

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DUNCAN BRUCE W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>311 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE</u> <u>SUITE 400</u>  (Street) <u>CHICAGO IL 60606</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/09/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST INC [ FR ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>PRESIDENT AND CEO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)(3)</u>	<u>(2)(3)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock plus any dividend equivalents that have accrued prior to the date of vesting. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person promptly after vesting.
- 2. 600,000 RSUs will vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 31, 2009, subject to the reporting person's continued employment by the Issuer.
- 3. 400,000 RSUs will vest in four equal installments upon the satisfaction of a time-based vesting component and achievement of specified market price levels of the Issuer's common stock.

/s/ Bruce W. Duncan 01/14/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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