to complete construction on schedule or within budget, resulting in increased debt service expense and construction costs and delays in leasing the properties. Also, we face significant competition for attractive acquisition and development opportunities from other well-capitalized real estate investors, including both publicly-traded REITs and private investors. Further, as discussed below, we may not be able to finance the acquisition and development opportunities we identify. If we were unable to acquire and develop sufficient additional properties on favorable terms, or if such investments did not perform as expected, our revenue growth would be limited and our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and ability to pay dividends on, and the market price of, our common stock would be adversely affected.

We also generate income from the sale of our properties (including existing buildings, buildings which we have developed or re-developed on a merchant basis and land). The gain/loss on, and fees from, the sale of such properties are included in our income and can be a significant source of funds, in addition to revenues generated from rental income and tenant recoveries, for our operations. Currently, a significant portion of our

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proceeds from sales are being used to repay outstanding debt. Market conditions permitting, however, a portion of our proceeds from such sales may be used to fund the acquisition of existing, and the acquisition and development of new, industrial properties. The sale of properties is impacted, variously, by property specific, market specific, general

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economic and other conditions, many of which are beyond our control. The sale of properties also entails various risks, including competition from other sellers and the availability of attractive financing for potential buyers of our properties. Further, our ability to sell properties is limited by safe harbor rules applying to REITs under the Code which relate to the number of properties that may be disposed of in a year, their tax bases and the cost of improvements made to the properties, along with other tests which enable a REIT to avoid punitive taxation on the sale of assets. If we were unable to sell properties on favorable terms, our income growth would be limited and our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and ability to pay dividends on, and the market price of, our common stock would be adversely affected.

We utilize a portion of the net sales proceeds from property sales, borrowings under our unsecured credit facility (the Unsecured Credit Facility) and proceeds from the issuance, when and as warranted, of additional debt and equity securities to refinance debt and finance future acquisitions and developments. Access to external capital on favorable terms plays a key role in our financial condition and results of operations, as it impacts our cost of capital and our ability and cost to refinance existing indebtedness as it matures and to fund acquisitions and developments or through the issuance, when and as warranted, of additional equity securities. Our ability to access external capital on favorable terms is dependent on various factors, including general market conditions, interest rates, credit ratings on our preferred stock and debt, the market's perception of our growth potential, our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions and the market price of our capital stock. If we were unable to access external capital on favorable terms, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and ability to pay dividends on, and the market price of, our common stock would be adversely affected.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011**

Our net loss available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders and participating securities was \$13.6 million and \$22.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Basic and diluted net loss available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders was \$0.15 per share and \$0.28 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The tables below summarize our revenues, property expenses and depreciation and other amortization by various categories for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. Same store properties are properties owned prior to January 1, 2011 and held as an operating property through September 30, 2012 and developments and redevelopments that were placed in service prior to January 1, 2011 or were substantially completed for the 12 months prior to January 1, 2011. Properties which are at least 75% occupied at acquisition are placed in service. Acquisitions that are less than 75% occupied at the date of acquisition, developments and redevelopments are placed in service as they reach the earlier of a) stabilized occupancy (generally defined as 90% occupied), or b) one year subsequent to acquisition or development/redevelopment construction completion. Properties are moved from the same store classification to the redevelopment classification when capital expenditures for a project are estimated to exceed 25% of the undepreciated gross book value of the property. Acquired properties are properties that were acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010 and held as an operating property through September 30, 2012. Sold properties are properties that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. (Re)Developments and land are land parcels and developments and redevelopments that were not: a) substantially complete 12 months prior to January 1, 2011 or b) stabilized prior to January 1, 2011. Other revenues are derived from the operations of our maintenance company, fees earned from our Joint Ventures and other miscellaneous revenues. Other expenses are derived from the operations of our maintenance company and other miscellaneous regional expenses.

During the period between January 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012, two same store properties, comprising approximately 0.1 million square feet, were moved from the same store classification to the redevelopment classification. As of September 30, 2012, redevelopment activities for both properties are complete. These properties will be placed in service upon the earlier of a) stabilized occupancy (generally defined as 90% occupied) or b) one year subsequent to redevelopment construction completion and will be moved back to the same store classification after the properties have been placed in service for at least two consecutive calendar years.

Our future financial condition and results of operations, including rental revenues, may be impacted by the future acquisition and sale of properties. Our future revenues and expenses may vary materially from historical rates.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the average occupancy rates of our same store properties were 87.3% and 86.2%, respectively.

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|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   | \$ Change       | % Change    |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                               | 2011              |                 |             |
|  | (\$ in 000 s)                      |                   |                 |             |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                |                                    |                   |                 |             |
| Same Store Properties                          | \$ 238,278                         | \$ 236,494        | \$ 1,784        | 0.8%        |
| Acquired Properties                            | 3,211                              | 799               | 2,412           | 301.9%      |
| Sold Properties                                | 6,136                              | 13,353            | (7,217)         | (54.0)%     |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above | 742                                | 511               | 231             | 45.2%       |
| Other  | 5,116                              | 3,067             | 2,049           | 66.8%       |
|  | \$ 253,483                         | \$ 254,224        | \$ (741)        | (0.3)%      |
| Discontinued Operations                        | (7,121)                            | (14,394)          | 7,273           | (50.5)%     |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                          | <b>\$ 246,362</b>                  | <b>\$ 239,830</b> | <b>\$ 6,532</b> | <b>2.7%</b> |

Revenues from same store properties increased \$1.8 million primarily due to an increase in average occupancy and an increase in termination fees, partially offset by a decrease in tenant recovery income. Revenues from acquired properties increased \$2.4 million due to the two industrial properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010 totaling approximately 1.1 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from sold properties decreased \$7.2 million due to the 61 industrial properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010 totaling approximately 7.0 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from (re)developments and land increased \$0.2 million primarily due to an increase in occupancy. Other revenues increased \$2.0 million primarily due to the reversal of an allowance for deferred rent receivable related to certain tenants.

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  | \$ Change         | % Change      |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|  | 2012                               | 2011             |                   |               |
|  | (\$ in 000 s)                      |                  |                   |               |
| <b>PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>                       |                                    |                  |                   |               |
| Same Store Properties                          | \$ 70,803                          | \$ 74,110        | \$ (3,307)        | (4.5)%        |
| Acquired Properties                            | 655                                | 155              | 500               | 322.6%        |
| Sold Properties                                | 2,293                              | 5,141            | (2,848)           | (55.4)%       |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above | 840                                | 623              | 217               | 34.8%         |
| Other  | 8,434                              | 8,149            | 285               | 3.5%          |
|  | \$ 83,025                          | \$ 88,178        | \$ (5,153)        | (5.8)%        |
| Discontinued Operations                        | (2,852)                            | (5,838)          | 2,986             | (51.1)%       |
| <b>Total Property Expenses</b>                 | <b>\$ 80,173</b>                   | <b>\$ 82,340</b> | <b>\$ (2,167)</b> | <b>(2.6)%</b> |

Property expenses include real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities, insurance and other property related expenses. Property expenses from same store properties decreased \$3.3 million due primarily to a decrease in real estate tax expense resulting from an increase in refunds received relating to previous tax years and a decrease in repairs and maintenance expense resulting from lower snow removal costs incurred due to the mild 2012 winter. Property expenses from acquired properties increased \$0.5 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010. Property expenses from sold properties decreased \$2.8 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. Property expenses from (re)developments and land increased by \$0.2 million due to an increase in real estate tax expense. Other expenses remained relatively unchanged.

General and administrative expense increased \$1.4 million, or 9.0%, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 due primarily to an increase in incentive compensation expense, professional fees and an increase in franchise tax expense due to the reversal of a state franchise tax reserve relating to the 1996-2001 tax years during the nine months ended September 30,

2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we incurred \$1.6 million in restructuring charges to provide for costs associated with the termination of a certain office lease (\$1.2 million) and other costs (\$0.4 million) associated with implementing our restructuring plan.

For industrial properties that no longer qualify to be classified as held for sale, any impairment charge or reversal recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is reflected in continuing operations. Additionally, any impairment charge or reversal related to a land parcel, whether held for sale or held for use, is reflected in continuing operations. The impairment reversal included in continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 of \$0.2 million and \$7.1 million, respectively, is primarily comprised of a reversal of impairment relating to certain industrial properties and/or land parcels that no longer qualify for held for sale classification.

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|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  | \$ Change       | % Change    |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                               | 2011             |                 |             |
| (\$ in 000 s)                                    |                                    |                  |                 |             |
| <b>DEPRECIATION AND OTHER AMORTIZATION</b>       |                                    |                  |                 |             |
| Same Store Properties                            | \$ 89,031                          | \$ 85,713        | \$ 3,318        | 3.9%        |
| Acquired Properties                              | 1,950                              | 762              | 1,188           | 155.9%      |
| Sold Properties                                  | 722                                | 2,821            | (2,099)         | (74.4)%     |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above   | 526                                | 446              | 80              | 17.9%       |
| Corporate Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment      | 836                                | 1,098            | (262)           | (23.9)%     |
|  | \$ 93,065                          | \$ 90,840        | \$ 2,225        | 2.4%        |
| Discontinued Operations                          | (1,263)                            | (3,320)          | 2,057           | (62.0)%     |
| <b>Total Depreciation and Other Amortization</b> | <b>\$ 91,802</b>                   | <b>\$ 87,520</b> | <b>\$ 4,282</b> | <b>4.9%</b> |

Depreciation and other amortization for same store properties increased \$3.3 million primarily due to depreciation taken for properties that were classified as held for sale in 2011 but no longer classified as held for sale in 2012. Depreciation and other amortization from acquired properties increased \$1.2 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010. Depreciation and other amortization from sold properties decreased \$2.1 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. Depreciation and other amortization for (re)developments and land and other remained relatively unchanged. Corporate furniture, fixtures and equipment depreciation expense decreased \$0.3 million due to assets becoming fully depreciated.

Interest income decreased \$0.8 million, or 25.5%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for mortgage loan receivables for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Interest expense, inclusive of \$0 and \$0.1 million of interest expense included in discontinued operations, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, decreased \$13.0 million, or 16.9%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average debt balance outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (\$1,465.6 million) as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (\$1,627.9 million), an increase in capitalized interest of \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 due to an increase in development activities, and a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (5.94%), as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (6.34%).

Amortization of deferred financing costs decreased \$0.6 million, or 19.9%, due primarily to lower deferred financing costs due to the write off of financing costs related to the repurchase and retirement of certain of our senior unsecured notes, the replacement of our previous credit facility with the Unsecured Credit Facility in December 2011, and the early retirement of certain mortgage loans, partially offset by the costs associated with the origination of mortgage financings during 2012 and 2011.

In October 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement (the Series F Agreement) to mitigate our exposure to floating interest rates related to the coupon reset of the Company's Series F Preferred Stock. The Series F Agreement has a notional value of \$50.0 million and is effective from April 1, 2009 through October 1, 2013. The Series F Agreement fixes the 30 year Treasury constant maturity treasury (CMT) rate at 5.2175%. We recorded \$0.3 million in mark-to-market loss, inclusive of \$0.9 million in swap payments, which is included in Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to \$1.6 million in mark-to-market loss, inclusive of \$0.3 million in swap payments, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recognized a net loss from retirement of debt of \$6.6 million due to the partial repurchase of a certain series of our senior unsecured notes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we recognized a net loss from retirement of debt of \$4.6 million due to the early payoff of certain mortgage loans, the partial repurchase of certain series of our senior unsecured notes and a loss on a transfer of a property to a lender in satisfaction of a mortgage loan.

Foreign currency exchange loss of \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 relating to the Company's wind-down of operations in Canada.





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Equity in Income of Joint Ventures decreased \$0.8 million, or 82.8%, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 primarily due to a decrease in our economic share of gain and an earn-out related to a property sale from the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture during 2011.

For both the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and nine months ended September 30, 2011, Gain on Change in Control of Interests relates to the acquisition of the 85% equity interest in one property in each of those periods from the institutional investor in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we recognized \$0.8 million gain and \$0.7 million gain, respectively, which is the difference between our carrying value and fair value of our equity interest in each of the properties on the respective acquisition date.

Income tax provision increased \$2.7 million, or 106.9%, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011 due primarily to a one time IRS audit adjustment on the 2009 liquidation of a former taxable REIT subsidiary, partially offset by a decrease in taxes related to the gain on sale of real estate in the new taxable REIT subsidiaries for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the industrial properties included in discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

|   | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |               |
|---|--|---------------|
|   | <b>2012</b>                                | <b>2011</b>   |
|   | (\$ in 000 s)                              |               |
| Total Revenues                          | \$ 7,121                                   | \$ 14,394     |
| Property Expenses                       | (2,852)                                    | (5,838)       |
| Impairment of Real Estate               | (1,411)                                    | (4,828)       |
| Depreciation and Amortization           | (1,263)                                    | (3,320)       |
| Interest Expense                        |  | (63)          |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate             | 12,005                                     | 13,351        |
| Provision for Income Taxes              |  | (2,048)       |
| <br>Income from Discontinued Operations | <br>\$ 13,600                              | <br>\$ 11,648 |

Income from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 reflects the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate relating to 25 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and the results of operations of four industrial properties that were identified as held for sale at September 30, 2012. The impairment loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 of \$1.4 million relates to an impairment charge related to certain industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Income from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 reflects the gain on sale of real estate relating to 30 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the results of operations of 36 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2011, the results of operations of 25 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and the results of operations of the four industrial properties identified as held for sale at September 30, 2012. The impairment loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$4.8 million relates to an impairment charge pertaining to certain industrial properties that were either sold or classified as held for sale at September 30, 2012.

The \$3.8 million and \$1.4 million gain on sale of real estate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, resulted from the sale of one land parcel in each respective nine month period that did not meet the criteria for inclusion in discontinued operations.

**Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 to Three Months Ended September 30, 2011**

Our net income (loss) available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders and participating securities was \$4.2 million and \$(8.9) million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Basic and diluted net income (loss) available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders was \$0.04 per share and \$(0.10) per share for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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The tables below summarize our revenues, property expenses and depreciation and other amortization by various categories for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. Same store properties are properties owned prior to January 1, 2011 and held as an operating property through September 30, 2012 and developments and redevelopments that were placed in service prior to January 1, 2011 or were substantially completed for the 12 months prior to January 1, 2011. Properties which are at least 75% occupied at acquisition are placed in service. Acquisitions that are less than 75% occupied at the date of acquisition, developments and redevelopments are placed in service as they reach the earlier of a) stabilized

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occupancy (generally defined as 90% occupied), or b) one year subsequent to acquisition or development/redevelopment construction completion. Properties are moved from the same store classification to the redevelopment classification when capital expenditures for a project are estimated to exceed 25% of the undepreciated gross book value of the property. Acquired properties are properties that were acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010 and held as an operating property through September 30, 2012. Sold properties are properties that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. (Re)Developments and land are land parcels and developments and redevelopments that were not: a) substantially complete 12 months prior to January 1, 2011 or b) stabilized prior to January 1, 2011. Other revenues are derived from the operations of our maintenance company, fees earned from our Joint Ventures and other miscellaneous revenues. Other expenses are derived from the operations of our maintenance company and other miscellaneous regional expenses.

Our future financial condition and results of operations, including rental revenues, may be impacted by the future acquisition and sale of properties. Our future revenues and expenses may vary materially from historical rates.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the average occupancy rates of our same store properties were 86.7% and 86.8%, respectively.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  | \$ Change       | % Change    |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                                | 2011             |                 |             |
|  | (\$ in 000 s)                       |                  |                 |             |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                |                                     |                  |                 |             |
| Same Store Properties                          | \$ 77,506                           | \$ 78,211        | \$ (705)        | (0.9)%      |
| Acquired Properties                            | 1,173                               | 589              | 584             | 99.2%       |
| Sold Properties                                | 1,532                               | 3,934            | (2,402)         | (61.1)%     |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above | 217                                 | 210              | 7               | 3.3%        |
| Other  | 2,334                               | 578              | 1,756           | 303.8%      |
|  | \$ 82,762                           | \$ 83,522        | \$ (760)        | (0.9)%      |
| Discontinued Operations                        | (1,778)                             | (4,271)          | 2,493           | (58.4)%     |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                          | <b>\$ 80,984</b>                    | <b>\$ 79,251</b> | <b>\$ 1,733</b> | <b>2.2%</b> |

Revenues from same store properties decreased \$0.7 million primarily due to a decrease in tenant recovery income and restoration fees. Revenues from acquired properties increased \$0.6 million due to the two industrial properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010 totaling approximately 1.1 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from sold properties decreased \$2.4 million due to the 61 industrial properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010 totaling approximately 7.0 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from (re)developments and land remained relatively unchanged. Other revenues increased \$1.8 million primarily due to the reversal of an allowance for deferred rent receivable related to certain tenants.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |           | \$ Change  | % Change |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
|  | 2012                                | 2011      |            |          |
|  | (\$ in 000 s)                       |           |            |          |
| <b>PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>                       |                                     |           |            |          |
| Same Store Properties                          | \$ 22,431                           | \$ 23,813 | \$ (1,382) | (5.8)%   |
| Acquired Properties                            | 255                                 | 112       | 143        | 127.7%   |
| Sold Properties                                | 439                                 | 1,386     | (947)      | (68.3)%  |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above | 297                                 | 206       | 91         | 44.2%    |
| Other  | 3,177                               | 2,805     | 372        | 13.3%    |
|  | \$ 26,599                           | \$ 28,322 | \$ (1,723) | (6.1)%   |
| Discontinued Operations                        | (635)                               | (1,640)   | 1,005      | (61.3)%  |

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|                         |           |           |          |        |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Total Property Expenses | \$ 25,964 | \$ 26,682 | \$ (718) | (2.7)% |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|

Property expenses include real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities, insurance and other property related expenses. Property expenses from same store properties decreased \$1.4 million primarily due to a decrease in real estate tax expense resulting from an increase in refunds received relating to previous tax years. Property expenses from acquired properties increased \$0.1 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010. Property expenses from sold properties decreased \$0.9 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. Property expenses from (re)developments and land increased \$0.1 million due to an increase in real estate tax expense. Other expenses increased \$0.4 million due to an increase in maintenance company expenses.

General and administrative expense remained relatively unchanged.

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For industrial properties that no longer qualify to be classified as held for sale, any impairment charge or reversal recorded during the three months ended September 30, 2011 is reflected in continuing operations. Additionally, any impairment charge or reversal related to a land parcel, whether held for sale or held for use, is reflected in continuing operations. The impairment charge included in continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2011 of \$1.1 million is primarily comprised of an impairment charge relating to certain industrial properties and land parcels that no longer qualify for held for sale classification.

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                  | <b>\$ Change</b>  | <b>% Change</b> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>September 30,</b>      |                  |                   |                 |
|  | <b>2012</b>               | <b>2011</b>      |                   |                 |
|  | (\$ in 000 s)             |                  |                   |                 |
| <b>DEPRECIATION AND OTHER AMORTIZATION</b>       |                           |                  |                   |                 |
| Same Store Properties                            | \$ 28,375                 | \$ 31,525        | \$ (3,150)        | (10.0)%         |
| Acquired Properties                              | 675                       | 457              | 218               | 47.7%           |
| Sold Properties                                  | 64                        | 1,067            | (1,003)           | (94.0)%         |
| (Re) Developments and Land, Not Included Above   | 190                       | 144              | 46                | 31.9%           |
| Corporate Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment      | 258                       | 341              | (83)              | (24.3)%         |
|  | \$ 29,562                 | \$ 33,534        | \$ (3,972)        | (11.8)%         |
| Discontinued Operations                          | (137)                     | (1,150)          | 1,013             | (88.1)%         |
| <b>Total Depreciation and Other Amortization</b> | <b>\$ 29,425</b>          | <b>\$ 32,384</b> | <b>\$ (2,959)</b> | <b>(9.1)%</b>   |

Depreciation and other amortization for same store properties decreased \$3.2 million due to the accelerated depreciation and amortization attributable to certain tenants who terminated their leases early during 2011 as well as catch-up depreciation taken for properties that no longer qualified to be classified as held for sale during the three months ended September 30, 2011. Depreciation and other amortization from acquired properties increased \$0.2 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2010. Depreciation and other amortization from sold properties decreased \$1.0 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2010. Depreciation and other amortization for (re)developments and land and other remained relatively unchanged. Corporate furniture, fixtures and equipment depreciation expense decreased \$0.1 million due to assets becoming fully depreciated.

Interest income decreased \$0.5 million, or 43.8%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for mortgage loan receivables for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011.

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, decreased \$4.3 million, or 17.7%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average debt balance outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (\$1,426.6 million) as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011 (\$1,541.1 million), an increase in capitalized interest of \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011 due to an increase in development activities, and a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (5.81%), as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011 (6.33%).

Amortization of deferred financing costs decreased \$0.2 million, or 19.3%, due primarily to lower deferred financing costs due to the write off of financing costs related to the repurchase and retirement of certain of our senior unsecured notes and the replacement of our previous credit facility with the Unsecured Credit Facility in December 2011.

We recorded \$0.03 million in mark-to-market loss, inclusive of \$0.3 million in swap payments, which is included in Mark-to-Market Loss on Interest Rate Protection Agreements for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to \$1.4 million in mark-to-market loss, inclusive of \$0.1 million in swap payments, for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, we recognized a net loss from retirement of debt of \$0.4 million due to the partial repurchase of a certain series of our senior unsecured notes. For the three months ended September 30, 2011, we recognized a net loss from retirement of debt of \$0.3 million due to the partial repurchases of certain series of our senior unsecured notes as well as the loss on a transfer of a property to a lender in satisfaction of a mortgage loan.

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Foreign currency exchange loss of \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 relating to the Company's wind-down of operations in Canada.

Equity in Income of Joint Ventures decreased \$0.7 million, or 96.4%, during the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011 primarily due to a decrease in our economic share of gain and an earn-out related to a property sale from the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture during 2011.

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For the three months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded an income tax benefit of \$0.01 million, as compared to an income tax provision of \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The variance of \$0.4 million, or 101.2%, is due primarily to a decrease in taxes related to a decrease in the gain on sale of real estate in the taxable REIT subsidiaries. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, the taxable REIT subsidiaries did not sell any properties.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the industrial properties included in discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |              |
|---|---|--------------|
|   | <b>2012</b>                                 | <b>2011</b>  |
|   | (\$ in 000 s)                               |              |
| Total Revenues                          | \$ 1,778                                    | \$ 4,271     |
| Property Expenses                       | (635)                                       | (1,640)      |
| Impairment of Real Estate               |   | (1,387)      |
| Depreciation and Amortization           | (137)                                       | (1,150)      |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate             | 4,420                                       | 6,010        |
| <br>Income from Discontinued Operations | <br>\$ 5,426                                | <br>\$ 6,104 |

Income from discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2012 reflects the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate relating to 18 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended September 30, 2012 and the results of operations of four industrial properties that were identified as held for sale at September 30, 2012.

Income from discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2011 reflects the gain on sale of real estate relating to 13 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended September 30, 2011, the results of operations of 36 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2011, the results of operations of 25 industrial properties that were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and the results of operations of the four industrial properties identified as held for sale at September 30, 2012. The impairment loss for the three months ended September 30, 2011 of \$1.4 million relates to an impairment charge pertaining to certain industrial properties that were either sold or classified as held for sale at September 30, 2012.

The \$3.8 million and \$1.4 million gain on sale of real estate for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, resulted from the sale of one land parcel in each respective three month period that did not meet the criteria for inclusion in discontinued operations.

**LEASING ACTIVITY**

The following table provides a summary of our leasing activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. The table does not include month to month leases or leases with terms less than twelve months. New leases where there were no prior comparable leases, due to extended downtime or materially different lease structures, are also excluded.

|                    | <b>Number of<br/>Leases<br/>Signed</b> | <b>Square Feet<br/>Signed<br/>(in 000 s)</b> | <b>Net Effective<br/>Rent Per<br/>Square Foot (1)</b> | <b>GAAP Basis<br/>Rent Growth (2)</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average Lease<br/>Term (3)</b> | <b>Turnover Costs<br/>Per Square<br/>Foot (4)</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Retention (5)</b> |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Third Quarter 2012 | 135                                    | 3,349  | \$ 4.19   | 0.8%                                  | 3.6  | \$ 2.02   | 71.2%   |
| Year to Date 2012  | 423                                    | 8,798  | \$ 4.27   | 1.4%                                  | 3.6  | \$ 2.28   | 66.5%   |

- (1) Net effective rent is the average net rent calculated in accordance with GAAP, over the term of the lease.
- (2) GAAP basis rent growth is a ratio of the change in net effective rent (on a GAAP basis, including straight-line rent adjustments as required by GAAP) compared to the net effective rent (on a GAAP basis) of the comparable lease.
- (3) The lease term is expressed in years. Assumes no exercise of lease renewal option, if any.

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- (4) Turnover costs are comprised of the costs incurred or capitalized for improvements of vacant and renewal spaces, as well as the commissions paid and costs capitalized for leasing transactions. Turnover costs per square foot represent the total turnover costs expected to be incurred on the leases signed during the period and does not reflect actual expenditures for the period.
  - (5) Represents the weighted average square feet of tenants renewing their respective leases.
- During the three months ended September 30, 2012, we signed 58 leases with free rent for 1.1 million square feet of GLA and with total concessions of \$1.7 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we signed 190 leases with free rent for 3.9 million square feet of GLA and with total concessions of \$4.2 million.



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**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

At September 30, 2012, our cash and cash equivalents were approximately \$2.8 million. We also had \$422.4 million available for additional borrowings under our Unsecured Credit Facility, subject to certain restrictions.

We considered our short-term (through September 30, 2013) liquidity needs and the adequacy of our estimated cash flow from operations and other expected liquidity sources to meet these needs. We believe that our principal short-term liquidity needs are to fund normal recurring expenses, property acquisitions, developments, renovations, expansions and other nonrecurring capital improvements, debt service requirements and the minimum distributions required to maintain our REIT qualification under the Code. We anticipate that these needs will be met with cash flows provided by operating and investing activities, including the disposition of select assets.

We expect to meet long-term (after September 30, 2013) liquidity requirements such as property acquisitions, developments, scheduled debt maturities, major renovations, expansions and other nonrecurring capital improvements through the disposition of select assets, long-term unsecured and secured indebtedness and the issuance of additional equity securities, subject to market conditions.

We also financed the development or acquisition of additional properties through borrowings under our Unsecured Credit Facility and may finance the development or acquisition of additional properties through such borrowings, to the extent capacity is available, in the future. At September 30, 2012, borrowings under our Unsecured Credit Facility bore interest at a weighted average interest rate of 2.175%. As of November 2, 2012, we had approximately \$403.0 million available for additional borrowings under our Unsecured Credit Facility, subject to certain restrictions. Our Unsecured Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants including limitations on incurrence of debt and debt service coverage. Our access to borrowings may be limited if we fail to meet any of these covenants. We believe that we were in compliance with our financial covenants as of September 30, 2012, and we anticipate that we will be able to operate in compliance with our financial covenants for the remainder of 2012.

Our senior unsecured notes have been assigned credit ratings from Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings of BB/Ba3/BB, respectively. In the event of a downgrade, we believe we would continue to have access to sufficient capital; however, our cost of borrowing would increase and our ability to access certain financial markets may be limited.

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012**

Net cash provided by operating activities of approximately \$90.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was comprised primarily of the non-cash adjustments of approximately \$92.1 million and the net change in operating assets and liabilities of \$2.8 million, offset by a net loss of approximately \$0.1 million, fees associated with retirement of debt of approximately \$0.4 million and payments of premiums and discounts associated with senior unsecured notes of \$3.6 million. The adjustments for the non-cash items of approximately \$92.1 million are primarily comprised of depreciation and amortization of approximately \$102.5 million, the loss from retirement of debt of approximately \$6.6 million, the impairment of real estate of \$1.2 million, the provision for bad debt of approximately \$0.7 million and the mark-to-market loss related to the Series F Agreement of approximately \$0.3 million, offset by the gain on sale of real estate of approximately \$15.8 million, the gain on the change in control of interests in connection with the purchase of the 85% equity interest in one property from the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture of approximately \$0.8 million, equity in income of our Joint Ventures of \$0.2 million and the effect of the straight-lining of rental income of approximately \$2.4 million.

Net cash used in investing activities of approximately \$21.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was comprised primarily of the acquisition of one property and several land parcels, the development of real estate, capital expenditures related to the improvement of existing real estate and payments related to leasing activities, offset by the net proceeds from the sale of real estate and the repayments on our mortgage notes receivable.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we acquired one industrial property comprising approximately 0.4 million square feet of GLA through the purchase of the 85% equity interest in one property from the institutional investor in the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture. The acquisition was funded with a cash payment of \$8.3 million and the assumption of a mortgage loan in the amount of \$12.0 million, which was subsequently paid off on the date of acquisition. We also acquired several land parcels. The purchase price of these land parcel acquisitions totaled approximately \$46.7 million, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of these land parcels.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we sold 25 industrial properties comprising approximately 4.1 million square feet of GLA and one land parcel. Proceeds from the sales of the 25 industrial properties and one land parcel, net of closing costs, were approximately \$77.9 million. We are in various stages of discussions with third parties for the sale of additional properties and plan to continue to selectively market other properties for sale for the remainder of 2012.



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Net cash used in financing activities of approximately \$77.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was comprised primarily of repayments on our senior unsecured notes and mortgage and other loans payable, payments of debt and equity issuance costs, preferred stock dividends, the repurchase and retirement of restricted stock, payments on the interest rate swap agreement and net repayments on our Unsecured Credit Facility offset by the net proceeds from the issuance of common stock and proceeds from the origination of mortgage loans payable.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we repurchased \$91.6 million of our unsecured notes at an aggregate purchase price of \$94.0 million. Additionally, we also paid off and retired our 2012 Notes, at maturity, in the amount of \$61.8 million. We may from time to time repay additional amounts of our outstanding debt. Any repayments would depend upon prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors we consider important. Future repayments may materially impact our liquidity, taxable income and results of operations.

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, we obtained six secured mortgage loans aggregating to \$100.6 million. The mortgage loans bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.03% and mature on September 1, 2022.

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, we issued 9,400,000 shares of the Company's common stock through a public offering, resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$116.8 million. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we issued 1,532,598 shares of the Company's common stock in at-the-market offerings, resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$18.1 million. We may access the equity markets again, subject to contractual restrictions and market conditions. To the extent additional equity offerings occur, we expect to use at least a portion of the proceeds received to reduce our indebtedness or fund property acquisitions and developments.

## **Market Risk**

The following discussion about our risk-management activities includes forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Our business subjects us to market risk from interest rates, and to a much lesser extent, foreign currency fluctuations.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

This analysis presents the hypothetical gain or loss in earnings, cash flows or fair value of the financial instruments and derivative instruments which are held by us at September 30, 2012 that are sensitive to changes in the interest rates. While this analysis may have some use as a benchmark, it should not be viewed as a forecast.

In the normal course of business, we also face risks that are either non-financial or non-quantifiable. Such risks principally include credit risk and legal risk and are not represented in the following analysis.

At September 30, 2012, approximately \$1,269.9 million (approximately 97.9% of total debt at September 30, 2012) of our debt was fixed rate debt and approximately \$27.0 million (approximately 2.1% of total debt at September 30, 2012) was variable rate debt. Currently, we do not enter into financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes.

For fixed rate debt, changes in interest rates generally affect the fair value of the debt, but not our earnings or cash flows. Conversely, for variable rate debt, changes in the base interest rate used to calculate the all-in interest rate generally do not impact the fair value of the debt, but would affect our future earnings and cash flows. The interest rate risk and changes in fair market value of fixed rate debt generally do not have a significant impact on us until we are required to refinance such debt. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the maturity dates of our various fixed rate debt.

Based upon the amount of variable rate debt outstanding at September 30, 2012, a 10% increase or decrease in the interest rate on our variable rate debt would decrease or increase, respectively, future net income and cash flows by approximately \$0.1 million per year. The foregoing calculation assumes an instantaneous increase or decrease in the rates applicable to the amount of borrowings outstanding under our Unsecured Credit Facility at September 30, 2012. Changes in LIBOR could result in a greater than 10% increase to such rates. In addition, the calculation does not account for our option to elect the lower of two different interest rates under our borrowings or other possible actions, such as prepayment, that we might take in response to any rate increase.

The use of derivative financial instruments allows us to manage risks of increases in interest rates with respect to the effect these fluctuations would have on our earnings and cash flows. As of September 30, 2012, we had one outstanding derivative with a notional amount of \$50.0 million which mitigates our exposure to floating interest rates related to the reset rate of our Series F Preferred Stock (see Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

**Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk**

Owning, operating and developing industrial property outside of the United States exposes us to the possibility of volatile movements in foreign exchange rates. Changes in foreign currencies can affect the operating results of international operations reported in U.S. dollars and the value of the foreign assets reported in U.S. dollars. The economic impact of foreign exchange rate

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movements is complex because such changes are often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. At September 30, 2012, we owned one land parcel for which the U.S. dollar was not the functional currency. The land parcel is located in Ontario, Canada and uses the Canadian dollar as its functional currency.

### **IRS Tax Refund**

On August 24, 2009, we received a private letter ruling from the IRS granting favorable loss treatment under Sections 331 and 336 of the Code on the tax liquidation of one of our former taxable REIT subsidiaries. On November 6, 2009, legislation was signed that allowed businesses with net operating losses for 2008 or 2009 to carry back those losses for up to five years. As a result, we received a refund from the IRS of \$40.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2009 (the Refund) in connection with this tax liquidation. As previously reported, the IRS examination team, which is required by statute to review all refund claims in excess of \$2.0 million on behalf of the Joint Committee on Taxation, indicated to us that it disagreed with certain of the property valuations we obtained from an independent valuation expert in support of our fair value of the liquidated taxable REIT subsidiary and our claim for the Refund. We have reached an agreement with the regional office of the IRS on a proposed adjustment to the Refund. The total agreed-upon adjustment to taxable income was \$13.7 million, which equates to approximately \$4.8 million of taxes owed. We must also pay accrued interest which approximates \$0.5 million as of September 30, 2012. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a charge of \$5.3 million related to the agreed-upon adjustment which is reflected as a component of income tax expense. The settlement amount is subject to final review and approval by the Joint Committee on Taxation. There can be no assurance that the settlement amount will be approved at the level we currently anticipate, nor can we provide an estimate of the timing of the final approval.

In addition, we are currently in discussions with the regional office of the IRS to determine the timing of the impact of the proposed tax settlement on the tax liability of the limited partners of the Operating Partnership and the stockholders of the Company.

### **Supplemental Earnings Measure**

Investors in and industry analysts following the real estate industry utilize funds from operations ( FFO ) as a supplemental operating performance measure of an equity REIT. Historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time through depreciation. Since real estate values instead have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry analysts and investors prefer to supplement operating results that use historical cost accounting. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ( NAREIT ) created FFO as a supplemental measure of REIT operating performance that excludes historical cost depreciation, among other items, from net income (loss) determined in accordance with GAAP. FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure. FFO available to common stockholders and participating securities should not be considered as a substitute for its most comparable GAAP measure, net income (loss) available to common stockholders and participating securities, or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our liquidity, nor is it indicative of funds available for our cash needs, including our ability to make cash distributions. FFO is calculated by us in accordance with the definition adopted by the Board of Governors of NAREIT and therefore may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

Management believes that the use of FFO available to common stockholders and participating securities, combined with net income (loss) (which remains the primary measure of performance), improves the understanding of operating results of REITs among the investing public and makes comparisons of REIT operating results more meaningful. Management believes that, by excluding gains or losses related to sales of previously depreciated real estate assets, real estate asset depreciation and amortization and impairment charges (reversals) recorded on depreciable real estate, investors and analysts are able to identify the operating results of the long-term assets that form the core of a REIT's activity and use these operating results for assistance in comparing these operating results between periods or to those of different companies.

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The following table shows a reconciliation of net income (loss) available to common stockholders and participating securities to the calculation of FFO available to common stockholders and participating securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

|   | Three Months Ended September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended September 30, |             |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                             | 2011       | 2012                            | 2011        |
|   | (In thousands)                   |            |                                 |             |
| Net Income (Loss) Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders and Participating Securities     | \$ 4,194                         | \$ (8,918) | \$ (13,632)                     | \$ (22,326) |
| Adjustments:  |                                  |            |                                 |             |
| Depreciation and Other Amortization of Real Estate  | 29,167                           | 32,043     | 90,966                          | 86,422      |
| Depreciation and Other Amortization of Real Estate Included in Discontinued Operations                                    | 137                              | 1,150      | 1,263                           | 3,320       |
| Equity in Depreciation and Other Amortization of Joint Ventures   | 83                               | 104        | 255                             | 449         |
| Impairment of Depreciated Real Estate   |                                  | 1,173      | (165)                           | (617)       |
| Impairment of Depreciated Real Estate Included in Discontinued Operations   |                                  | 1,387      | 1,411                           | 4,828       |
| Non-NAREIT Compliant Gain   | (4,420)                          | (6,010)    | (12,005)                        | (13,351)    |
| Non-NAREIT Compliant Gain from Joint Ventures   |                                  | (529)      | (57)                            | (616)       |
| Gain on Change in Control of Interests  |                                  |            | (776)                           | (689)       |
| Noncontrolling Interest Share of Adjustments  | (1,237)                          | (1,685)    | (4,332)                         | (5,014)     |
| Funds from Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders and Participating Securities | \$ 27,924                        | \$ 18,715  | \$ 62,928                       | \$ 52,406   |

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Subsequent Events**

On October 1, 2012, we paid off and retired an other loan payable originally maturing in January 2013 in the amount of \$0.1 million.

On October 4, 2012, we paid off and retired a mortgage loan originally maturing in September 2014 in the amount of \$1.9 million.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Response to this item is included in Item 2, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations above.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, in evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b), have concluded that as of the end of such period our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II: OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1.**     *Legal Proceedings*  
None.

**Item 1A.**    *Risk Factors*  
None.

**Item 2.**     *Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds*  
None.

**Item 3.**     *Defaults Upon Senior Securities*  
None.

**Item 4.**     *Mine Safety Disclosures*  
None.

**Item 5.**     *Other Information*  
None.

**Item 6.**     *Exhibits*

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: */s/ SCOTT A. MUSIL*  
**Scott A. Musil**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**(Principal Financial Officer)**

Date: November 2, 2012

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