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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008
- 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 4000, 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 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 Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a 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 April 25, 2008: 44,301,123.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	
ASSETS		
Assets:		
Investment in Real Estate:		
Land	\$ 648,181	\$ 655,523
Buildings and Improvements	2,555,578	2,599,784
Construction in Progress	57,356	70,961
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(493,188)	(509,981)
Net Investment in Real Estate	2,767,927	2,816,287
Real Estate Held for Sale, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization of \$10,036 and \$3,038 at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively	48,795	37,875
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,085	5,757
Restricted Cash	25,054	24,903
Tenant Accounts Receivable, Net	12,068	9,665
Investments in Joint Ventures	60,694	57,543
Deferred Rent Receivable, Net	30,567	32,665
Deferred Financing Costs, Net	14,661	15,373
Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	85,918	87,019
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net	213,875	170,946
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,265,644</u>	<u>\$ 3,258,033</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Mortgage Loans Payable, Net	\$ 72,612	\$ 73,550
Senior Unsecured Debt, Net	1,551,429	1,550,991
Unsecured Line of Credit	348,706	322,129
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net	111,718	146,308
Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	21,012	22,041
Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits	32,180	31,425
Dividends Payable	36,423	37,311
Total Liabilities	2,174,080	2,183,755
Commitments and Contingencies	—	—
Minority Interest	148,968	150,359
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 at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, having a 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, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 48,623,920 and 47,996,263 shares issued and 44,299,806 and 43,672,149 shares outstanding at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively)	486	480
Additional Paid-in-Capital	1,358,559	1,354,674
Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	(264,756)	(281,587)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(11,675)	(9,630)
Treasury Shares at Cost (4,324,114 shares at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007)	(140,018)	(140,018)
Total Stockholders' Equity	942,596	923,919
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 3,265,644</u>	<u>\$ 3,258,033</u>

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

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	
Revenues:		
Rental Income	\$ 70,919	\$ 62,164
Tenant Recoveries and Other Income	27,539	29,381
Construction Revenues	22,954	8,247
Total Revenues	121,412	99,792
Expenses:		
Property Expenses	34,761	28,557
General and Administrative	23,289	22,791
Depreciation and Other Amortization	39,152	34,371
Construction Expenses	22,301	8,037
Total Expenses	119,503	93,756
Other Income/Expense:		
Interest Income	644	260
Interest Expense	(28,856)	(29,901)
Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	(723)	(820)
Loss From Early Retirement of Debt	—	(146)
Total Other Income/Expense	(28,935)	(30,607)
Loss from Continuing Operations Before Equity in Income of Joint Ventures, Income Tax Benefit and Income Allocated to Minority Interest	(27,026)	(24,571)
Equity in Income of Joint Ventures	3,302	5,631
Income Tax Benefit	2,348	1,916
Minority Interest Allocable to Continuing Operations	3,346	2,931
Loss from Continuing Operations	(18,030)	(14,093)
Income from Discontinued Operations (Including Gain on Sale of Real Estate of \$73,361 and \$55,370 for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively)	76,293	64,844
Provision for Income Taxes Allocable to Discontinued Operations (Including \$247 and \$10,133 allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively)	(247)	(11,227)
Minority Interest Allocable to Discontinued Operations	(9,703)	(6,788)
Income Before Gain on Sale of Real Estate	48,313	32,736
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	7,671	3,574
Provision for Income Taxes Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate	(1,591)	(768)
Minority Interest Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate	(776)	(355)
Net Income	\$ 53,617	\$ 35,187
Less: Preferred Stock Dividends	(4,857)	(5,935)
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 48,760	\$ 29,252
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share:		
Loss from Continuing Operations	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.40)
Income From Discontinued Operations	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.05
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 1.13	\$ 0.66
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	42,984	44,410
Dividends/Distribution Declared per Common Share Outstanding	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.71

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

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net Income	\$ 53,617	\$ 35,187
Mark to Market of Interest Rate Protection Agreements, Offset by the Tax Benefit	(1,842)	(142)
Amortization of Interest Rate Protection Agreements	(187)	(296)
Mark to Market of Available for Sale Mortgage Notes Receivable	328	—
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment, Offset by the Tax Benefit	(661)	—
Other Comprehensive Loss Allocable to Minority Interest	317	14
Other Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 51,572</u>	<u>\$ 34,763</u>

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FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(Dollars in thousands)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income	\$ 53,617	\$ 35,187
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Allocation of Income to Minority Interest	7,133	4,212
Depreciation	29,040	30,045
Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	723	820
Other Amortization	13,576	13,187
Provision for Bad Debt	1,147	92
Loss on Early Retirement of Debt	—	146
Equity in Income of Joint Ventures	(3,302)	(5,631)
Distributions from Joint Ventures	3,606	5,808
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	(81,032)	(58,944)
Decrease (Increase) in Developments for Sale Costs	1,517	(5,132)
Increase in Tenant Accounts Receivable and Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net	(17,034)	(1,678)
Increase in Deferred Rent Receivable	(1,995)	(2,662)
(Decrease) Increase in Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses and Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits	(6,545)	7,928
Decrease (Increase) in Restricted Cash	89	(103)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>540</u>	<u>23,275</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of and Additions to Investment in Real Estate	(160,441)	(196,785)
Net Proceeds from Sales of Investments in Real Estate	175,135	214,302
Contributions to and Investments in Joint Ventures	(5,382)	(4,165)
Distributions from Joint Ventures	974	5,198
Funding of Notes Receivable	—	(8,385)
Repayment of Mortgage Loans Receivable	6,110	8,385
(Increase) Decrease in Restricted Cash	(240)	15,813
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>16,156</u>	<u>34,363</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Proceeds from the Issuance of Common Stock	56	174
Repurchase of Restricted Stock	(3,348)	(3,707)
Dividends/Distributions	(36,079)	(36,613)
Preferred Stock Dividends	(6,089)	(4,703)
Repayments on Mortgage Loans Payable	(758)	(21,470)
Debt Issuance Costs and Costs Incurred in Connection with the Early Retirement of Debt	(12)	(155)
Proceeds from Unsecured Line of Credit	216,000	179,000
Repayments on Unsecured Line of Credit	(189,000)	(187,000)
Cash Book Overdraft	2,901	3,009
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	<u>(16,329)</u>	<u>(71,465)</u>
Net Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(39)	—
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	367	(13,827)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	5,757	16,135
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	<u>\$ 6,085</u>	<u>\$ 2,308</u>

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FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

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 the "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," and our taxable REIT subsidiary, First Industrial Investment, Inc., as the "TRS."

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 87.6% and 87.4% ownership interest at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, and through the TRS, of which the Operating Partnership is the sole stockholder. We also conduct operations through other partnerships, corporations, and limited liability companies, the operating data of which, together with that of the Operating Partnership and the TRS, is consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. Minority interest at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 of approximately 12.4% and 12.6%, respectively, represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own minority equity interests in, and provide various services to, seven joint ventures which invest in industrial properties (the "2003 Net Lease Joint Venture," the "2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture," the "2005 Core Joint Venture," the "2006 Net Lease Co-Investment Program," the "2006 Land/Development Joint Venture", the "2007 Canada Joint Venture" and the "2007 Europe Joint Venture," together the "Joint Ventures"). The Joint Ventures are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The operating data of the Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein.

As of March 31, 2008, we owned 856 industrial properties (inclusive of developments in process) located in 28 states in the United States and one province in Canada, containing an aggregate of approximately 74.3 million square feet of gross leaseable 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, 2007 ("2007 Form 10-K") and should be read in conjunction with such financial statements and related notes. The following notes to these interim financial statements highlight significant changes to the notes included in the December 31, 2007 audited financial statements included in our 2007 Form 10-K and present interim disclosures as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, 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 March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007. 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 March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 and the results of our operations and comprehensive income for each of the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, and our cash flows for each of the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, and all adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

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Construction Revenues and Expenses

Construction revenues and expenses include revenues and expenses associated with us acting in the capacity of general contractor and development manager for certain third party development projects. For such projects we recognize the gross costs and revenues on a percentage of completion basis. Additionally, for the three months ended March 31, 2008, construction revenues and expenses include amounts relating to the sale of industrial units that we developed to sell.

Deferred Leasing Intangibles

Deferred Leasing Intangibles, exclusive of Deferred Leasing Intangibles held for sale, included in our total assets consist of the following:

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
In-Place Leases	\$ 86,341	\$ 86,398
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(25,891)	(24,860)
	<u>\$ 60,450</u>	<u>\$ 61,538</u>
Above Market Leases	\$ 5,965	\$ 6,440
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(2,400)	(2,519)
	<u>\$ 3,565</u>	<u>\$ 3,921</u>
Tenant Relationships	\$ 25,677	\$ 24,970
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(3,774)	(3,410)
	<u>\$ 21,903</u>	<u>\$ 21,560</u>
Total Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	<u>\$ 85,918</u>	<u>\$ 87,019</u>

Deferred Leasing Intangibles, exclusive of Deferred Leasing Intangibles held for sale, included in our total liabilities consist of the following:

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
Below Market Leases	\$ 31,372	\$ 31,668
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(10,360)	(9,627)
	<u>\$ 21,012</u>	<u>\$ 22,041</u>

The fair value of in-place leases, above market leases, tenant relationships and below market leases recorded due to real estate properties acquired for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 is as follows:

	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
In-Place Leases	\$ 4,868	\$ 9,478
Above Market Leases	\$ 61	\$ 855
Tenant Relationships	\$ 2,299	\$ 5,574
Below Market Leases	\$ (524)	\$ (1,846)

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The weighted average life in months of in-place leases, above market leases, tenant relationships and below market leases recorded as a result of the real estate properties acquired for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 is as follows:

	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
In-Place Leases	41	65
Above Market Leases	43	107
Tenant Relationships	93	84
Below Market Leases	35	47

Amortization expense related to in-place leases and tenant relationships was \$6,416 and \$5,756 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively. Rental revenues increased by \$1,277 and \$1,055 related to amortization of above/(below) market leases for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"), which establishes a framework for reporting fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The Company adopted the required provisions of SFAS 157 that became effective in our first quarter of 2008 (See Note 11). In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157" ("FSP 157-2"). FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for certain items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We are currently evaluating the impact of SFAS 157 on our Consolidated Financial Statements for items within the scope of FSP 157-2, which will become effective beginning with our first quarter of 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), "*Business Combinations*" ("SFAS 141R"). SFAS 141R establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired. SFAS 141R also establishes disclosure requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141R is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adoption of SFAS 141R on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "*Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an Amendment of ARB No. 51*" ("SFAS 160"). SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards pertaining to ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent, the amount of net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest, changes in a parent's ownership interest, and the valuation of any retained noncontrolling equity investment when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. This statement also establishes disclosure requirements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of adoption of SFAS 160 on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, "*Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities — an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*" ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 requires entities that utilize derivative instruments to provide qualitative disclosures about their objectives and strategies for using such instruments, as well as any details of credit-risk-related contingent features contained within derivatives. SFAS 161 also requires entities to disclose additional information about the amounts and location of derivatives located within the financial statements, how the provisions of SFAS 133 "*Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*" have been applied, and

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the impact that hedges have on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. We will comply with the expanded disclosure requirements, as applicable.

3. Investments in Joint Ventures and Property Management Services

At March 31, 2008, the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture owned 11 industrial properties comprising approximately 5.1 million square feet of GLA, the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture owned 27 industrial properties comprising approximately 5.7 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels, the 2005 Core Joint Venture owned 61 industrial properties comprising approximately 4.5 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels, the 2006 Net Lease Co-Investment Program owned 12 industrial properties comprising approximately 5.0 million square feet of GLA, the 2006 Land/Development Joint Venture owned several land parcels, and the 2007 Canada Joint Venture owned three industrial properties comprising approximately 0.2 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. As of March 31, 2008, the 2007 Europe Joint Venture does not own any properties.

During July 2007, we entered into a management arrangement with an institutional investor to provide property management, leasing, acquisition, disposition and portfolio management services for industrial properties (the "July 2007 Fund"). We do not own an equity interest in the July 2007 Fund, however are entitled to incentive payments if certain economic thresholds related to the industrial properties are achieved.

At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we have receivables from the Joint Ventures and the July 2007 Fund of \$9,355 and \$6,068, respectively, which mainly relates to development, leasing, property management and asset management fees due to us from the Joint Ventures and the July 2007 Fund, reimbursement for insurance premiums paid on behalf of the Joint Ventures and the July 2007 Fund and reimbursement for development expenditures made by the TRS who is acting in the capacity of the general contractor for development projects for the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture. These receivable amounts are included in prepaid expenses and other assets, net.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, we invested the following amounts in, as well as received distributions from, our Joint Ventures and recognized fees from acquisition, disposition, leasing, development, incentive, property management and asset management services from our Joint Ventures and the July 2007 Fund in the following amounts:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
Contributions	\$ 5,082	\$ 4,165
Distributions	\$ 4,580	\$ 11,006
Fees	\$ 4,586	\$ 5,702

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4. Mortgage Loans Payable, Net, Senior Unsecured Debt, Net and Unsecured Line of Credit

The following table discloses certain information regarding our mortgage loans payable, senior unsecured debt and unsecured line of credit:

	Outstanding Balance at		Interest Rate at March 31, 2008	Effective Interest Rate at March 31, 2008	Maturity Date
	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007			
Mortgage Loans Payable, Net	\$ 72,612	\$ 73,550	5.50% - 9.25%	4.58% - 9.25%	July 2009 - September 2024
<i>Unamortized Premiums</i>	(2,016)	(2,196)			
Mortgage Loans Payable, Gross	<u>\$ 70,596</u>	<u>\$ 71,354</u>			
Senior Unsecured Debt, Net					
2016 Notes	199,459	199,442	5.750%	5.91%	01/15/16
2017 Notes	99,907	99,905	7.500%	7.52%	12/01/17
2027 Notes	15,056	15,056	7.150%	7.11%	05/15/27
2028 Notes	199,841	199,838	7.600%	8.13%	07/15/28
2011 Notes	199,822	199,807	7.375%	7.39%	03/15/11
2012 Notes	199,442	199,408	6.875%	6.85%	04/15/12
2032 Notes	49,463	49,457	7.750%	7.87%	04/15/32
2009 Notes	124,948	124,937	5.250%	4.10%	06/15/09
2014 Notes	113,861	113,521	6.420%	6.54%	06/01/14
2011 Exchangeable Notes	200,000	200,000	4.625%	4.63%	09/15/11
2017 II Notes	149,630	149,620	5.950%	6.37%	05/15/17
Subtotal	<u>\$ 1,551,429</u>	<u>\$ 1,550,991</u>			
<i>Unamortized Discounts</i>	13,641	14,079			
Senior Unsecured Debt, Gross	<u>\$ 1,565,070</u>	<u>\$ 1,565,070</u>			
Unsecured Line of Credit	<u>\$ 348,706</u>	<u>\$ 322,129</u>	3.535%	3.535%	09/28/12

The following is a schedule of the stated maturities and scheduled principal payments of the mortgage loans, senior unsecured debt and unsecured line of credit, exclusive of premiums and discounts, for the next five years ending December 31, and thereafter:

	Amount
Remainder of 2008	\$ 2,353
2009	132,959
2010	15,453
2011	407,269
2012	553,065
Thereafter	873,273
Total	<u>\$ 1,984,372</u>

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5. Stockholders' Equity

Shares of Common Stock

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, 150,326 limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership ("Units") were converted into an equivalent number of shares of common stock, resulting in a reclassification of \$3,679 of minority interest to equity.

Non-Qualified Employee Stock Options:

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, certain of our employees exercised 1,800 non-qualified employee stock options. Net proceeds to us were approximately \$56.

Restricted Stock:

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we awarded 588,628 of restricted common stock shares or restricted stock units to certain employees and 2,168 shares of restricted common stock to certain directors. These restricted common stock shares and restricted stock units had a fair value of approximately \$18,927 on the dates of approval by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The restricted common stock and restricted stock units awarded to employees generally vests over a three year period and the restricted common stock awarded to directors generally vests over a three to ten year period. Compensation expense will be charged to earnings over the respective vesting period for the shares expected to vest.

Dividend/Distributions:

The following table summarizes dividends/distributions accrued during the three months ended March 31, 2008.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	
	Dividend/ Distribution per Share/Unit	Total Dividend/ Distribution
Common Stock/Operating Partnership Units	\$ 0.72	\$ 36,423
Series F Preferred Stock	\$ 1,559.00	\$ 780
Series G Preferred Stock	\$ 1,809.00	\$ 452
Series J Preferred Stock	\$ 4,531.30	\$ 2,719
Series K Preferred Stock	\$ 4,531.30	\$ 906

6. Acquisition of Real Estate

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we acquired ten industrial properties comprising approximately 1.3 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. The purchase price of these acquisitions totaled approximately \$93,298, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the industrial properties and land parcels.

7. Sale of Real Estate, Real Estate Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we sold 38 industrial properties comprising approximately 3.2 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. Gross proceeds from the sales of the 38 industrial properties and several land parcels were approximately \$222,193. The gain on sale of real estate was approximately \$81,032. We deferred \$2,506 on the gain on sale of real estate on the sale of one of the 38 properties. Since we leased back a portion of the property for one of our regional offices and we provided seller financing, SFAS 98 "Accounting for Leases" required us to defer the gain. The gain on sale of real estate will be recognized when the mortgage note receivable is paid off and retired. The mortgage note receivable matures in August, 2008. The 38 sold industrial properties meet the criteria established by SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-

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Lived Assets.” (“SFAS 144”) to be included in discontinued operations. Therefore, in accordance with SFAS 144, the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate, net of income taxes, for the 38 sold industrial properties are included in discontinued operations. The results of operations and gain on sale of real estate, net of income taxes, for the several land parcels that do not meet the criteria established by SFAS 144 are included in continuing operations.

At March 31, 2008, we had 22 industrial properties comprising approximately 1.2 million square feet of GLA held for sale. In accordance with SFAS 144, the results of operations of the 22 industrial properties held for sale at March 31, 2008 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 three months ended March 31, 2007 reflects the results of operations of the 38 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2008, the results of operations of 161 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2007, the results of operations of the 22 industrial properties identified as held for sale at March 31, 2008 and the gain on sale of real estate relating to 35 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2007.

The following table discloses certain information regarding the industrial properties included in our discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
Total Revenues	\$ 7,975	\$ 24,272
Property Expenses	(3,599)	(7,922)
Depreciation and Amortization	(1,444)	(6,876)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	73,361	55,370
Provision for Income Taxes	(247)	(11,227)
Minority Interest	(9,703)	(6,788)
Income from Discontinued Operations	<u>\$ 66,343</u>	<u>\$ 46,829</u>

In conjunction with certain property sales, we provided seller financing. At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we had mortgage notes receivable and accrued interest outstanding of approximately \$64,976 and \$30,456, respectively, which is included as a component of prepaid expenses and other assets.

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8. Supplemental Information to Statements of Cash Flows

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$ 29,677	\$ 29,144
Interest capitalized	\$ 2,107	\$ 1,374
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Distribution payable on common stock/Units	\$ 36,423	\$ 36,867
Distribution payable on preferred stock	\$ —	\$ 5,935
Exchange of units for common stock:		
Minority interest	\$ (3,679)	\$ (190)
Common stock	2	—
Additional paid-in-capital	3,677	190
	\$ —	\$ —
In conjunction with the property and land acquisitions, the following liabilities were assumed:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ (251)	\$ (4,617)
Mortgage debt	\$ —	\$ (38,590)
Write-off of fully depreciated assets	\$ (17,614)	\$ (10,200)
In conjunction with certain property sales, the Company provided seller financing:		
Mortgage notes receivable	\$ 40,282	\$ 5,250

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9. Earnings Per Share (“EPS”)

The computation of basic and diluted EPS is presented below:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
Numerator:		
Loss from Continuing Operations	\$ (18,030)	\$ (14,093)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate, Net of Minority Interest and Income Taxes	5,304	2,451
Less: Preferred Stock Dividends	(4,857)	(5,935)
Loss from Continuing Operations Available to Common Stockholders, Net of Minority Interest and Income Taxes — For Basic and Diluted		
EPS	(17,583)	(17,577)
Discontinued Operations, Net of Minority Interest and Income Taxes	66,343	46,829
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders — For Basic and Diluted EPS	<u>\$ 48,760</u>	<u>\$ 29,252</u>
Denominator:		
Weighted Average Shares — Basic and Diluted	<u>42,983,912</u>	<u>44,410,247</u>
Basic and Diluted EPS:		
Loss from Continuing Operations Available to Common Stockholders, Net of Minority Interest and Income Taxes	<u>\$ (0.41)</u>	<u>\$ (0.40)</u>
Discontinued Operations, Net of Minority Interest and Income Taxes	<u>\$ 1.54</u>	<u>\$ 1.05</u>
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	<u>\$ 1.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.66</u>

Unvested restricted stock shares aggregating 995,642 and 429,759 were antidilutive at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and accordingly, were excluded from dilution computations.

Options to purchase common stock of 354,101 and 372,876 were outstanding as of March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. All of the options outstanding at March 31, 2008 and 2007 were antidilutive, and accordingly, were excluded in dilution computations.

The \$200,000 of senior unsecured debt (the “2011 Exchangeable Notes”) issued during 2006, which are convertible into common shares of the Company at the price of \$50.93, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS as our average stock price did not exceed the strike price of the conversion feature.

The number of weighted average shares — diluted is the same as the number of weighted average shares — basic for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 as the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock was excluded as its inclusion would have been antidilutive to the loss from continuing operations available to common stockholders, net of minority interest and income taxes. The dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock excluded from the computation are 8,936 and 15,879, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 123,754 and 134,830, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

10. Stock Based Compensation

For the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$3,460 and \$3,606 in compensation expense related to restricted stock awards, of which \$395 and \$402, respectively, was capitalized in connection with development activities. At March 31, 2008, we have \$38,725 in unrecognized compensation related to unvested restricted stock awards. The weighted average period that the unrecognized compensation is expected to be recognized is 1.36 years. We have not awarded options to our employees or our directors during the three months

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ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 and all outstanding options are fully vested, therefore no stock-based employee compensation expense related to options is included in net income available to common stockholders.

11. Other Comprehensive Income and Fair Value Measurements

In July 2007, the 2006 Land/Development Joint Venture entered into two interest rate protection agreements to effectively convert floating rate debt to fixed rate debt on a portion of its line of credit. The hedge relationship is considered highly effective and for the three months ended March 31, 2008, \$3,687 of unrealized loss due to a change in values of the swap contracts was recognized in other comprehensive income by the 2006 Land/Development Joint Venture. We recorded \$369 in unrealized loss, representing our 10% share, offset by \$144 of income tax benefit, which is shown as mark to market of interest rate protection agreements in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

In January 2008, the 2006 Land/Development Joint Venture entered into two interest rate protection agreements to effectively convert floating rate debt to fixed rate debt on a portion of its line of credit. The hedge relationship is considered highly effective and for the three months ended March 31, 2008, \$1,850 of unrealized loss due to a change in values of the swap contracts was recognized in other comprehensive income by the 2006 Land/Development Joint Venture. We recorded \$185 in unrealized loss, representing our 10% share, offset by \$72 of income tax benefit, which is shown as mark to market of interest rate protection agreements in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

In January 2008, the 2005 Core Joint Venture entered into two interest rate protection agreements to effectively convert floating rate debt to fixed rate debt on a portion of its line of credit. The hedge relationship is considered highly effective and for the three months ended March 31, 2008, \$1,117 of unrealized loss due to a change in values of the swap contracts was recognized in other comprehensive income by the 2005 Core Joint Venture. We recorded \$112 in unrealized loss, representing our 10% share, offset by \$43 of income tax benefit, which is shown as mark to market of interest rate protection agreements in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

In January 2008, we entered into two interest rate protection agreements which fixed the interest rate on forecasted offerings of unsecured debt which we designated as cash flow hedges (the "January 2008 Agreements"). The January 2008 Agreements each have a notional value of \$59,750 and are effective from May 15, 2009 through May 15, 2014. The January 2008 Agreements fix the LIBOR rate at 4.0725% and 4.0770%, respectively. We recorded \$1,347 in unrealized loss, which is shown as mark to market of interest rate protection agreements in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

In March 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement (the "March 2008 Agreement") which fixed the interest rate on a portion of our outstanding borrowings on our unsecured line of credit. We designated this transaction as a cash flow hedge. The March 2008 Agreement has a notional value of \$50,000 and is effective from March 6, 2008 through April 1, 2010. The March 2008 Agreement fixes the LIBOR rate at 2.4150%. Any payments or receipts from the March 2008 Agreement will be treated as a component of interest expense. We anticipate that the March 2008 Agreement will be highly effective, and, as a result, the change in value will be shown in other comprehensive income. We recorded \$88 in unrealized loss, which is shown as mark to market of interest rate protection agreements in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

In conjunction with certain issuances of senior unsecured debt, we entered into interest rate protection agreements to fix the interest rate on anticipated offerings of senior unsecured debt. In the next 12 months, we will amortize approximately \$737 into net income by decreasing interest expense.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, other comprehensive income includes \$328 of unrealized gain on the mark-to-market related to mortgage notes receivable that we have classified as available-for-sale.

During 2008, we owned one industrial property and one land parcel located in Toronto, Canada for which the functional currency was determined to be the Canadian dollar. The assets and liabilities of this industrial property

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and land parcel are translated to U.S. dollars from the Canadian dollar based on the current exchange rate prevailing at each balance sheet date. The income statement accounts of the industrial property and land parcel are translated using the average exchange rate for the period. The resulting translation adjustments are included in accumulated other comprehensive income. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, we recorded \$1,026 in foreign currency translation loss, offset by \$365 of income tax benefit.

We adopted the provisions of SFAS 157 as of January 1, 2008, for financial instruments recorded at fair value. Although the adoption of SFAS 157 did not materially impact our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow, we are now required to provide additional disclosures as part of our financial statements.

SFAS 157 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; 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 assets and liabilities that are accounted for, at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2008:

Description	March 31, 2008	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)
Liabilities:				
Interest Rate Protection Agreements(1)	\$ 1,435	—	\$ 1,435	—

(1) Unrealized gains or losses on the interest rate protection agreements are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at each measurement date.

The valuation of the above interest rate protection agreements are determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each instrument. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the interest rate protection agreements, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. To comply with the provisions of SFAS 157, we incorporated credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. 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.

Although we have determined that the majority of the inputs used to value the instruments fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with our instruments utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by ourselves and our counterparties. However, as of March 31, 2008, we have assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of the positions of the interest rate protection agreements and have determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of our interest rate protection agreements. As a result, we have determined that the valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

12. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, we are involved in legal actions arising from the ownership of our 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 the consolidated financial position, operations or liquidity.

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We have committed to the construction of several industrial properties totaling approximately 2.2 million square feet of GLA. The estimated total construction costs are approximately \$119,366. Of this amount, approximately \$63,584 remains to be funded. There can be no assurance that the actual completion cost will not exceed the estimated completion cost stated above.

At March 31, 2008, we had 23 letters of credit outstanding in the aggregate amount of \$9,077. These letters of credit expire between April, 2008 and January, 2010.

13. Subsequent Events

From April 1, 2008 to April 25, 2008, we acquired four industrial properties for a purchase price of approximately \$49,015, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of these industrial properties. There were no industrial properties sold during this period.

On April 21, 2008, we paid a first quarter 2008 dividend/distribution of \$0.72 per common share/Unit, totaling approximately \$36,423.

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 future plans, strategies and expectations of the Company, are generally identifiable by use of the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project" 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 affect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to, changes in: economic conditions generally and the real estate market specifically, legislative/regulatory changes (including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts), availability of financing (including both public and private capital), interest rates, competition, 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 our current and proposed market areas, potential environmental liabilities, slippage in development or lease-up schedules, tenant credit risks, higher-than-expected costs, changes in general accounting principles, policies and guidelines applicable to real estate investment trusts, and risks related to doing business internationally (including foreign currency exchange risks and risks related to integrating international properties and operations). These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. For further information concerning the Company and its business, including additional factors that could materially affect our financial results, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms the "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," and our taxable REIT subsidiary, First Industrial Investment, Inc., as the "TRS."

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 operations are conducted primarily through the Operating Partnership, of which we are the sole general partner with an approximate 87.6% and 87.4% ownership interest at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively, and through the TRS, of which the Operations Partnership is the sole stockholder. We also conduct operations through other partnerships, corporations, and limited liability companies, the operating data of which, together with that of the Operating Partnership and the TRS, is consolidated with that of the Company, as presented herein. Minority interest at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 of approximately 12.4% and 12.6%, respectively, represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own minority equity interests in, and provide various services to, seven joint ventures which invest in industrial properties (the "2003 Net Lease Joint Venture," the "2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture," the "2005 Core Joint Venture," the "2006 Net Lease Co-Investment Program" the "2006 Land/Development Joint Venture," the "2007 Canada Joint Venture" and the "2007 Europe Joint Venture," together the "Joint Ventures"). The Joint Ventures are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The operating data of the Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein.

As of March 31, 2008, we owned 856 industrial properties (inclusive of developments in process) located in 28 states in the United States and one province in Canada, containing an aggregate of approximately 74.3 million square feet of gross leaseable area ("GLA").

MANAGEMENT'S OVERVIEW

We believe our financial condition and results of operations are, primarily, a function of our performance and our joint ventures' performance in four key areas: leasing of industrial properties, acquisition and development of additional industrial properties, redeployment of internal capital 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 and our joint ventures' 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 and our joint ventures' 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 income generated from gains/losses on the sale of our properties and our joint ventures' properties (as discussed below), for our distributions. 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 and our joint ventures' properties or to maintain tenant recoveries and operating and certain other expenses consistent with historical levels and proportions, our revenue growth would be limited. Further, if a significant number of our tenants and our joint ventures' tenants were unable to pay rent (including tenant recoveries) or if we or our joint ventures 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 and our joint ventures' ability to acquire existing, and acquire and develop new, additional industrial properties on favorable terms. The Company itself, and through our various joint ventures, continually seeks to acquire existing industrial properties on favorable terms, and, when conditions permit, also seeks 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 and our joint ventures' 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, as well as our joint ventures, 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 and our joint ventures may not be able to finance the acquisition and development opportunities we identify. If we and our joint ventures 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 and our joint ventures' properties (including existing buildings, buildings which we or our joint ventures have developed or re-developed on a merchant basis, and land). The Company itself and through our various joint ventures is continually engaged in, and our income growth is dependent in part on, systematically redeploying capital from properties and other assets with lower yield potential into properties and other assets with higher yield potential. As part of that process, we and our joint ventures sell, on an ongoing basis, select stabilized properties or land or properties offering lower potential returns relative to their market value. The gain/loss on, and fees from, the sale of such properties are included in our income and are a significant source of funds, in addition to revenues generated from rental income and tenant recoveries, for our

distributions. Also, a significant portion of our proceeds from such sales is 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 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 and our joint ventures' 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 and our joint ventures 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.

Currently, we utilize a portion of the net sales proceeds from property sales, borrowings under our unsecured line of credit (the "Unsecured Line of Credit") and proceeds from the issuance when and as warranted, of additional debt and equity securities to finance future acquisitions and developments and to fund our equity commitments to our joint ventures. 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, developments and contributions to our joint ventures 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 capital 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 Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 to Three Months Ended March 31, 2007

Our net income available to common stockholders was \$48.8 million and \$29.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Basic and diluted net income available to common stockholders were \$1.13 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and \$0.66 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

The tables below summarize our revenues, property expenses and depreciation and other amortization by various categories for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007. Same store properties are properties owned prior to January 1, 2007 and held as an operating property through March 31, 2008 and developments and redevelopments that were placed in service prior to January 1, 2007 or were substantially completed for 12 months prior to January 1, 2007. Properties are placed in service as they reach stabilized occupancy (generally defined as 90% occupied). Acquired properties are properties that were acquired subsequent to December 31, 2006 and held as an operating property through March 31, 2008. Sold properties are properties that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2006. (Re)Developments and land are land parcels and developments and redevelopments that were not a) substantially complete 12 months prior to January 1, 2007 or b) placed in service prior to January 1, 2007. Other revenues are derived from the operations of our maintenance company, fees earned from our joint ventures, and other miscellaneous revenues. Construction revenues and expenses represent revenues earned and expenses incurred in connection with the TRS acting as general contractor or development manager to construct industrial properties, including industrial properties for the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture, and also includes revenues and expenses related to the development and sale of properties built for third parties. 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 March 31, 2008 and 2007, the occupancy rates of our same store properties were 91.1% and 91.4%, respectively.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 (\$ in 000's)	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES				
Same Store Properties	\$ 81,893	\$ 78,139	\$ 3,754	4.8%
Acquired Properties	8,037	3,274	4,763	145.5%
Sold Properties	5,956	21,691	(15,735)	(72.5)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included				
Above	4,399	1,350	3,049	225.9%
Other	6,148	11,363	(5,215)	(45.9)%
	106,433	115,817	(9,384)	(8.1)%
Discontinued Operations	(7,975)	(24,272)	16,297	(67.1)%
Subtotal Revenues	98,458	91,545	6,913	7.6%
Construction Revenues	22,954	8,247	14,707	178.3%
Total Revenues	\$ 121,412	\$ 99,792	\$ 21,620	21.7%

Revenues from same store properties increased by \$3.8 million due primarily to an increase in same store rental rates and an increase in lease termination fees of \$1.5 million.

Revenues from acquired properties increased \$4.8 million due to the 115 industrial properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2006 totaling approximately 9.9 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from sold properties decreased \$15.7 million due to the 202 industrial properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2006 totaling approximately 16.9 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from (re)developments and land increased \$3.0 million primarily due to an increase in occupancy. Other revenues decreased by approximately \$5.2 million due primarily to a decrease in fees earned related to us assigning our interest in certain purchase contracts to third parties for consideration. Construction revenues increased \$14.7 million primarily due to a development project that commenced in September, 2007 for which we are acting in the capacity of development manager.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 (\$ in 000's)	\$ Change	% Change
PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES				
Same Store Properties	\$ 26,928	\$ 24,793	\$ 2,135	8.6%
Acquired Properties	2,927	380	2,547	670.3%
Sold Properties	2,530	6,475	(3,945)	(60.9)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included				
Above	1,692	1,211	481	39.7%
Other	4,283	3,620	663	18.3%
	38,360	36,479	1,881	5.2%
Discontinued Operations	(3,599)	(7,922)	4,323	(54.6)%
Total Property Expenses	34,761	28,557	6,204	21.7%
Construction Expenses	22,301	8,037	14,264	177.5%
Total Property and Construction Expenses	\$ 57,062	\$ 36,594	\$ 20,468	55.9%

Property expenses include real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities, insurance, and other property related expenses. Property expenses from same store properties increased \$2.1 million due primarily to an increase in real estate tax expense as well as an increase in repairs and maintenance expense

attributable to increases in snow removal expense. Property expenses from acquired properties increased by \$2.5 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2006. Property expenses from sold properties decreased by \$3.9 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2006. Property expenses from (re)developments and land remained relatively unchanged. Other expense remained relatively unchanged. Construction expenses increased \$14.3 million primarily due to a development project that commenced in September, 2007 for which we are acting in the capacity of development manager.

General and administrative expense remained relatively unchanged.

	<u>Three Months Ended March 31, 2008</u>	<u>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007</u> (\$ in 000's)	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
DEPRECIATION and OTHER AMORTIZATION				
Same Store Properties	\$ 31,168	\$ 31,668	\$ (500)	(1.6)%
Acquired Properties	5,585	1,994	3,591	180.1%
Sold Properties	1,043	6,364	(5,321)	(83.6)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included				
Above and Other	2,339	750	1,589	211.9%
Corporate Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	461	471	(10)	(2.1)%
	<u>40,596</u>	<u>41,247</u>	<u>(651)</u>	<u>(1.6)%</u>
Discontinued Operations	(1,444)	(6,876)	5,432	(79.0)%
Total Depreciation and Other Amortization	\$ 39,152	\$ 34,371	\$ 4,781	13.9%

Depreciation and other amortization for same store properties remained relatively unchanged. Depreciation and other amortization from acquired properties increased by \$3.6 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2006. Depreciation and other amortization from sold properties decreased \$5.3 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2006. Depreciation and other amortization for (re)developments and land and other increased \$1.6 million due primarily to an increase in the substantial completion of developments.

Interest income increased approximately \$0.4 million, or 147.7%, due primarily to an increase in the average mortgage loans receivable outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2008, as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007.

Interest expense decreased approximately \$1.0 million, or 3.5%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for the three months ended March 31, 2008 (6.07%), as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007 (6.62%), and due to an increase in capitalized interest for the three months ended March 31, 2008 due to an increase in development activities partially offset by an increase in the weighted average debt balance outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2008 (\$2,052.7 million), as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007 (\$1,915.1 million).

Amortization of deferred financing costs remained relatively unchanged.

For the three months ended March 31, 2007, we incurred a \$0.1 million loss from early retirement of debt due to early payoffs of mortgage loans.

Equity in income of joint ventures decreased by approximately \$2.3 million, or 41.4%, due primarily to a decrease in our economic share of gains and earn outs on property sales from the 2005 Core Joint Venture partially offset by an increase in our economic share of gains and earn outs on property sales from the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture during the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007.

The income tax benefit (provision) (included in continuing operations, discontinued operations and gain on sale) decreased by \$10.6 million, or 105.1%, due primarily to a decrease in gain on sale of real estate and assignment fees earned within the TRS.

The \$6.1 million and \$2.8 million gain on sale of real estate, net of income taxes, for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, resulted from the sale of several land parcels that do not meet the criteria established by SFAS 144 for inclusion in discontinued operations.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the industrial properties included in our discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007
	(\$ in 000's)	
Total Revenues	\$ 7,975	\$ 24,272
Property Expenses	(3,599)	(7,922)
Depreciation and Amortization	(1,444)	(6,876)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	73,361	55,370
Provision for Income Taxes	(247)	(11,227)
Minority Interest	(9,703)	(6,788)
Income from Discontinued Operations	<u>\$ 66,343</u>	<u>\$ 46,829</u>

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes and minority interest, for the three months ended March 31, 2008 reflects the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate relating to 38 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and the results of operations of 22 properties that were identified as held for sale at March 31, 2008.

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes and minority interest, for the three months ended March 31, 2007 reflects the gain on sale of real estate relating to 35 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and reflects the results of operations of the 161 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2007, 38 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 22 industrial properties identified as held for sale at March 31, 2008.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At March 31, 2008, our cash and restricted cash was approximately \$6.1 and \$25.1 million, respectively. Restricted cash is primarily comprised of cash held in escrow in connection with mortgage debt requirements and gross proceeds from the sales of certain industrial properties. These sales proceeds will be disbursed as we exchange industrial properties under Section 1031 of the Code.

We have considered our short-term (one year or less) 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 distribution 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 (greater than one year) 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 indebtedness and the issuance of additional equity securities. On April 30, 2007 we filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering an indefinite number or amount of securities to be issued in the following three years.

We also may finance the development or acquisition of additional properties through borrowings under the Unsecured Line of Credit. At March 31, 2008, borrowings under the Unsecured Line of Credit bore interest at a weighted average interest rate of 3.54%. The Unsecured Line of Credit currently bears interest at a floating rate of LIBOR plus .475%, or the prime rate, at our election. As of April 25, 2008 we had approximately \$71.8 million available for additional borrowings under the Unsecured Line of Credit.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2008

Net cash provided by operating activities of approximately \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was comprised primarily of net income before minority interest of approximately \$60.8 million and net distributions from joint ventures of \$0.3, offset by adjustments for non-cash items of approximately \$38.6 million and the net change in operating assets and liabilities of approximately \$22.0 million. The adjustments for the non-cash items of approximately \$38.6 million are primarily comprised of the gain on sale of real estate of approximately \$81.0 million and the effect of the straight-lining of rental income of approximately \$2.0 million, offset by depreciation and amortization of approximately \$43.3 million and the provision for bad debt of approximately \$1.1 million.

Net cash provided by investing activities of approximately \$16.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was comprised primarily by the net proceeds from the sale of real estate, the repayment of notes receivable, and distributions from our industrial real estate joint ventures, partially offset by the acquisition of real estate, development of real estate, capital expenditures related to the expansion and improvement of existing real estate, contributions to, and investments in, our industrial real estate joint ventures and an increase in restricted cash that is held by an intermediary for Section 1031 exchange purposes.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we acquired ten industrial properties comprising approximately 1.3 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. The purchase price for these acquisitions totaled approximately \$93.3 million, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the industrial properties and land parcels.

We invested approximately \$5.4 million and received distributions of approximately \$4.6 million from our real estate joint ventures. As of March 31, 2008, our industrial real estate joint ventures owned 114 industrial properties comprising approximately 20.5 million square feet of GLA.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we sold 38 industrial properties comprising approximately 3.2 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. Net proceeds from the sales of the 38 industrial properties and several land parcels were approximately \$175.1 million.

Net cash used in financing activities of approximately \$16.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was derived primarily of common and preferred stock dividends and unit distributions, the repurchase of restricted stock from our employees to pay for withholding taxes on the vesting of restricted stock, debt issuance costs and repayments on

mortgage loans payable, partially offset by net proceeds from our Unsecured Line of Credit, proceeds from the issuance of common stock and a bank overdraft.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, certain of our employees exercised 1,800 non-qualified employee stock options. Net proceeds to us were approximately \$0.1 million.

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

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 March 31, 2008, approximately \$1,674.0 million (approximately 84.9% of total debt at March 31, 2008) of our debt was fixed rate debt (including \$50.0 million of borrowings under the Unsecured Line of Credit in which the interest rate was fixed via an interest rate protection agreement) and approximately \$298.7 million (approximately 15.1% of total debt at March 31, 2008) was variable rate debt.

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 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 4 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 March 31, 2008, 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 \$1.1 million per year.

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 March 31, 2008, we had two outstanding interest rate protection agreements with an aggregate notional amount of \$119.5 million which fix the interest rate on a forecasted offering of debt, and one outstanding interest rate protection agreement with a notional amount of \$50.0 million which fixes the interest rate on borrowings on our Unsecured Line of Credit.

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 movements is complex because such changes are often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. At March 31, 2008, we had only one property and one land parcel for which the U.S. dollar was not the functional currency. This property and land parcel are located in Ontario, Canada and use the Canadian dollar as their functional currency.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Refer to Note 2 to the March 31, 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements.

Subsequent Events

From April 1, 2008 to April 25, 2008, we acquired four industrial properties for a purchase price of approximately \$49.0 million, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of these industrial properties. There were no industrial properties sold during this period.

On April 21, 2008, we paid a first quarter 2008 dividend/distribution of \$0.72 per common share/Unit, totaling approximately \$36.4 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, after 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.

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. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

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10.1*	Amendment No. 3 to the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
10.2*	Form of Employee Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
31.1*	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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32.1**	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes - Oxley Act of 2002.

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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 Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 6, 2008

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**AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO THE
FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
2001 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

AMENDMENT NO. 3 (the "**Third Amendment**"), to the First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**") established and maintained by First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "**Company**"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Plan reserves to the Board the right to amend the Plan at any time;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Plan to permit the Company to grant Awards of Restricted Stock Units and to comply with the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 409A, and the guidance thereunder, as may be applicable to the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Plan currently contemplates the issuance of certificates to represent awarded shares;

WHEREAS, the Company's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("**NYSE**");

WHEREAS, the NYSE has required that all listed securities be eligible for the Direct Registration System ("**DRS**") by March 31, 2008, and DRS is intended to facilitate the issuance, ownership and transfer of the Company's common stock in uncertificated form; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to amend the Plan to permit the issuance of awarded shares in uncertificated form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plan is hereby amended by this Third Amendment as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Plan.

1. The definition of "Award" or "Awards" is hereby amended by adding the term "Restricted Stock Units Awards," immediately following the term "Restricted Stock Awards."

2. The definition of "Dividend Equivalent" is hereby amended in its entirety to read:

“ *Dividend Equivalent*” means a right, granted under Section 9, to receive cash, Stock, or other property equal in value to dividends paid with respect to a specified number of shares of Stock or the excess of dividends paid over a specified rate of return, provided that any Dividend Equivalents granted in

connection with Restricted Stock Units shall, unless otherwise provided in the Award agreement, entitle the participant to receive a payment of additional Restricted Stock Units equal in value to such Dividend Equivalents paid with respect to the Restricted Stock Units. Dividend Equivalents may be awarded on a free-standing basis or in connection with another Award, and may be paid currently or on a deferred basis.”

3. The definition of “Restricted Stock Award” is hereby amended by replacing the reference “Section 6” with the reference “Section 6(a)(i)”.

4. The following definition of “Restricted Stock Units Award” is hereby added:

“Restricted Stock Units Award” means Awards granted pursuant to Section 6(a)(ii).”

5. Section 2(b)(ii) and Section 15(b) are both hereby amended by adding the term “Restricted Stock Units,” immediately following the term “Restricted Stock.”

6. Section 2(b) is hereby amended by adding at the end of the existing Section 2(b) as a part thereof the following new clause (ix):

“(ix) grant Awards, in its sole discretion, to employees and Directors of the Company and its Affiliates who are residing in jurisdictions outside of the United States. For purposes of the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, vary the terms of the Plan in order to conform any Awards to the legal and tax requirements of each non-U.S. jurisdiction where such individual resides or any such non-U.S. jurisdiction which would apply its laws to such Award. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, establish one or more sub-plans of the Plan and/or may establish administrative rules and procedures to facilitate the operation of the Plan in such non-U.S. jurisdictions. For purposes of clarity, any terms contained herein which are subject to variation in a non-U.S. jurisdiction and any administrative rules and procedures established for a non-U.S. jurisdiction shall be reflected in a written addendum to the Plan. To the extent permitted under applicable law, the Committee may delegate its authority and responsibilities under this Section 2(b)(ix) of the Plan to any one or more officers of the Company or an Affiliate.”

7. Section 3(a) is hereby amended by adding the term “Restricted Stock Units Awards,” immediately following the term “Restricted Stock Awards” in each place it is used.

8. The second sentence of Section 5(i) is replaced with the following:

“Unless specifically designated in writing by the Committee, any Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be designed to be exempt from Section 409A of the Code. For any Stock Option that is intended to be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and/or is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option, the per share exercise price of a Stock Option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value on the date of grant unless otherwise permitted pursuant to Sections 409A and 422 of the Code.”

9. Section 5(iv) is hereby amended by deleting the words “certificates representing” in the final paragraph thereof.

10. Section 6 is hereby amended in its entirety to read:

“Section 6. Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Unit Awards.

- (a) Nature of Awards. The Committee may grant Restricted Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Unit Awards to Directors and employees of the Company or any Affiliate.
 - (i) Restricted Stock Award. A Restricted Stock Award is an Award entitling the recipient to acquire, at no cost or for a purchase price determined by the Committee, shares of stock subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee may determine at the time of grant (“Restricted Stock”). Conditions may be based on continuing service and/or achievement of pre-established performance goals and objectives. In addition, a Restricted Stock Award may be granted to a Director or employee by the Committee in lieu of any compensation due to such Director or employee.
 - (ii) Restricted Stock Unit Award. A Restricted Stock Unit Award is an Award evidencing the right of the recipient to receive an equivalent number of shares of Stock on a specific date or upon the attainment of pre-established performance goals, objectives, and other conditions as specified by the Committee, with the units being subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee may determine at the time of grant (“Restricted Stock Units”). Conditions may be based on continuing service and/or achievement of pre-established performance goals and objectives. In addition, a Restricted Stock Unit Award may be granted to a Director or employee by the Committee in lieu of any compensation due to such Director or employee.
- (b) Acceptance of Award. A participant who is granted a Restricted Stock Award or a Restricted Stock Unit Award shall have no rights

with respect to such Award unless the participant shall have accepted the Award within 60 days (or such shorter date as the Committee may specify) following the award date by making payment to the Company, if required, by certified or bank check or other instrument or form of payment acceptable to the Committee in an amount equal to the specified purchase price, if any, of the shares covered by the Award and by executing and delivering to the Company a written instrument that sets forth the terms and conditions of the Restricted Stock or the Restricted Stock Units in such form as the Committee shall determine.

(c) Rights as a Shareholder. Upon complying with Section 6(b) above:

(i) With respect to Restricted Stock, a participant shall have all the rights of a shareholder including voting and dividend rights, subject to transferability restrictions and Company repurchase or forfeiture rights described in this Section 6 and subject to such other conditions contained in the written instrument evidencing the Restricted Stock Award. Unless the Committee shall otherwise determine, if certificates are issued to evidence shares of Restricted Stock, such certificates shall remain in the possession of the Company until such shares are vested as provided in Sections 6(e) and 6(e)(i) below; and

(ii) With respect to Restricted Stock Units, a participant shall have no voting rights or dividend rights prior to the time shares of Stock are received in settlement of such Restricted Stock Units. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee and reflected in the Award agreement, a participant shall have the right to receive additional Restricted Stock Units equal in value to any cash dividends and property dividends paid with respect to the Restricted Stock Units, subject to the same terms and conditions as contained in the written instrument evidencing the Restricted Stock Units Award.

(d) Restrictions. Restricted Stock Units and shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered or disposed of except as specifically provided herein.

(e) Vesting of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The Committee at the time of grant shall specify the date or dates and/or the attainment of pre-established performance goals, objectives and other conditions on which the non-transferability of the Restricted Stock and the Restricted Stock Units and the Company's right of repurchase or forfeiture shall lapse.

(i) Vesting of Restricted Stock. Subsequent to such date or dates and/or the attainment of such pre-established performance goals, objectives and other conditions, the shares of Restricted Stock on which all restrictions have lapsed shall no longer be Restricted Stock and shall be deemed "vested."

(ii) Vesting of Restricted Stock Units. Upon such date or dates and/or the attainment of such pre-established performance goals, objectives and other conditions, the Restricted Stock Units on which all restrictions have lapsed shall no longer be Restricted Stock Units and shall be deemed "vested", and, unless otherwise provided by the Committee and reflected in the Award agreement, the participant shall be entitled to shares of Stock equal to the number of vested Restricted Stock Units. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee and reflected in the Award agreement, the newly acquired shares of Stock shall be acquired by the participant free and clear of any restrictions except such imposed under applicable law, if any.

(f) Waiver, Deferral and Reinvestment of Dividends. The written instrument evidencing the Restricted Stock Award or the Restricted Stock Unit Award may require or permit the immediate payment, waiver, deferral or investment of dividends paid on the Restricted Stock or the Restricted Stock Units; provided, any such deferral may be permitted only to the extent that such deferral would satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder."

11. Section 7(c) is hereby amended by deleting the existing phrase "a stock certificate evidencing the acquisition of" from the second sentence thereof.

12. Section 9 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the existing Section 9 as a part thereof the following two new sentences:

"Any grant of Dividend Equivalents made to a participant hereunder shall be permitted only to the extent that such grant would satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder. To the extent that a grant of Dividend Equivalents would be deemed, under Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder, to reduce the exercise price of an Option or SAR below the Fair Market Value (determined as of the date of grant) of the share of Stock underlying such Award, no grant of Dividend Equivalents shall be allowed with respect to such Option or SAR."

13. Section 10 is hereby amended by replacing in the first sentence the phrase "Performance Share Award or Restricted Stock Award" with the phrase "Performance Share Award, Restricted Stock Award, or Restricted Stock Unit Award."

14. Section 10(a) is hereby amended by adding at the end of the existing Section 10(a) as a part thereof the following new sentence:

"Any Performance Award granted under the Plan shall be settled as soon as administratively practicable following the date on which such Award vests, but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the date on which such Performance Award vests."

15. Section 10(d) is hereby amended by adding following the existing first sentence thereof as a part thereof the following new sentence:

“Any Performance Award granted under the Plan shall be settled as soon as administratively practicable following the date on which such Award vests, but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the date on which such Performance Award vests.”

16. The following provision is hereby added to the end of Section 13 of the Plan:

“It is the intention of the Company that this Plan and any Awards made hereunder satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder. If any award would be considered “deferred compensation” as defined under Section 409A of the Code (“Deferred Compensation”), the Committee reserves the absolute right (including the right to delegate such right) to unilaterally amend the Plan or the Award agreement, without the consent of the Participant, to avoid the application of, or to maintain compliance with, Section 409A of the Code. Any amendment by the Committee to the Plan or an Award agreement pursuant to this section shall maintain, to the extent practicable and permissible, the original intent of the applicable provision without violating Section 409A of the Code. A Participant’s acceptance of any award under the Plan constitutes acknowledgement and consent to such rights of the Committee, without further consideration or action. Any discretionary authority retained by the Committee pursuant to the terms of this Plan or pursuant to an Award agreement shall not be applicable to an Award which is determined to constitute Deferred Compensation, if such discretionary authority would contravene Section 409A of the Code.”

17. Section 15(b) is hereby amended by adding the term “Restricted Stock Units,” immediately following the term “Restricted Stock.”

18. The following provision is hereby added to the end of Section 15 of the Plan:

“In the event that any award under the Plan constitutes Deferred Compensation, and the settlement of, or distribution of benefits under such award is to be triggered by a Change of Control, then such settlement or distribution shall be subject to the event constituting the Change of Control also constituting a change in the ownership or effective control or change in ownership of a substantial portion of assets of a corporation as permitted under Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder.”

19. Section 16(a) is hereby amended by replacing the final sentence of such section with the sentence, "The Company may, as it deems appropriate: (i) require the placing of such stop-orders and restrictive legends on certificates for Stock and Awards, (ii) make a notation within any electronic recordation system for ownership of shares, or (iii) utilize other reasonable means to evidence such shares have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933."

20. Section 16(b) is hereby amended by inserting at the beginning of the first sentence of such section the phrase, "If stock certificates are issued to evidence shares awarded under this Plan,".

SECTION 2. Effective Date of the Amendment; Ratification and Confirmation.

This Amendment shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors of the Company. In all other respects, the Plan is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 3. Governing Law.

THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY NEW YORK LAW WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAWS THEREOF, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SUCH LAW IS PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

**FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.
2001 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of «Grant_Date» by and between First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (the «Company») and «Name» (the «Grantee»). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (the «Plan»).

WHEREAS, the Committee, pursuant to the Plan, desires to make a Restricted Stock Unit Award to Grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the Company and the Grantee agree as follows:

(a) Grant. Pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company hereby grants to the Grantee «M__of Shares» Restricted Stock Units. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the right to receive in the future, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Plan, one (1) share of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company («Stock»). The Restricted Stock Units will be credited to the Grantee in an unfunded bookkeeping account established for the Grantee by the Company. The Restricted Stock Units are granted as of «Grant_Date» (the «Date of Grant»).

(b) Vesting. The Restricted Stock Units shall vest, and the Grantee shall be issued a number of shares of Stock equal to the number of vested Restricted Stock Units, free and clear of any restrictions, except such imposed under applicable law, if any, under the following circumstances:

- (i) so long as the Grantee is employed with the Company:
 - (A) [one-third of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on «Vest_Date_1»];
 - (B) [an additional one-third of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on «Vest_Date_2»];
 - (C) [the remaining one-third of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on «Vest_Date_3»];
 - (ii) in the event of a Change in Control of the Company, as defined under the Plan;
 - (iii) in the event of the involuntary termination of the service of the Grantee for any reason other than Cause, in which case the date of termination will be deemed to be the date the Grantee is given notice of such termination; or
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(iv) the Committee so directs.

(c) Share Delivery. Upon vesting, shares of Stock shall be issued to the Grantee; provided that the Company shall not be obligated to issue shares in certificated form, provided further, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to issue any Stock hereunder until all applicable securities laws and other legal and stock exchange requirements have been satisfied.

(d) Rights of Stockholder. The Grantee, by virtue of the Restricted Stock Unit Award, shall have no right to receive dividends with respect to any shares of Stock, or vote any shares of Stock, prior to the vesting of the Restricted Stock Unit Award. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall have the right to receive Dividend Equivalents with respect to the Restricted Stock Units. Dividend Equivalents will be paid in cash to the Grantee at the same time as dividends are paid to holders of shares of Stock. The grant of the Restricted Stock Unit Award shall not confer on the Grantee any right with respect to continuance of service with the Company nor shall such grant confer any right to future grants of Restricted Stock Units, or any other awards in lieu thereof, while employed by the Company. The grant shall not interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate the Grantee's service at any time.

(e) Recapitalizations, Dividends and Adjustments. In the event of any recapitalization, reclassification, split-up or consolidation of shares of Stock, separation (including a spin-off), dividend on shares Stock payable in capital stock or other similar change in capitalization of the Company, merger or consolidation of the Company, sale by the Company of all or a portion of its assets or other similar event, the Committee shall make such appropriate adjustments in the number and kind of securities, cash or other property which may be issued pursuant to the Restricted Stock Unit Award including, without limitation, Dividend Equivalents, as is necessary to maintain the proportionate interest of the Grantee and preserve the value of the Restricted Stock Unit Award.

(f) Nontransferability. The Restricted Stock Unit Award shall not be transferable by the Grantee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

(g) Withholding. The Grantee agrees to make appropriate arrangements, consistent with the provisions of Section 11 of the Plan, with the Company for satisfaction of any applicable tax withholding requirements, or similar requirements, arising out of this Agreement.

(h) References. References herein to rights and obligations of the Grantee shall apply, where appropriate, to the Grantee's legal representative or estate without regard to whether specific reference to such legal representative or estate is contained in a particular provision of this Agreement.

(i) Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered personally or by courier, or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, duly addressed to the party concerned at the address indicated below or to such changed address as such party may subsequently by similar process give notice of:

If to the Company: First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.
311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4000
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Attn: Chief Financial Officer

If to the Grantee: «Name»
«Address1», «Address2»
«Country»

(j) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(k) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without reference to the principles of conflict of laws, except to the extent such law is preempted by federal law.

(l) Data Privacy. By executing this Agreement, the Grantee hereby agrees freely, and with full knowledge and consent, to the collection, use, processing and transfer (collectively, the “Use”) of certain personal data such as the Grantee’s name, salary, job title, position evaluation rating, along with details of all past Awards and current Awards outstanding and awarded under the Plan (collectively, the “Data”), for the purpose of managing and administering the Plan, a copy of which the Grantee acknowledges having received and understood. The Grantee further acknowledges and agrees that the Company and/or any of its Affiliates (all as defined in the Plan) may make Use of the Data amongst themselves, and/or with any other third parties assisting the Company in the administration and management of the Plan (collectively, the “Data Recipients”). In keeping therewith, the Grantee hereby further authorizes any Data Recipients, including any Data Recipients located in foreign jurisdictions, to continue to make Use of the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of administering and managing the Plan, including without limitation, any necessary Use of such Data as may be required for the subsequent holding of Stock on the Grantee’s behalf by a broker or other third party with whom the Grantee may elect to deposit any Stock acquired through the Plan. The Company shall, at all times, take all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that appropriate safety measures shall be in place to ensure the confidentiality of the Data, and that no Use will be made of the Data for any purpose other than the administration and management of the Plan. The Grantee may, at any time, review his or her Data and request necessary amendments to such Data. The Grantee may withdraw consent to the Use of the Data herein by notifying the Company in writing at the following address: First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. Attn: Cheryl Wade, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4000, Chicago, IL 60606, USA; however, because the Data is essential to the Company’s ability to administer and manage the Plan and to assess employee admissibility under the Plan, by withdrawing consent to the Use of the Data, the Grantee may affect his or her eligibility to participate in the Plan. By executing this Agreement, the Grantee hereby releases and forever discharges the Company from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, liabilities, costs, losses and expenses arising out of, or in connection with, the Use of the Data for purposes of managing and administering the Plan, including without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of the Grantee’s right of publicity, defamation and any other personal, moral and/or property rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Agreement as of «Grant_Date».

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Plan and am familiar with the terms and conditions set forth therein. I agree to accept as binding, conclusive, and final all decisions and interpretations of the Committee. As a condition to the receipt of the Restricted Stock Unit Award, I hereby authorize the Company to withhold from any regular cash compensation payable to me by the Company any taxes required to be withheld under any applicable law as a result of this Restricted Stock Unit Award.

GRANTEE

By: _____
«Name»

Date: _____

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael W. Brennan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ MICHAEL W. BRENNAN

Michael W. Brennan
President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2008

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael J. Havala, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ MICHAEL J. HAVALA

Michael J. Havala
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2008

CERTIFICATION
Accompanying Form 10-Q Report
of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
(Chapter 63, Title 18 U.S.C. §1350(a) and (b))

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chapter 63, Title 18 U.S.C. § 1350(a) and (b)), each of the undersigned hereby certifies, to his knowledge, that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2007 of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in such Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ MICHAEL W. BRENNAN
MICHAEL W. BRENNAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

Date: May 6, 2008

/s/ MICHAEL J. HAVALA
MICHAEL J. HAVALA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Date: May 6, 2008

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request. The information contained in this written statement shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.