#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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 June 30, 2009

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

te or Other Jurisdiction of

(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  $\square$  No o

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

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 o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company or Smal

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding as of August 7, 2009: 44,864,397.

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# For the Period Ended June 30, 2009

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

# FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30, 2009	De	s Adjusted) cember 31, 2008
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ASSETS ASSETS			
Investment in Real Estate:			
Land	\$ 774,094	\$	776,991
Buildings and Improvements	2,562,411		2,551,450
Construction in Progress	28,706		57,156
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(560,784)		(523,108)
Net Investment in Real Estate	2,804,427		2,862,489
Real Estate Held for Sale, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization of \$4,485 and \$2,251 at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	26,559		21,117
Cash and Cash Equivalents	54,962		3,182
Restricted Cash	13		109
Tenant Accounts Receivable, Net	7,447		10,414
Investments in Joint Ventures Deferred Rent Receivable. Net	16,180 35,687		16,299 32,984
Deferred Kent Kecevadie, Net Deferred Financing Costs, Net	14.497		32,984 12.091
Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	77,499		90,342
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net	161,527		174,474
Total Assets	\$ 3,198,798	\$	3,223,501
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Mortgage Loans Payable, Net	\$ 224,351	\$	77,396
Senior Unsecured Debt. Net	1,373,010	-	1,511,955
Unsecured Line of Credit	490,516		443,284
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net	84,678		128,828
Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	28,307		30,754
Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits	26,036		26,181
Leasing Intangibles Held for Sale, Net of Accumulated Amortization of \$0 and \$254 at			
June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively Dividends Pavable	452		541
	452		13,846
Total Liabilities	2,227,350		2,232,785
Commitments and Contingencies	_		
Equity: First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity:			
First industrial Reality Frust, inc. 5 stocknotlers Equity: Preferred Stock (\$0.01) gar 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			
June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 having a liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (\$55,000), \$250,000 per share (\$150,000), and \$250,000 per share (\$150,000), and \$250,000 per share (\$250,000), \$250,000 per share (\$250,000), and \$250,000 per share (\$250			
(\$50,000), respectively)	_		_
Common Stock (\$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 49,164,504 and			
48,976,296 shares issued and 44,840,390 and 44,652,182 shares outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively)	492		490
Additional Paid-in-Capital	1,447,535		1,398,024
Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	(393,338)		(370,229)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(20,712)		(19,668)
Treasury Shares at Cost (4,324,114 shares at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008)	(140,018)		(140,018)
Total First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity	893,959		868,599
Noncontrolling Interest	77,489		122,117
Total Equity	971,448		990,716
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,198,798	\$	3,223,501

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	(As Adjusted) Three Months Ended June 30, 2008	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009	(As Adjusted) Six Months Ended June 30, 2008
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Revenues:				
Rental Income	\$ 67,552	\$ 66,201	\$ 136,563	\$ 130,278
Tenant Recoveries and Other Income	22,168	28,118	47,266	53,672
Construction Revenues	18,318	33,444	36,749	56,398
Total Revenues	108,038	127,763	220,578	240,348
Expenses:				
Property Expenses	30,880	31,751	64,386	63,689
General and Administrative	11,641	22,898	21,750	46,254
Restructuring Costs	72	_	4,816	_
Depreciation and Other Amortization	36,806	44,226	75,716	80,685
Construction Expenses	17,789	32,432	35,672	54,733
Total Expenses	97,188	131,307	202,340	245,361
Other Income/(Expense):				
Interest Income	721	1,118	1,282	1,762
Interest Expense	(29,391)	(28,011)	(57,489)	(57,262)
Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	(754)	(712)	(1,462)	(1,425)
Gain from Early Retirement of Debt Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements	3,986 2,301	1,489	3,986 3,416	1,489
	(23,137)	(20, 440)		(55.426)
Total Other Income/(Expense)		(26,116)	(50,267)	(55,436)
Loss from Continuing Operations Before Equity in Income of Joint Ventures and Income Tax Benefit	(12,287)	(29,660)	(32,029)	(60,449)
Equity in Income of Joint Ventures Income Tax Benefit	1,551	3,268 3,336	1,580	6,570
	2,606		4,421	5,844
Loss from Continuing Operations	(8,130)	(23,056)	(26,028)	(48,035)
Income from Discontinued Operations (Including Gain on Sale of Real Estate of \$3,907 and \$70,484 for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$8,320 and \$143,844 for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively (Provision) Benefit for Income Taxes Allocable to Discontinued Operations (Including \$34 and \$(3,362) Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate for	4,362	75,133	9,196	154,736
the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$128 and \$(3,608) for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and				
June 30, 2008, respectively)	(43)	(3,753)	64	(4,159)
(Loss) Income Before Gain on Sale of Real Estate	(3,811)	48.324	(16,768)	102,542
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	`	4,337	460	12,009
Provision for Income Taxes Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate	_	(1,104)	(29)	(2,696)
Net (Loss) Income	(3,811)	51,557	(16,337)	111,855
Less: Net Loss (Income) Attributable to the Noncontrolling Interest	925	(5,764)	2,907	(12,839)
Net (Loss) Income Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	(2,886)	45,793	(13,430)	99,016
Less: Preferred Stock Dividends	(4,824)	(4,857)	(9,681)	(9,714)
Net (Loss) Income Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders and Participating Securities	\$ (7,710)	\$ 40,936	\$ (23,111)	\$ 89,302
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share:				
Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.98)
Income From Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.42	\$ 0.19	\$ 3.01
Net (Loss) Income Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.92	\$ (0.52)	\$ 2.02
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding, Basic and Diluted	44,439	43,128	44,294	43,056
Dividends/Distribution Declared per Common Share Outstanding	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.44

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009		Ended Ended June 30, June 30,				`s	s Adjusted) ix Months Ended June 30, 2008
Net (Loss) Income	\$	(3,811)	\$	51,557	\$	(16,337)	\$	111,855
Mark-to-Market on Interest Rate Protection Agreements, Net of Income Tax Provision of \$216 and \$343 for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively,								
and \$241 and \$84 for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively		1,179		5,375		(1,036)		3,533
Amortization of Interest Rate Protection Agreements		38		(191)		(168)		(378)
Write-off of Unamortized Settlement of Interest Rate Protection Agreements		(63)		455		(63)		455
Mark-to-Market on Available for Sale Mortgage Notes Receivable		_		(328)		_		_
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment, Net of Tax (Provision) Benefit of \$(1,429) and \$9 for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$(926) and \$390 for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively		892		273		449		(388)
Comprehensive (Loss) Income		(1,765)		57,141		(17,155)		115,077
Comprehensive Loss (Income) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest		582		(6,491)		2,681		(13,250)
Comprehensive (Loss) Income Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	\$	(1,183)	\$	50,650	\$	(14,474)	\$	101,827

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		(As Adjusted) Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 audited) housands)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (Loss) Income	\$ (16,337)	\$ 111,855
Adjustments to Reconcile Net (Loss) Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	56,627	58,410
Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	1,462	1,425
Other Amortization	28,733	32,628
Provision for Bad Debt	2,003	1,660
Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements	(3,416)	
Equity in Income of Joint Ventures	(1,580)	(6,570)
Distributions from Joint Ventures	1,120	8,182
Gain on Sale of Real Estate	(8,780)	(155,853)
Gain from Early Retirement of Debt	(3,986)	(1,489)
(Increase) Decrease in Developments for Sale Costs	(14)	1,860
Decrease (Increase) in Tenant Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and		
Other Assets, Net	18,333	(19,284)
Increase in Deferred Rent Receivable	(3,537)	(3,925)
(Decrease) Increase in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses, Other Liabilities, Rents Received in Advance and Security Deposits	(18,967)	4,699
Decrease in Restricted Cash	96	89
Cash Book Overdraft		1,166
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	51,757	34,853
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of and Additions to Investment in Real Estate	(47,307)	(300,729)
Net Proceeds from Sales of Investments in Real Estate	20,097	422,264
Contributions to and Investments in Joint Ventures	(2,721)	(10,916)
Distributions from Joint Ventures	5,823	3,050
Funding of Notes Receivable		(10,325)
Repayment of Mortgage Loans Receivable	2,821	21,151
Increase in Restricted Cash		(78,214)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities	(21,287)	46,281
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Offering Costs	(142)	(13)
Net Proceeds from the Issuance of Common Stock		174
Repurchase of Restricted Stock	(722)	(3,508)
Dividends/Distributions	(12,614)	(72,502)
Preferred Stock Dividends	(10,461)	(9,714)
Proceeds from Origination of Mortgage Loans Payable	154,180	_
Repayments on Mortgage Loans Payable	(6,843)	(1,525)
Debt Issuance Costs	(3,915)	(15)
Settlement of Interest Rate Protection Agreements	(7,491)	
Repayments of Senior Unsecured Debt	(136,699)	(19,359)
Proceeds from Unsecured Line of Credit	46,000	356,000
Repayments on Unsecured Line of Credit		(322,000)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	21,293	(72,462)
Net Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	17	(16)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	51,763	8,672
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	3,182	5,757
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ 54,962	\$ 14,413
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# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In thousands except share and 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., 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 89.0% and 87.6% ownership interest at June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, 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, are consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein. Noncontrolling interest at June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 of approximately 11.0% and 12.4%, respectively, represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own noncontrolling equity interests in, and provide various services to, seven joint ventures whose purpose is to 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 2007 Europe Joint Venture does not own any properties.

The operating data of the Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein.

As of June 30, 2009, we owned 792 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 70.0 million square feet of gross leaseable area ("GLA").

#### 2. Current Business Risks and Uncertainties

The real estate markets have been significantly impacted by recent events in the global capital markets. The current recession has resulted in downward pressure on our net operating income and has impaired our ability to sell properties.

Our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility (the "Unsecured Line of Credit") and the indentures under which our senior unsecured indebtedness is, or may be, issued, contain certain financial covenants, including, among other things, coverage ratios and limitations on our ability to incur total indebtedness and secured and unsecured indebtedness. Consistent with our prior practice, we will, in the future, continue to interpret and certify our performance under these covenants in a good faith manner that we deem reasonable and appropriate. However, these financial covenants are complex and there can be no assurance that these provisions would not be interpreted by our lenders in a manner that could impose and cause us to incur material costs. Any violation of these covenants would subject us to higher finance costs and fees, or accelerated maturities. In addition, our credit facilities and senior debt securities contain certain cross-default provisions, which are triggered in the event that our other material indebtedness is in default. Under the Unsecured Line of Credit, an event of default can also occur if the lenders, in their good faith judgment, determine that a material adverse change has occurred which could prevent timely repayment or materially impair our ability to perform our obligations under the loan agreement.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

We believe that we were in compliance with our financial covenants as of June 30, 2009, and we anticipate that we will be able to operate in compliance with our financial covenants for the remainder of 2009. However, our ability to meet our financial covenants may be reduced if economic and capital market conditions limit our property sales and reduce our net operating income below our projections. We plan to enhance our liquidity through a combination of capital retention, mortgage financing and asset sales.

- Capital Retention We plan to retain capital by distributing the minimum amount of dividends required to maintain our REIT status. We did not pay a common dividend in
  April 2009 or July 2009 and may not pay dividends in future quarters in 2009 depending on our taxable income. If we are required to pay common stock dividends in 2009, we
  may elect to satisfy this obligation by distributing a combination of cash and common shares.
- Mortgage Financing During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we paid off and retired our 2009 Notes in the principal amount of \$125,000 and our secured mortgage debt
  maturing in July 2009 in the amount of \$5,025. We used funds obtained via three mortgage financings that closed during the three months ended June 30, 2009 to pay off the debt
  maturities (see Note 5). These mortgage financings comply with all covenants contained in our Unsecured Line of Credit and our senior debt securities, including coverage ratios
  and total indebtedness, total unsecured indebtedness and total secured indebtedness limitations. We are in active discussions with various lenders regarding the origination of
  additional mortgage financing and the terms and conditions thereof. No assurances can be made that additional secured financing will be obtained.
- Asset Sales We sold six industrial properties and one land parcel during the six months ended June 30, 2009. We are in various stages of discussions with third parties for the sale of additional properties for the remainder of 2009 and plan to continue to market other properties for sale throughout 2009. If we are unable to sell properties on an advantageous basis, this may impair our liquidity and our ability to meet our financial covenants.

In addition, we repurchased \$15,700 of our 2012 Notes during the six months ended June 30, 2009 (see Note 5) and \$56,500 of senior unsecured debt from July 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009 (see Note 15) at a substantial discount to the principal amount of the notes. We may from time to time repurchase or redeem additional amounts of our outstanding securities. Any repurchases or redemptions would depend upon prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors we consider important. Future repurchases or redemptions may materially impact our liquidity, future tax liability and results of operations.

Although we believe we will be successful in meeting our liquidity needs through a combination of capital retention, mortgage financing and asset sales, if we were to be unsuccessful in executing one or more of the strategies outlined above, we could be materially adversely affected.

#### 3. 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, 2008 ("2008 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, 2008 audited financial statements included in our 2008 Form 10-K and present interim disclosures as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The 2008 year end consolidated balance sheet data included in this Form 10-Q filing was derived from the audited financial statements in our 2008 Form 10-K, and has been revised as the result of the adoption of new accounting principles (mentioned hereafter), but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

In order to conform with GAAP, we, in preparation of our financial statements, are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008. 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 June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 and the results of our operations and comprehensive income for each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, and our cash flows for each of the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, and all adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

#### **Deferred Leasing Intangibles**

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

	 June 30, 2009		December 31, 2008		
In-Place Leases	\$ 77,403	\$	84,424		
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(32,366)		(30,350)		
	\$ 45,037	\$	54,074		
Above Market Leases	\$ 14,409	\$	15,830		
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(2,841)		(2,607)		
	\$ 11,568	\$	13,223		
Tenant Relationships	\$ 28,036	\$	28,717		
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(7,142)		(5,672)		
	\$ 20,894	\$	23,045		
Total Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	\$ 77,499	\$	90,342		

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

	June 30, 2009	De	2008		
Below Market Leases	\$ 42,210	\$	42,856		
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(13,903)		(12,102)		
Total Deferred Leasing Intangibles, Net	\$ 28,307	\$	30,754		

Amortization expense related to in-place leases and tenant relationships of deferred leasing intangibles was \$4,307 and \$10,472 for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$10,044 and \$16,888 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively. Rental revenues increased by \$924 and \$3,546 related to net amortization of above/(below) market leases for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$1,298 and \$4,823 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued new guidance which revises and updates previously issued guidance related to variable interest entities. This new guidance revises the previous guidance by eliminating the exemption for qualifying special purpose entities, by establishing a new approach for determining who should consolidate a variable-interest entity and by changing when it is necessary to reassess who should consolidate a variable-interest entity. We will adopt this new guidance January 1, 2010. We are currently reviewing the impact of the guidance on our financial statements and expect to complete this evaluation in 2009.

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance relating to events that occur subsequent to the reporting date. The guidance is intended to establish general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date — that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. We have adopted this guidance in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This guidance does not impact the consolidated financial results as it is disclosure-only in nature.

In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires an entity to provide disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information. The disclosures are required prospectively and are effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. We included the required disclosures in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This guidance does not impact the consolidated financial results as it is disclosure-only in nature.

Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the FASB relating to noncontrolling interests within consolidated financial statements. This guidance establishes requirements for ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the Company (formerly called "minority interests") to be clearly identified, presented, and disclosed in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, but separate from the parent's equity. Changes in a parent's ownership interest (and transactions with noncontrolling interest holders) while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary should be accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest shall be adjusted to reflect the change in its ownership interest in the subsidiary, with the offset to equity attributable to the parent. As a result of transactions with noncontrolling interest holders and changes in ownership percentages that occurred during the six months ended June 30, 2009, we decreased noncontrolling interest and increased Additional Paid-in-Capital by \$36,151, which represents the cumulative impact of historical changes in the parent's ownership in the subsidiary. This guidance was effective, on a prospective basis, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, however, presentation and disclosure requirements need to be retrospectively applied to comparative financial statements. See Note 6 for additional disclosures.

Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the FASB relating to disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities. This guidance expands the current disclosure requirements and entities must now provide enhanced disclosures on an interim basis and annual basis regarding how and why the entity uses derivatives, how derivatives and related hedged items are accounted for and how derivatives and related hedged items affect the entity's financial position, financial results and cash flow. See Note 13 for the required disclosures. This guidance does not impact the consolidated financial results as it is disclosure-only in nature.

Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the FASB which delayed the effective date relating to fair value measurements for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). The adoption of the provisions of this guidance related to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities did not impact our consolidated financial statements.

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Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") regarding the determination of whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities. The guidance required retrospective application. Under this guidance, unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents are participating securities and, therefore, are included in the computation of earnings per share ("EPS") pursuant to the two-class method. The two-class method determines EPS for each class of common stock and participating securities according to dividends or dividend equivalents and their respective participation rights in undistributed earnings. Certain restricted stock awards granted to employees and directors are considered participating securities as they receive non-forfeitable dividend or dividend equivalents at the same rate as common stock. The impact of adopting this guidance decreased previously filed basic and diluted EPS by \$0.03 for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and \$0.05 for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the FASB regarding business combinations. This guidance states that direct costs of a business combination, such as transaction fees, due diligence and consulting fees no longer qualify to be capitalized as part of the business combination. Instead, these direct costs need to be recognized as expense in the period in which they are incurred. Accordingly, we retroactively expensed these types of costs in 2008 related to future operating property acquisitions.

Effective January 1, 2009 we adopted newly issued guidance from the Accounting Principles Board regarding accounting for convertible debt instruments that may be settled for cash upon conversion. This guidance requires the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments to be separately accounted for in a manner that reflects the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The guidance requires that the value assigned to the debt component be the estimated fair value of a similar bond without the conversion feature, which would result in the debt being recorded at a discount. The resulting debt discount is then amortized over the period during which the debt is expected to be outstanding (i.e., through the first optional redemption date) as additional non-cash interest expense. Retrospective application to all periods presented is required.

The equity component of our convertible unsecured notes (the "2011 Exchangeable Notes") was \$7,898 and therefore we retroactively adjusted our Senior Unsecured Debt by this amount as of September 2006. This debt discount has been subsequently amortized and as of June 30, 2009 the principal amount of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes, its unamortized discount and the net carrying amount is \$200,000, \$3,554 and \$196,446, respectively. In addition, we reclassified \$194 of the original finance fees incurred in relation to the 2011 Exchangeable Notes to equity as of September 2006. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized \$2,708 and \$5,415, respectively, of interest expense related to the 2011 Exchangeable Notes of which \$2,313 and \$4,625, respectively, relates to the coupon rate and \$395 and \$790, respectively, relates to the debt discount amortization. We anticipate amortizing the remaining debt discount into interest expense through maturity in September 2011. We recognized \$3,555 and \$(88) as an adjustment to total equity as of December 31, 2008 that represents amortization expense of the discount and the loan fees, respectively, which would have been recognized had the new guidance regarding accounting for convertible debt instruments been effective since the issuance date of our 2011 Exchangeable Notes.

The impact to net income and the loss from continuing operations, before noncontrolling interest, related to the adoption of the guidance regarding business combinations and convertible debt instruments, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 was an increase to general and administrative expense of \$62 and \$129, respectively, an increase to interest expense of \$395 and \$790, respectively, and a decrease to amortization of deferred financing fees of \$10 and \$20, respectively.

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The impact to the balance sheet as of December 31, 2008 related to the adoption of the guidance regarding business combinations and convertible debt instruments is as follows:

	 Adjustments Related to Adjustments Balance Sheet as Adoption of Related to Previously Business Adoption of Filed - as of Combination Convertible Debt December 31, 2008 Guidance Instrument Guidance				Balance Sheet as Adjusted - as of December 31, 2008		
Deferred Financing Costs, Net	\$ 12,197	\$	_	\$	(106)	\$	12,091
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net	\$ 174,743	\$	(269)	\$	_	\$	174,474
Senior Unsecured Debt, Net	\$ 1,516,298	\$	_	\$	(4,343)	\$	1,511,955
Additional Paid-in-Capital	\$ 1,390,358	\$	_	\$	7,666	\$	1,398,024
Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	\$ (366,962)	\$	(255)	\$	(3,012)	\$	(370,229)
Total First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity	\$ 864,200	\$	(255)	\$	4,654	\$	868,599
Noncontrolling Interest	122,548		(14)		(417)		122,117
Total Equity	\$ 986,748	\$	(269)	\$	4,237	\$	990,716

## 4. Investments in Joint Ventures and Property Management Services

At June 30, 2009, the 2003 Net Lease Joint Venture owned ten industrial properties comprising approximately 5.1 million square feet of GLA, the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture owned 47 industrial properties comprising approximately 8.4 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels, the 2005 Core Joint Venture owned 48 industrial properties comprising approximately 3.9 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 one industrial property comprising approximately 0.8 million square feet and several land parcels and the 2007 Canada Joint Venture owned two industrial properties comprising approximately 0.2 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. As of June 30, 2009, 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, we are entitled to incentive payments if certain economic thresholds related to the industrial properties are achieved.

At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we have receivables from the Joint Ventures and the July 2007 Fund of \$2,217 and \$3,939, 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 other operating expenditures 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.

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During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, 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:

		onths d 30,	I Ju	e Months Ended une 30, 2008	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		Six Months Ended June 30, 2008	
Contributions	\$	987	\$	5,332	\$	2,721	\$	10,414
Distributions	\$	3,905	\$	6,652	\$	6,943	\$	11,232
Fees	\$	2,840	\$	4,702	\$	5,558	\$	9,288

# 5. 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:

			nding ce at	Interest		Effective Interest		
	June 30, 2009	_	(As Adjusted) December 31, 2008	Rate at June 30, 2009		Rate at June 30, 2009		Maturity Date
Mortgage Loans Payable, Net	\$ 224,351	\$	77,396	5.92	% - 9.25%	4.93	% - 9.25%	September 2009 - September 2024
Unamortized Premiums	(1,335)	_	(1,717)					
Mortgage Loans Payable, Gross	\$ 223,016	\$	75,679					
Senior Unsecured Debt, Net								
2016 Notes	\$ 194,558	\$	194,524	5.750	%	5.91	%	01/15/16
2017 Notes	99,919		99,914	7.500	%	7.52	%	12/01/17
2027 Notes	15,057		15,056	7.150	%	7.11	%	05/15/27
2028 Notes	199,850		199,846	7.600	%	8.13	%	07/15/28
2011 Notes	199,898		199,868	7.375	%	7.39	%	03/15/11
2012 Notes	183,945		199,546	6.875	%	6.85	%	04/15/12
2032 Notes	49,491		49,480	7.750	%	7.87	%	04/15/32
2009 Notes			124,980	5.250	%	4.10	%	06/15/09
2014 Notes	115,668		114,921	6.420	%	6.54	%	06/01/14
2011 Exchangeable Notes*	196,446		195,657	4.625	%	5.53	%	09/15/11
2017 II Notes	118,178		118,163	5.950	%	6.37	%	05/15/17
Subtotal	\$ 1,373,010	\$	1,511,955					
Unamortized Discounts	14,790		16,545					
Senior Unsecured Debt, Gross	\$ 1,387,800	\$	1,528,500					
Unsecured Line of Credit	\$ 490,516	\$	443,284	1.339	%	1.339	%	09/28/12

<sup>\*</sup> On September 25, 2006, we issued \$175,000 of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes which bears interest at a rate of 4.625%. We also granted the initial purchasers of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes an option exercisable until October 4, 2006 to purchase up to an additional \$25,000 principal amount of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes to cover over-allotments, if any (the "Over-Allotment Option"). On October 3, 2006, the initial purchasers of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes exercised their Over-Allotment Option with respect to \$25,000 in principal amount of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes. With the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, the aggregate principal amount of 2011 Exchangeable Notes issued and outstanding is \$200,000. The 2011 Exchangeable Notes have an initial

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exchange rate of 19.6356 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount, representing an exchange price of approximately \$50.93 per common share which is an exchange premium of approximately 20% based on the last reported sale price of \$42.44 per share of our common stock on September 19, 2006.

In connection with our offering of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes, we entered into capped call transactions (the "capped call transactions") with affiliates of two of the initial purchasers of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes (the "option counterparties") in order to increase the effective exchange price of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes to \$59.42 per share of our common stock, which represents an exchange premium of approximately 40% based on the last reported sale price of \$42.44 per share of the our common stock on September 19, 2006. The aggregate cost of the capped call transactions was approximately \$6,835. The capped call transactions are expected to reduce the potential dilution with respect to our common stock upon exchange of the 2011 Exchangeable Notes to the extent the then market value per share of our common stock does not exceed the cap price of the capped call transaction during the observation period relating to an exchange. The cost of the capped call is accounted for as a hedge and included in First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity because the derivative is indexed to our own stock and meets the scope exception within the derivative guidance.

On May 7, 2009, we obtained a mortgage loan in the amount of \$14,680 (the "Mortgage Financing I"). The Mortgage Financing I is collateralized by one industrial property totaling approximately 0.6 million square feet of GLA with a carrying value of \$22,233. The Mortgage Financing I bears interest at a fixed rate of 7.50% and provides for equal monthly principal and interest payments based on a 25-year amortization schedule. The Mortgage Financing I matures on June 5, 2016. Prepayment is prohibited for 48 months and thereafter requires the payment of a premium equal to 3% of the loan balance if paid during the fifth loan year, 2% during the sixth loan year, 1% during the seventh loan year and thereafter. No premium shall be due on payments made within 45 days of maturity.

On May 8, 2009, we obtained a mortgage loan in the amount of \$62,500 (the "Mortgage Financing II"). The Mortgage Financing II is collateralized by 26 industrial properties totaling approximately 3.1 million square feet of GLA with a carrying value of \$94,296. The Mortgage Financing II bears interest at a fixed rate of 7.75% and provides for monthly payments of interest only for the first two years and thereafter for equal monthly principal and interest payments based on a 25-year amortization schedule. The Mortgage Financing II matures on June 1, 2016. Prepayment is prohibited for 42 months and thereafter requires the payment of a premium equal to the greater of 1% of the loan balance or a yield maintenance amount.

On June 1, 2009, we paid off and retired our secured mortgage debt maturing in July 2009 in the amount of \$5,025.

On June 3, 2009, we obtained a mortgage loan in the amount of \$77,000 (the "Mortgage Financing III"). The Mortgage Financing III is collateralized by 28 industrial properties totaling approximately 2.6 million square feet of GLA with a carrying value of \$128,498. The Mortgage Financing III bears interest at a fixed rate of 7.87% and provides for equal monthly principal and interest payments based on a 30-year amortization schedule. The Mortgage Financing III matures on July 1, 2019. Prepayment is prohibited for 60 months and thereafter requires the payment of a premium equal to the greater of 1% of the loan balance or a yield maintenance amount.

On June 15, 2009, we paid off and retired our 2009 Notes in the amount of \$105,721. Prior to the payoff and retirement of the 2009 Notes on June 15, 2009, during the three months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased and retired an aggregate \$19,279 of our 2009 Notes at a weighted average repurchase price of 98.887% of par. In connection with these repurchases prior to maturity, we recognized \$232 as gain on early retirement of debt, which is the difference between the repurchase amount of \$19,064 and the principal amount retired of \$19,279, net of the pro rata write off of the unamortized debt issue discount, the unamortized loan fees and the unamortized settlement amount of the interest rate protection agreements related to the 2009 Notes of \$1, \$5 and \$(23), respectively.

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased and retired an aggregate \$15,700 of our 2012 Notes at a repurchase price of 75.881% of par. In connection with these partial retirements, we recognized \$3,754 as gain on early retirement of debt, which is the difference between the repurchase amount of \$11,913 and the principal

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amount retired of \$15,700, net of the pro rata write off of the unamortized debt issue discount, the unamortized loan fees and the unamortized settlement amount of the interest rate protection agreements related to the 2012 Notes of \$32, \$41 and \$(40), respectively.

The following is a schedule of the stated maturities and scheduled principal payments of the mortgage loans payable, 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 2009	\$ 1,820
2010	16,706
2011	409,038
2012	681,518
2013	4,607
Thereafter	 987,643
Total	\$ 2,101,332

All of our senior unsecured debt (except for the 2011 Exchangeable Notes) contain certain covenants, including limitations on incurrence of debt and debt service coverage. The Unsecured Line of Credit contains certain covenants including limitations on incurrence of debt and debt service coverage. Under the Unsecured Line of Credit, an event of default can also occur if the lenders, in their good faith judgment, determine that a material adverse change has occurred which could prevent timely repayment or materially impair our ability to perform our obligations under the loan agreement. We believe that the Operating Partnership and the Company were in compliance with all covenants relating to senior unsecured debt and the Unsecured Line of Credit as of June 30, 2009. However, these financial covenants are complex and there can be no assurance that these provisions would not be interpreted by our noteholders or lenders in a manner that could impose and cause us to incur material costs.

#### Fair Value

At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the fair value of our mortgage loans payable, senior unsecured debt and Unsecured Line of Credit were as follows:

	June 30, 2009					08			
		Carrying Amount			Carrying Amount			Fair Value	
Mortgage Loans Payable, Net	\$	224,351	\$	222,194	\$	77,396	\$	75,817	
Senior Unsecured Debt, Net		1,373,010		934,126		1,511,955		1,033,283	
Unsecured Line of Credit		490,516		436,478		443,284		400,849	
Total	\$	2,087,877	\$	1,592,798	\$	2,032,635	\$	1,509,949	

The fair value of the senior unsecured debt was determined by quoted market prices, if available. The fair values of our mortgage loans payable were determined by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities. The fair value of the Unsecured Line of Credit was determined by discounting the future cash flows using current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining term, assuming no repayment until maturity.

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## 6. Stockholders' Equity

#### Shares of Common Stock:

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, 273,274 limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership ("Units") were converted into an equivalent number of shares of common stock, resulting in a reclassification of \$5,796 of noncontrolling interest to First Industrial Realty Trust Inc.'s Stockholders' Equity.

The following table summarizes the changes in Total Equity:

	First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.					
		Total	Stockholders			Ioncontrolling Interest
Total Equity, December 31, 2008 (As Adjusted)	\$	990,716	\$	868,599	\$	122,117
Net Loss		(16,337)		(13,430)		(2,907)
Other Comprehensive Loss		(818)		(1,044)		226
Comprehensive Loss		(17,155)		(14,474)		(2,681)
Common Stock		_		3		(3)
Additional Paid in Capital:						
Amortization of Restricted Stock Awards		8,432		8,432		_
Conversion of Units to Common Stock		_		5,793		(5,793)
Reallocation of Noncontrolling Interest		_		36,151		(36,151)
Repurchase and Retirement of Restricted Stock Awards/Common Stock		(722)		(722)		_
Stock Offering Costs		(142)		(142)		_
Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings:						
Preferred Dividends		(9,681)		(9,681)		_
Total Equity, June 30, 2009	\$	971,448	\$	893,959	\$	77,489

## Restricted Stock:

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we awarded 35,145 shares of restricted common stock to certain directors. These restricted common stock shares had a fair value of approximately \$149 on the date of issuance. The restricted common stock awarded to directors vests over a five year period. Compensation expense will be charged to earnings over the respective vesting period for the shares expected to vest.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we made a grant of 1,000,000 restricted stock units to our Chief Executive Officer. These restricted stock units had a fair value of approximately \$6,014 on the date of issuance. Of these restricted stock units, a total of 600,000 (the "Service Awards") vest in four equal installments on the first, second, third and fourth year anniversary of December 31, 2008, and a total of 400,000 (the "Performance Awards") vest in four installments of up to 100,000 on the first, up to 200,000 on the second, up to 300,000 on the third and up to 400,000 on the fourth year anniversary of December 31, 2008, to the extent certain market conditions are met. The market conditions are met when certain stock price levels are achieved and maintained for certain time periods between the award issuance date and December 31, 2013. Both the Service Awards and Performance Awards require the Chief Executive Officer to be employed by the Company at the applicable vesting dates, subject to certain clauses in the award agreement. The Service Awards are amortized over the four year service period. The Performance Awards are amortized over the service period of each installment.

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## Dividend/Distributions:

The coupon rate of our Series F Preferred Stock resets every quarter beginning March 31, 2009 at 2.375% plus the greater of (i) the 30 year U.S. Treasury rate, (ii) the 10 year U.S. Treasury rate or (iii) 3-month LIBOR. On April 1, 2009, the new coupon rate was 5.975%. See Note 13 for additional derivative information related to the Series F Preferred Stock coupon rate reset.

The following table summarizes dividends/distributions accrued during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

	 June 30, 20	009	
	Dividend/ istribution		Total
	per Share		ividend
Series F Preferred Stock	\$ 3,052.75	\$	1,526
Series G Preferred Stock	\$ 3,618.00	\$	905
Series J Preferred Stock	\$ 9,062.60	\$	5,438
Series K Preferred Stock	\$ 9,062.60	\$	1,812

Six Months Ended

## 7. Acquisition of Real Estate

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we acquired 18 industrial properties comprising approximately 2.2 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels. The purchase price of these acquisitions totaled approximately \$179,597, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the industrial properties and land parcels.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we acquired one land parcel. The purchase price of the land parcel was approximately \$208, excluding costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of the land parcel.

## Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization in the Period of Acquisition

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 six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	Ended June 30, 2009	Ended June 30, 2008
In-Place Leases	\$ _	\$ 8,906
Above Market Leases	\$ _	\$ 61
Tenant Relationships	\$ _	\$ 5,242
Below Market Leases	\$ _	\$ (2,052)

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 six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008
In-Place Leases	N/A	41
Above Market Leases	N/A	43
Tenant Relationships	N/A	92
Below Market Leases	N/A	31

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## 8. Sale of Real Estate, Real Estate Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we sold six industrial properties comprising approximately 1.0 million square feet of GLA and one land parcel. Gross proceeds from the sales of the six industrial properties and one land parcel were approximately \$33,485. The gain on sale of real estate was approximately \$8,780, of which \$8,320 is shown in discontinued operations. The six sold industrial properties meet the criteria to be included in discontinued operations. Therefore the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate for the six sold industrial properties are included in discontinued operations. The results of operations and gain on sale of real estate for the one land parcel that does not meet the criteria to be included in discontinued operations is included in continuing operations.

At June 30, 2009, we had six industrial properties comprising approximately 0.6 million square feet of GLA held for sale. The results of operations of the six industrial properties held for sale at June 30, 2009 are included in discontinued operations. There can be no assurance that such industrial properties held for sale will be sold.

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 reflects the results of operations of the six industrial properties that were sold during the six months ended June 30, 2009, the results of operations of 113 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2008, the results of operations of the six industrial properties identified as held for sale at June 30, 2009 and the gain on sale of real estate relating to 89 industrial properties that were sold during the six months ended June 30, 2008.

The following table discloses certain information regarding the industrial properties included in our discontinued operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008:

	Ĭ	Ended Ended		Three Months Ended June 30, 2008  Six Months Ended Ended June 30, 2009		Ended	x Months Ended ne 30, 2008
Total Revenues	\$	829	\$	10,697	\$	2,435	\$ 27,499
Property Expenses		(135)		(3,749)		(735)	(10,171)
Depreciation and Amortization		(239)		(2,299)		(824)	(6,436)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate		3,907		70,484		8,320	143,844
(Provision) Benefit for Income Taxes		(43)		(3,753)		64	 (4,159)
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$	4,319	\$	71,380	\$	9,260	\$ 150,577

At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had notes receivables outstanding of approximately \$46,311 and \$37,512, respectively, which is included as a component of Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets, Net. At June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the fair value of the notes receivables were \$40,696 and \$31,061, respectively. The fair values of our notes receivables were determined by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities.

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# 9. Supplemental Information to Statements of Cash Flows

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Six Months Ended une 30, 2009	`s	s Adjusted) Six Months Ended me 30, 2008
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$ 56,914	\$	57,602
Capitalized interest	\$ 281	\$	4,232
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:	 		
Distribution payable on common stock/Units	\$ 	\$	36,420
Distribution payable on preferred stock	\$ 452	\$	1,232
Exchange of Units for common stock:	 		
Noncontrolling interest	\$ (5,796)	\$	(3,732)
Common stock	3		2
Additional paid-in-capital	 5,793		3,730
	\$ _	\$	_
In conjunction with the property and land acquisitions, the following liabilities were assumed:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 	\$	(291)
Mortgage debt	\$ _	\$	(4,353)
Write-off of fully depreciated assets	\$ (27,738)	\$	(34,285)
In conjunction with certain property sales, we provided seller financing:			
Mortgage notes receivable	\$ 11,620	\$	56,161

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## 10. Earnings Per Share ("EPS")

The computation of basic and diluted EPS is presented below:

		ree Months Ended June 30, 2009		s Adjusted) aree Months Ended June 30, 2008		Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		As Adjusted) Six Months Ended June 30, 2008
Numerator:								
Loss from Continuing Operations	\$	(8,130)	\$	(23,056)	\$	(26,028)	\$	(48,035)
Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Continuing Operations		1,400		3,511		3,994		7,307
Loss from Continuing Operations, Net of Noncontrolling Interest and Income Tax Benefit		(6,730)		(19,545)		(22,034)		(40,728)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate		``-'		4,337		460		12,009
Income Tax Provision Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate		_		(1,104)		(29)		(2,696)
Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Gain on Sale of Real Estate		_		(402)		(48)		(1,173)
Preferred Stock Dividends		(4,824)		(4,857)	_	(9,681)		(9,714)
Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$	(11,554)	\$	(21,571)	\$	(31,332)	\$	(42,302)
Income from Discontinued Operations	S	4,362	\$	75,133	\$	9,196	\$	154,736
Income Tax (Provision) Benefit Allocable to Discontinued Operations		(43)		(3,753)		64		(4,159)
Noncontrolling Interest Allocable to Discontinued Operations		(475)		(8,873)		(1,039)		(18,973)
Discontinued Operations Allocable to Participating Securities								
				(1,087)	_			(2,124)
Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	\$	3,844	\$	61,420	\$	8,221	\$	129,480
Net (Loss) Income Available	S	(7,710)	S	40,936	\$	(23,111)	\$	89,302
Net Income Allocable to Participating Securities		(-,)		(1,087)		(==,===)		(2,124)
Net (Loss) Income Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	s	(7,710)	S	39,849	\$	(23,111)	\$	87,178
Denominator:		(:):	<u> </u>		-	(==,==)	<u> </u>	
Weighted Average Shares — Basic and Diluted		44,438,726		43,128,316		44,293,750		43,056,114
Basic and Diluted EPS:		11,100,720	_	10,120,010	_	11,200,700	_	10,000,111
Loss from Continuing Operations Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	e	(0.26)		(0.50)	¢	(0.71)	¢	(0.00)
9 1	3	(0.26)	3		a a		a a	(0.98)
Discontinued Operations Attributable to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$	0.09	\$	1.42	\$	0.19	\$	3.01
Net (Loss) Income Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders	\$	(0.17)	\$	0.92	\$	(0.52)	\$	2.02

Participating securities included unvested restricted stock/units outstanding during the respective period that participate in non-forfeitable dividends of the Company. In accordance with the newly issued guidance regarding participating securities, \$1,087 and \$2,124 of income was allocated to participating securities for purposes of the EPS computation based on their proportionate share of net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008,

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respectively. Participating security holders are not obligated to share in losses, therefore, none of the loss was allocated to participating securities for the three months or the six months ended line 30, 2000

The number of weighted average shares — diluted is the same as the number of weighted average shares — basic for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 as the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted units (that are not participating securities) was excluded as its inclusion would have been antidilutive to the loss from continuing operations available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc's common stockholders. If the loss from continuing operations available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc's common stockholders had been income, the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted units (that are not participating securities) would have been 0 and 0, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, 2,718 and 0, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008, and 5,147 and 0, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Unvested restricted units (that are not participating securities) aggregating 1,000,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 were antidilutive as the issue price of these units was higher than the Company's average stock price during the respective periods and accordingly, was excluded from dilution computations. There were no restricted units (that are not participating securities) outstanding in 2008.

Additionally, options to purchase common stock of 141,034 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 183,000 and 163,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, were antidilutive as the strike price of these stock options was higher than the Company's average stock price during the respective periods and accordingly was excluded from dilution computations.

The 2011 Exchangeable Notes issued during 2006, which are convertible into common shares of the Company at a 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.

#### 11. Restructuring Costs

During the first quarter of 2009, the Board of Directors committed the Company to a plan to further reduce organizational and overhead costs. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded as restructuring costs a pre-tax charge of \$72 and \$4,816, respectively, to provide for employee severance and benefits (\$49 and \$4,081, respectively), costs associated with the termination of certain office leases (\$91 and \$419, respectively) and other costs (\$68) and \$316, respectively) associated with implementing the restructuring plan. Included in employee severance costs is \$0 and \$2,759, respectively, of non-cash costs which represents the accelerated recognition of restricted stock expense for certain employees for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009. At June 30, 2009, we have \$1,615 included in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net related to severance obligations, remaining lease payments and other costs incurred but not yet paid.

#### 12. Stock Based Compensation

We recognized \$2,625 and \$4,724 for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, and \$8,047 and \$8,184 for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, in compensation expense related to restricted stock/unit awards, of which \$0 and \$396, respectively, was capitalized for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, and \$45 and \$771, respectively, was capitalized for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, in connection with development activities. At June 30, 2009, we have \$13,842 in unrecognized compensation related to unvested restricted stock/unit awards. The weighted average period that the unrecognized compensation is expected to be recognized is 1.24 years. We did not award options to our employees or our directors during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 and all outstanding options are fully vested; therefore, no stock-based employee compensation expense related to options is included in Net (Loss) Income Available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s Common Stockholders and Participating Securities.

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On October 23, 2008, we granted stock appreciation rights ("SARs") to our former interim Chief Executive Officer (who is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company) that entitles him to a special cash payment equal to the appreciation in value of 75,000 shares of our common stock. The payment is to be based on the excess of the closing price of our common stock on October 22, 2009 over \$7.94, the closing price on the grant date. The award fully vested during the three months ended December 31, 2008 upon his acceptance of the position.

At June 30, 2009, the fair value of the stock appreciation rights was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	_	2009
Stock price	\$	4.35
Exercise price	\$	7.94
Expected dividend yield		0.0%
Expected stock volatility		171.0%
Risk-free interest rate		0.45%
Expected life (years)		0.31
Value	\$	0.84

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized compensation expense of \$44 and \$(134), respectively, based on the fair value of the SARs.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we made a grant of 1,000,000 restricted stock units to our Chief Executive Officer (see Note 6).

#### 13. Derivatives

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

In January 2008, we entered into two forward starting swaps each with a notional value of \$59,750, which fixed the interest rate on forecasted debt offerings. We designated both swaps as cash flow hedges. The rates on the forecasted debt issuances underlying the swaps locked on March 20, 2009 (the "Forward Starting Agreement 1") and on April 6, 2009 (the "Forward Starting Agreement 2"), and as such, the swaps ceased to qualify for hedge accounting. On March 20, 2009, the fair value of Forward Starting Agreement 1 was a liability of \$4,023. These amounts are included in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI") and will be amortized over five years, which is the life of the Forward Starting Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2, as an increase to interest expense. On May 8, 2009, we settled the Forward Starting Agreement 1 and paid the counterparty \$4,105 and on June 3, 2009 we settled the Forward Starting Agreement 2 and paid the counterparty \$3,386. The change in value of Forward Starting Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 and paid the counterparty \$3,386. The change in value of Forward Starting Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and is included in Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements in the statement of operations.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in OCI and is subsequently reclassified to earnings through interest expense over the life of the derivative or over the life of the debt. In the next 12 months, we will amortize approximately \$1,965 into net income by increasing interest expense for the Forward Starting Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 and similar interest rate protection agreements we settled in previous periods.

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As of June 30, 2009, we also have an interest rate swap agreement with a notional value of \$50,000 which fixed the LIBOR rate on a portion of our outstanding borrowings on our Unsecured Line of Credit at 2.4150% (the "Interest Rate Swap Agreement"). Monthly payments or receipts are treated as a component of interest expense. We designated the Interest Rate Swap Agreement as a cash flow hedge. We anticipate, based on ongoing evaluation of effectiveness, that the Interest Rate Swap Agreement will continue to be highly effective, and, as a result, the change in the fair value is shown in OCI.

The coupon rate of our Series F Preferred Stock resets every quarter beginning March 31, 2009 at 2.375% plus the greater of (i) the 30 year U.S. Treasury rate, (ii) the 10 year U.S. Treasury rate or (iii) 3-month LIBOR. On April 1, 2009, the new coupon rate was 5.975% (see Note 6). In October 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional value of \$50,000 to mitigate our exposure to floating interest rates related to the forecasted reset rate of the coupon rate of our Series F Preferred Stock (the "Series F Agreement"). This Series F Agreement fixes the 30-year U.S. Treasury rate at 5.2175%. Accounting guidance for derivatives does not permit hedge accounting treatment related to equity instruments and therefore the mark to market gains or losses related to this agreement are recorded in the statement of operations. Quarterly payments or receipts are treated as a component of the mark to market gains or losses.

The following is a summary of the terms of the forward starting swaps and the interest rate swaps and their fair values, which are included in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2009:

Hedge Product	Notional Amount Strike		Trade Date	Maturity Date		Fair Value As of June 30, 2009		June 30,		June 30,		December 31, 2008
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:												
Forward-Starting Agreement 1	\$ 59,750	4.0725%	January 2008	May 15, 2014	\$	_	\$	(3,429)				
Forward-Starting Agreement 2	59,750	4.0770%	January 2008	May 15, 2014		_		(3,452)				
Interest Rate Swap Agreement	50,000	2.4150%	March 2008	April 1, 2010		(682)		(858)				
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments:	\$ 169,500				\$	(682)	\$	(7,739)				
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:												
Series F Agreement*	50,000	5.2175%	October 2008	October 1, 2013		(427)		(3,073)				
Total Derivatives	\$ 219,500			Total	\$	(1,109)	\$	(10,812)				

<sup>\* \*</sup> Fair value excludes quarterly settlement payment due on Series F Agreement. For the three months ended June 30, 2009, the quarterly payable was \$204.

The following is a summary of the impact of the derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships on the statement of operations and the statement of OCI for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008.

Interest Rate Products*	Location on Statement	Jui	ree Mon ie 30, 009	June 30, 2008	Six Mont June 30, 2009	June 30, 2008
Income Recognized in OCI (Effective Portion)	Mark-to-Market on Interest Rate Protection Agreements (OCI)	s	845	\$ 4.845	\$ (1.408)	\$ 3.410
Amortization Reclassified from OCI into Income	Interest Expense	\$	(38)	\$ 191	\$ 168	\$ 378
Gain Recognized in Income (Unhedged Position)	Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements	\$	1,358	\$ —	\$ 974	<b>\$</b> —

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Forward Starting Agreement 1, Forward Starting Agreement 2, Interest Rate Swap Agreement and interest rate protection agreements settled in previous periods.

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Additionally as of June 30, 2009, two of the Joint Ventures have interest rate protection agreements outstanding which effectively convert floating rate debt to fixed rate debt on a portion of their total variable debt. The hedge relationships are considered highly effective and as such, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded \$550 and \$613 in unrealized gain, respectively, representing our 10% share, offset by \$216 and \$241 of income tax provision, respectively, which is shown in Mark-to-Market on Interest Rate Protection Agreements, Net of Income Tax, in OCI. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, we recorded \$873 and \$207 in unrealized gain, respectively, representing our 10% share, offset by \$343 and \$84 of income tax provision, respectively, which is shown in Mark-to-Market on Interest Rate Protection Agreements, Net of Income Tax, in OCI.

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

We adopted the fair value measurement provisions as of January 1, 2008, for financial instruments recorded at fair value. The new guidance 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 liabilities that are accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2009:

		June 30, 2009 Using:								
Description	June 30, 2009	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	In	servable aputs evel 3)					
Liabilities:										
Interest Rate Swap Agreement	\$ 682	_	\$ 682		_					
Series F Agreement	\$ 631	_	_	\$	631					

The valuation of the Interest Rate Swap Agreement is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of the instrument. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the agreement, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. In adjusting the fair value of the interest rate protection agreement for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements. To comply with the provisions of fair value measurement, we incorporated a credit valuation adjustment ("CVA") to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. However, assessing significance of inputs is a matter of judgment that should consider a variety of factors. One factor we consider is the CVA and its materiality to the overall valuation of the derivatives on the balance sheet and to their related changes in fair value. We believe the inputs obtained related to our CVAs are observable and therefore fall under Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Accordingly, the liabilities related to the Interest Rate Swap Agreement are classified as Level 2 amounts.

The valuation of the Series F Agreement utilizes the same valuation technique as the Interest Rate Swap Agreement, however, we consider the Series F Agreement to be classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to a significant number of unobservable inputs. The Series F Agreement swaps a fixed rate 5.2175% for floating rate payments based on the 30-year Treasury. No market observable prices exist for long-dated Treasuries past 30 years. Therefore, we have classified the Series F Agreement in its entirety as a Level 3.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of our liabilities classified as Level 3 at June 30, 2009:

	Using Unobse (I	y Significant rvable Inputs Level 3) rivatives
Beginning liability balance at December 31, 2008	\$	(3,073)
Total unrealized gains:		
Mark-to-Market Gain on Series F Agreement		2,442
Ending liability balance at June 30, 2009	\$	(631)

#### 14. Commitments and Contingencies

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

Currently, we are the defendant in a suit brought in February 2009 by the trustee in the bankruptcy of a former tenant. The trustee is seeking the return of \$5,000 related to letters of credit that we drew down when the tenant defaulted on its leases. The suit is in the early stages and, at this time, we are not in a position to assess what, if any, ultimate liability we may have to the bankruptcy estate. We plan to vigorously defend the suit.

At December 31, 2008 our investment in the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture was \$0. This investment balance was written down to \$0 due to impairment losses we recorded in the year ended December 31, 2008. At June 30, 2009 our investment in the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture is \$(1,868) and is included within Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities, Net due to our current commitment to fund operations to this venture.

At June 30, 2009, we had 17 letters of credit outstanding in the aggregate amount of \$7,750. These letters of credit expire between August 2009 and September 2010.

#### 15. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated and disclosed herein relating to events that have occurred from July 1, 2009 through the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, August 7, 2009.

From July 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009, we sold three industrial properties and one land parcel for approximately \$11,173 of gross proceeds. There were no industrial properties acquired during this period.

Subsequent to July 1, 2009, we repurchased and retired an aggregate \$56.5 million of our senior unsecured debt at a weighted average repurchase price of 76.494% of par. In connection with the partial retirements, we will recognize approximately \$12.1 million as gain on early retirement of debt.

On July 13, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a grant of up to 550,000 restricted stock units ("Restricted Awards") and up to \$900 in cash ("Cash Awards") to certain members of management. The Restricted Awards will vest in four installments on the first, second, third and fourth year anniversary of June 30, 2009, to the extent certain service periods and market conditions are both met. The market conditions are met when certain stock price levels are achieved and maintained for certain time periods between the award issuance date and June 30, 2013. The Restricted Awards will be amortized over the greater of the service period or the expected time to meet the market conditions. The Cash Awards vest on July 30, 2010 and will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the service period. The Restricted Awards and Cash Awards require the member of management to be employed by the Company at the applicable vesting dates, subject to certain clauses in the award agreement.

#### 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," "roject," "seek." "target," or similar expressions. Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have an adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to, changes in: national, international (including trade volume growth), regional and local economic conditions generally and real estate markets specifically, legislation/regulation (including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts), our ability to qualify and maintain our status as a real estate investment trust, availability and attractiveness of financing (including both public and private capital) to us and to our potential counterparties, availability and attractiveness of terms of additional debt repurchases, interest rate levels, our ability to maintain our current credit agency ratings, 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 the Company's current and proposed market areas, difficulties in consummating acquisitions and dispositions, risks related to our investments in properties through joint ventures, 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, risks related to doing business internationally (including foreign currency exchange risks and risks related to integrating international properties and operations) and those additional factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 ("2008 Form 10-K"), in the Company's subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in this quarterly report. We caution you not to place undue reliance on forward looking statements, which reflect our analysis only and speak only as of the date of this report or the dates indicated in the statements. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc., First Industrial, L.P. and their controlled subsidiaries. We refer to our operating partnership, First Industrial, L.P., as the "Operating Partnership," 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 89.0% and 87.6% ownership interest at June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively, 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, are consolidated with that of the Company, as presented herein. Noncontrolling interest at June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 of approximately 11.0% and 12.4%, respectively, represents the aggregate partnership interest in the Operating Partnership held by the limited partners thereof.

We also own noncontrolling equity interests in, and provide services to, seven joint ventures whose purpose is to 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 2007 Europe Joint Venture does not own any properties.

The operating data of the Joint Ventures is not consolidated with that of the Company as presented herein.

As of June 30, 2009, we owned 792 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 70.0 million square feet of gross leaseable area ("GLA").

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

First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 311 S. Wacker, Suite 4000 Chicago, IL 60606 Attn: Investor Relations

#### 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 d

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 properties or land. 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.

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, refinance debt 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.

#### **Current Business Risks and Uncertainties**

The real estate markets have been significantly impacted by recent events in the global capital markets. The current recession has resulted in downward pressure on our net operating income and has impaired our ability to sell properties.

Our Unsecured Line of Credit and the indentures under which our senior unsecured indebtedness is, or may be, issued contain certain financial covenants, including, among other things, coverage ratios and limitations on our ability to incur total indebtedness and secured and unsecured indebtedness. Consistent with our prior practice, we

will, in the future, continue to interpret and certify our performance under these covenants in a good faith manner that we deem reasonable and appropriate. However, these financial covenants are complex and there can be no assurance that these provisions would not be interpreted by our lenders in a manner that could impose and cause us to incur material costs. Any violation of these covenants would subject us to higher finance costs and fees, or accelerated maturities. In addition, our credit facilities and senior debt securities contain certain cross-default provisions, which are triggered in the event that our other material indebtedness is in default. Under the Unsecured Line of Credit, an event of default can also occur if the lenders, in their good faith judgment, determine that a material adverse change has occurred which could prevent timely repayment or materially impair our ability to perform our obligations under the loan agreement.

We believe that we were in compliance with our financial covenants as of June 30, 2009, and we anticipate that we will be able to operate in compliance with our financial covenants for the remainder of 2009. However, our ability to meet our financial covenants may be reduced if economic and credit market conditions limit our property sales and reduce our net operating income below our projections. We plan to enhance our liquidity through a combination of capital retention, mortgage financing and asset sales.

- Capital Retention We plan to retain capital by distributing the minimum amount of dividends required to maintain our REIT status. We did not pay a common dividend in April 2009 or July 2009 and may not pay dividends in future quarters in 2009 depending on our taxable income. If we are required to pay common stock dividends in 2009, we may elect to satisfy this obligation by distributing a combination of cash and common shares.
- Mortgage Financing During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we paid off and retired our 2009 Notes in the principal amount of \$125.0 million and our secured mortgage debt maturing in July 2009 in the amount of \$5.0 million. We used funds obtained via three mortgage financings that closed during the three months ended June 30, 2009 to pay off the debt maturities (see Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). These mortgage financings comply with all covenants contained in our Unsecured Line of Credit and our senior debt securities, including coverage ratios and total indebtedness, total unsecured indebtedness and total secured indebtedness limitations. We are in active discussions with various lenders regarding the origination of additional mortgage financing and the terms and conditions thereof. No assurances can be made that additional secured financing will be obtained.
- Asset Sales We sold six industrial properties and one land parcel during the six months ended June 30, 2009. We are in various stages of discussions with third parties for the sale of additional properties for the remainder of 2009 and plan to continue to market other properties for sale throughout 2009. If we are unable to sell properties on an advantageous basis, this may impair our liquidity and our ability to meet our financial covenants.

In addition, we repurchased \$15.7 million of our 2012 Notes during the six months ended June 30, 2009 (see Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) and \$56.5 million of senior unsecured debt from July 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009 (see Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) at a substantial discount to the principal amount of the notes. We may from time to time repurchase or redeem additional amounts of our outstanding securities. Any repurchases or redemptions would depend upon prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors we consider important. Future repurchases or redemptions may materially impact our liquidity, future tax liability and results of operations.

Although we believe we will be successful in meeting our liquidity needs through a combination of capital retention, mortgage financing and asset sales, if we were to be unsuccessful in executing one or more of the strategies outlined above, we could be materially adversely affected.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Comparison of Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 to Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

Our net (loss) income available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders and participating securities was \$(23.1) million and \$89.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively. Basic and diluted net (loss) income available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders were \$(0.52) per share and \$2.02 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2008, respectively.

The tables below summarize our revenues, property expenses and depreciation and other amortization by various categories for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008. Same store properties are properties owned prior to January 1, 2008 and held as an operating property through June 30, 2009 and developments and redevelopments that were placed in service prior to January 1, 2008 or were substantially completed for 12 months prior to January 1, 2008. Properties which are at least 75% occupied at acquisition are placed in service. All other properties are properties that were acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007 and held as an operating property through June 30, 2009. Sold properties that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. (Re)Developments and land are land parcels and developments and redevelopments that were not a) substantially complete 12 months prior to January 1, 2008 or b) placed in service prior to January 1, 2008. 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 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 six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, the occupancy rates of our same store properties were 85.7% and 88.9%, respectively.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		ix Months Ended ne 30, 2008 (\$ in 000's)	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES					
Same Store Properties	\$ 150,761	\$	162,580	\$ (11,819)	(7.3)%
Acquired Properties	14,118		3,741	10,377	277.4%
Sold Properties	1,041		25,870	(24,829)	(96.0)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above	11,535		4,537	6,998	154.2%
Other	8,809		14,721	(5,912)	(40.2)%
	\$ 186,264	\$	211,449	\$ (25,185)	(11.9)%
Discontinued Operations	 (2,435)		(27,499)	25,064	(91.1)%
Subtotal Revenues	\$ 183,829	\$	183,950	\$ (121)	(0.1)%
Construction Revenues	 36,749		56,398	(19,649)	(34.8)%
Total Revenues	\$ 220,578	\$	240,348	\$ (19,770)	(8.2)%

Revenues from same store properties decreased \$11.8 million due primarily to a decrease in occupancy, a decrease in tenant recoveries and a decrease of \$1.6 million in lease termination fees. Revenues from acquired properties increased \$10.4 million due to the 26 industrial properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007 totaling approximately 3.1 million square feet of GLA, as well as acquisitions of land parcels in September and

October 2008 for which we receive ground rents. Revenues from sold properties decreased \$24.8 million due to the 120 industrial properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007 totaling approximately 10.2 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from (re)developments and land increased \$7.0 million primarily due to an increase in occupancy. Other revenues decreased \$5.9 million due primarily to a decrease in fees earned from our Joint Ventures and a decrease in fees earned related to us assigning our interest in certain purchase contracts to third parties for consideration. Construction revenues decreased \$19.6 million primarily due to the substantial completion of certain development projects for which we were acting in the capacity of development manager, offset by a development project that commenced in August 2008 for which we are acting in the capacity of development manager.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 (\$ in 00		\$ Change	% Change
PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES						
Same Store Properties	\$	49,762	\$	52,600	\$ (2,838)	(5.4)%
Acquired Properties		2,895		800	2,095	261.9%
Sold Properties		417		8,993	(8,576)	(95.4)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above		4,961		3,387	1,574	46.5%
Other		7,086		8,080	(994)	(12.3)%
	\$	65,121	\$	73,860	\$ (8,739)	(11.8)%
Discontinued Operations		(735)		(10,171)	9,436	(92.8)%
Total Property Expenses	\$	64,386	\$	63,689	\$ 697	1.1%
Construction Expenses		35,672		54,733	(19,061)	(34.8)%
Total Property and Construction Expenses	\$	100,058	\$	118,422	\$ (18,364)	(15.5)%

Property expenses include real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities, insurance and other property related expenses. Property expenses from same store properties decreased \$2.8 million due primarily to a decrease in repairs and maintenance expense and real estate tax expense. Property expenses from acquired properties increased \$2.1 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007. Property expenses from sold properties decreased \$8.6 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. Property expenses from (re)developments and land increased \$1.6 million due to an increase in the substantial completion of developments. Expenses are no longer capitalized to the basis of a property once the development is substantially complete. The \$1.0 million decrease in other expense is primarily attributable to a decrease in compensation resulting from a decrease in employee headcount as well as a decrease in incentive compensation expense. Construction expenses decreased \$19.1 million primarily due to the substantial completion of certain development projects for which we were acting in the capacity of development manager.

General and administrative expense decreased \$24.5 million, or 53.0%, due primarily to a decrease in compensation resulting from a decrease in employee headcount and a decrease in incentive compensation, as well as a decrease in marketing, travel and entertainment and professional services expenses.

During the first quarter of 2009, the Board of Directors committed the Company to a plan to further reduce organizational and overhead costs. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we incurred \$4.8 million in restructuring charges related to employee severance and benefits (\$4.1 million), costs associated with the termination of certain office leases (\$0.4 million) and other costs (\$0.3 million) associated with implementing the restructuring plan. Due to the timing of certain related expenses, we expect to record a total of approximately \$0.8 million of additional restructuring charges in subsequent quarters. We also anticipate a reduction of general and administrative expense in the remainder of 2009 compared to 2008 as a result of the employee terminations and office closings that have been a part of our restructuring plan.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 (\$ in 000'		Ended		\$ Change	% Change
DEPRECIATION and OTHER AMORTIZATION								
Same Store Properties	\$	62,852	\$	73,764	\$ (10,912)	(14.8)%		
Acquired Properties		6,921		2,898	4,023	138.8%		
Sold Properties		226		5,963	(5,737)	(96.2)%		
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above and Other		5,398		3,522	1,876	53.3%		
Corporate Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment		1,143		974	169	17.4%		
	\$	76,540	\$	87,121	\$ (10,581)	(12.1)%		
Discontinued Operations		(824)		(6,436)	5,612	(87.2)%		
Total Depreciation and Other Amortization	\$	75,716	\$	80,685	\$ (4,969)	(6.2)%		

Depreciation and other amortization for same store properties decreased \$10.9 million due primarily to accelerated depreciation and amortization taken during the six months ended June 30, 2008 attributable to certain tenants who terminated their lease early. Depreciation and other amortization from acquired properties increased \$4.0 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007. Depreciation and other amortization from sold properties decreased \$5.7 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. Depreciation and other amortization for (re)developments and land and other increased \$1.9 million due primarily to an increase in the substantial completion of developments.

Interest income decreased \$0.5 million, or 27.2%, primarily due to a decrease in the weighted average interest rate earned on our cash accounts during the six months ended June 30, 2009, as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Interest expense remained relatively unchanged.

Amortization of deferred financing costs remained relatively unchanged.

For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized a \$4.0 million gain from early retirement of debt due to the partial repurchase of two series of our senior unsecured debt. For the six months ended June 30, 2008, we recognized a \$1.5 million gain from early retirement of debt due to the partial repurchase of two series of our senior unsecured debt.

In October 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement (the "Series F Agreement") to mitigate our exposure to floating interest rates related to the coupon reset of the Company's Series F Preferred Stock. The Series F Agreement has a notional value of \$50.0 million and is effective from April 1, 2009 through October 1, 2013. The Series F Agreement fixes the 30-year U.S. Treasury rate at 5.2175%. We recorded \$2.6 million in mark to market gain, offset by a \$0.2 million quarterly payment, which is included in Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

In January 2008, we entered into two forward starting swaps each with a notional value of \$59.8 million, which fixed the interest rate on forecasted debt offerings. We designated both swaps as cash flow hedges. The rates on the forecasted debt issuances underlying the swaps locked on March 20, 2009 (the "Forward Starting Agreement 1") and on April 6, 2009 (the "Forward Starting Agreement 2"), and as such, the swaps ceased to qualify for hedge accounting. The change in value of Forward Starting Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 from the respective day the interest rate on the underlying debt locked until settlement is \$1.0 million and is included in Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Equity in income of Joint Ventures decreased approximately \$5.0 million, or 76.0%, due primarily to a decrease in our economic share of gains and earn-outs on property sales as a result of a decline in property sales from the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture during the six months ended June 30, 2009 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2008.

The income tax benefit (included in continuing operations, discontinued operations and gain on sale) increased \$5.5 million, or 540.8%, due primarily to a decrease in gain on sale of real estate, a decrease in our pro rata share of gain on sale of real estate from our Joint Ventures and restructuring charges taken during the six months ended June 30, 2009, substantially offset by a decrease in general and administrative expense within the TRS for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the industrial properties included in our discontinued operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008.

	E	Ended	Ended		
	June	30, 2009		June 30, 2008	
	(\$ in 0			J00°S)	
Total Revenues	\$	2,435	\$	27,499	
Property Expenses		(735)		(10,171)	
Depreciation and Amortization		(824)		(6,436)	
Gain on Sale of Real Estate		8,320		143,844	
Benefit (Provision) for Income Taxes		64		(4,159)	
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$	9,260	\$	150,577	

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 reflects the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate relating to six industrial properties that were sold during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and the results of operations of six properties that were identified as held for sale at June 30, 2009.

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 reflects the gain on sale of real estate relating to 89 industrial properties that were sold during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and reflects the results of operations of the 113 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2008, six industrial properties that were sold during the six months ended June 30, 2009, and six industrial properties identified as held for sale at June 30, 2009.

The \$0.5 million gain on sale of real estate for the six months ended June 30, 2009, resulted from the sale of one land parcel that does not meet the criteria established by SFAS 144 for inclusion in discontinued operations. The \$12.0 million gain on sale of real estate for the six months ended June 30, 2008, resulted from the sale of one industrial property and several land parcels that do not meet the criteria established by SFAS 144 for inclusion in discontinued operations.

## Comparison of Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 to Three Months Ended June 30, 2008

Our net (loss) income available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders and participating securities was \$(7.7) million and \$40.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, respectively. Basic and diluted net (loss) income available to First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.'s common stockholders were \$(0.17) per share for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and \$0.92 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

The tables below summarize our revenues, property expenses and depreciation and other amortization by various categories for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008. Same store properties are properties owned prior to January 1, 2008 and held as an operating property through June 30, 2009 and developments and redevelopments that were placed in service prior to January 1, 2008 or were substantially completed for 12 months prior to January 1, 2008. Properties which are at least 75% occupied at acquisition are placed in service. All other properties are placed in service as they reach the earlier of a) stabilized occupancy (generally defined as 90% occupied), or b) one year subsequent to acquisition or development completion. Acquired properties are properties that were acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007 and held as an operating property through June 30, 2009. Sold properties are properties that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. (Re)Developments and land are land parcels and developments and redevelopments that were not a) substantially complete 12 months prior to January 1, 2008 or b) placed in service prior to January 1, 2008. 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 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 June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, the occupancy rates of our same store properties were 84.1% and 88.7%, respectively.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009		Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (\$ in 000		\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
Same Store Properties	\$	73,489	\$	81,253	\$ (7,764)	(9.6)%
Acquired Properties		6,953		2,909	4,044	139.0%
Sold Properties		103		9,774	(9,671)	(98.9)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above		5,706		2,506	3,200	127.7%
Other		4,298		8,574	(4,276)	(49.9)%
	\$	90,549	\$	105,016	\$ (14,467)	(13.8)%
Discontinued Operations		(829)		(10,697)	9,868	(92.3)%
Subtotal Revenues	\$	89,720	\$	94,319	\$ (4,599)	(4.9)%
Construction Revenues		18,318		33,444	(15,126)	(45.2)%
Total Revenues	\$	108,038	\$	127,763	\$ (19,725)	(15.4)%

Revenues from same store properties decreased \$7.8 million due primarily to a decrease in occupancy and a decrease in tenant recoveries. Revenues from acquired properties increased \$4.0 million due to the 26 industrial properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007 totaling approximately 3.1 million square feet of GLA, as well as acquisitions of land parcels in September and October 2008 for which we receive ground rents. Revenues from sold properties decreased \$9.7 million due to the 120 industrial properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007 totaling approximately 10.2 million square feet of GLA. Revenues from (re)developments and land increased \$3.2 million primarily due to an increase in occupancy. Other revenues decreased \$4.3 million due primarily to a decrease in fees earned from our Joint Ventures. Construction revenues decreased \$15.1 million primarily due to the substantial completion of certain development projects for which we were acting in the capacity of development manager, offset by a development project that commenced in August 2008 for which we are acting in the capacity of development manager.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009		Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (\$ in 000'		\$ Change	% Change
PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES						
Same Store Properties	\$	22,767	\$	25,899	\$ (3,132)	(12.1)%
Acquired Properties		1,444		615	829	134.8%
Sold Properties		(29)		3,343	(3,372)	(100.9)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above		2,370		1,847	523	28.3%
Other		4,463		3,796	667	17.6%
	\$	31,015	\$	35,500	\$ (4,485)	(12.6)%
Discontinued Operations		(135)		(3,749)	3,614	(96.4)%
Total Property Expenses	\$	30,880	\$	31,751	\$ (871)	(2.7)%
Construction Expenses		17,789		32,432	(14,643)	(45.1)%
Total Property and Construction Expenses	\$	48,669	\$	64,183	\$ (15,514)	(24.2)%

Property expenses include real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance, property management, utilities, insurance and other property related expenses. Property expenses from same store properties decreased \$3.1 million primarily due to a decrease in real estate tax expense and repairs and maintenance expense. Property expenses from acquired properties increased \$0.8 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007. Property expenses from sold properties decreased \$3.4 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. Property expenses from (re)developments and land increased \$0.5 million due to an increase in the substantial completion of developments. Expenses are no longer capitalized to the basis of a property once the development is substantially complete. The \$0.7 million increase in other expense is primarily attributable to an increase in bad debt expense. Construction expenses decreased \$14.6 million primarily due to the substantial completion of certain development projects for which we were acting in the capacity of development manager, offset by a development project that commenced in August 2008 for which we are acting in the capacity of development manager.

General and administrative expense decreased \$11.3 million, or 49.2%, due primarily to a decrease in compensation resulting from a decrease in employee headcount, as well as decrease in marketing and travel and entertainment expenses.

During the first quarter of 2009, the Board of Directors committed the Company to a plan to further reduce organizational and overhead costs. For the three months ended June 30, 2009, we incurred \$0.1 million in restructuring charges primarily related to costs associated with the termination of certain office leases.

	Ended End		ee Months Ended te 30, 2008 (\$ in 000's)	\$ Change		% Change	
DEPRECIATION and OTHER AMORTIZATION							
Same Store Properties	\$	30,534	\$	40,052	\$	(9,518)	(23.8)%
Acquired Properties		3,228		2,215		1,013	45.7%
Sold Properties		3		2,076		(2,073)	(99.9)%
(Re)Developments and Land, Not Included Above and Other		2,734		1,669		1,065	63.8%
Corporate Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment		546		513		33	6.4%
	\$	37,045	\$	46,525	\$	(9,480)	(20.4)%
Discontinued Operations		(239)		(2,299)		2,060	(89.6)%
Total Depreciation and Other Amortization	\$	36,806	\$	44,226	\$	(7,420)	(16.8)%

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Depreciation and other amortization for same store properties decreased \$9.5 million primarily due to accelerated depreciation and amortization taken during the three months ended June 30, 2008 attributable to certain tenants who terminated their lease early. Depreciation and other amortization from acquired properties increased \$1.0 million due to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007. Depreciation and other amortization from sold properties decreased \$2.1 million due to properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2007. Depreciation and other amortization for (re)developments and land and other increased \$1.1 million due primarily to an increase in the substantial completion of developments.

Interest income decreased \$0.4 million, or 35.5%, primarily due to a decrease in the average mortgage loans receivable outstanding as well as a decrease in the weighted average interest rate earned on our cash accounts during the three months ended June 30, 2009, as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2008.

Interest expense increased approximately \$1.4 million, or 4.9%, primarily due to a decrease in capitalized interest for the three months ended June 30, 2009 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2008 and an increase in the weighted average debt balance outstanding for the three months ended June 30, 2009 (\$2,114.4 million), as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2008 (\$2,032.7 million), partially offset by a decrease in the weighted average interest rate for the three months ended June 30, 2009 (5.58%), as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2008 (\$5.95%).

Amortization of deferred financing costs remained relatively unchanged.

For the three months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized a \$4.0 million gain from early retirement of debt due to the partial repurchase of two series of our senior unsecured debt. For the three months ended June 30, 2008, we recognized a \$1.5 million gain from early retirement of debt due to the partial repurchase of two series of our senior unsecured debt.

We recorded \$1.1 million in mark to market gain, offset by a \$0.2 million quarterly payment, on the Series F Agreement which is included in Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements in earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

The change in value of Forward Starting Agreement 1 from April 1, 2009 until settlement and the change in value of Forward Starting Swap 2 from the day the interest rate on the underlying debt locked until settlement is \$1.4 million and is included in Mark-to-Market Gain on Interest Rate Protection Agreements for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

Equity in income of Joint Ventures decreased approximately \$1.7 million, or 52.5%, due primarily to a decrease in our economic share of gains and earn-outs on property sales as a result of a decline in property sales from the 2005 Development/Repositioning Joint Venture during the three months ended June 30, 2009 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2008

The income tax benefit (included in continuing operations, discontinued operations and gain on sale) increased \$4.1 million, or 268.5%, due primarily to a decrease in gain on sale of real estate, a decrease in fees earned related to us assigning our interest in certain purchase contracts to third parties for consideration and a decrease in fees earned from our Joint Ventures substantially offset by a decrease in general and administrative expense within the TRS for the three months ended June 30, 2009.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the industrial properties included in our discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008:

	E	e Months nded 30, 2009 (\$ in 0	Ju	ree Months Ended ne 30, 2008
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Total Revenues	\$	829	\$	10,697
Property Expenses		(135)		(3,749)
Depreciation and Amortization		(239)		(2,299)
Gain on Sale of Real Estate		3,907		70,484
Provision for Income Taxes		(43)		(3,753)
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$	4,319	\$	71,380

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Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the three months ended June 30, 2009 reflects the results of operations and gain on sale of real estate relating to three industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended June 30, 2009 and the results of operations of six properties that were identified as held for sale at June 30, 2009.

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 reflects the gain on sale of real estate relating to 51 industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and reflects the results of operations of the 113 industrial properties that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2008, three industrial properties that were sold during the three months ended June 30, 2009 and six industrial properties identified as held for sale at June 30, 2009.

The \$4.3 million gain on sale of real estate for the three months ended June 30, 2008 resulted from the sale of one industrial property and several land parcels that do not meet the criteria established for inclusion in discontinued operations.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At June 30, 2009, our cash was approximately \$55.0 million.

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 distributions required to maintain our REIT qualification under the Code. We anticipate that these needs will be met with cash flows provided from operating and investing activities, including the disposition of select assets. In addition, we plan to retain capital by distributing the minimum amount of dividends required to maintain our REIT status. We did not pay a common dividend in April 2009 or July 2009 and may not pay dividends in future quarters in 2009 depending on our taxable income. If we are required to pay common stock dividends in 2009, we may elect to satisfy this obligation by distributing a combination of cash and common shares.

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 and secured indebtedness and the issuance of additional equity securities.

At June 30, 2009, borrowings under our Unsecured Line of Credit bore interest at a weighted average interest rate of 1.339%. Our Unsecured Line of Credit currently bears interest at a floating rate of LIBOR plus 1.0% or the prime rate plus 0.15%, at our election. As of August 7, 2009, we had approximately \$2.8 million available for additional borrowings under the Unsecured Line of Credit. Our Unsecured Line of Credit contains certain financial covenants including limitations on incurrence of debt and debt service coverage. Our access to borrowings may be limited if we fail to meet any of these covenants. We believe that we were in compliance with our financial covenants as of June 30, 2009, and we anticipate that we will be able to operate in compliance with our financial covenants for the remainder of 2009. However, these financial covenants are complex and there can be no assurance that these provisions would not be interpreted by our lenders in a manner that could impose and cause us to incur material costs. In addition, our ability to meet our financial covenants may be reduced if 2009 economic and credit market conditions limit our property sales and reduce our net operating income below our plan. Any violation of these covenants would subject us to higher finance costs and fees, or accelerated maturities. In addition, our credit facilities and senior debt securities contain certain cross-default provisions, which are triggered in the event that our other material indebtedness is in default.

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

#### Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

Net cash provided by operating activities of approximately \$51.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was comprised primarily of the non-cash adjustments of approximately \$67.5 million and distributions from Joint Ventures of \$1.1 million, partially offset by the net loss before noncontrolling interest of approximately \$16.3 million and the net change in operating assets and liabilities of approximately \$0.5 million. The adjustments for the non-cash items of approximately \$67.5 million are primarily comprised of depreciation and amortization of approximately \$86.8 million and the provision for bad debt of approximately \$2.0 million, partially offset by the gain on sale of real estate of approximately \$8.8 million, the gain on the early retirement of debt of approximately \$4.0 million, equity in income of joint ventures of approximately \$1.6 million, mark to market gain related to the Series F Agreement and the Forward Starting Swap Agreement 1 and Forward Starting Agreement 2 of approximately \$3.4 million and the effect of the straight-lining of rental income of approximately \$3.5 million

Net cash used in investing activities of approximately \$21.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was comprised primarily of the development and acquisition of real estate, capital expenditures related to the improvement of existing real estate and contributions to, and investments in, our Joint Ventures, partially offset by the net proceeds from the sale of real estate, distributions from our Joint Ventures and the repayments on our mortgage loan receivables.

We invested approximately \$2.7 million in, and received total distributions of approximately \$6.9 million from, our Joint Ventures. As of June 30, 2009, our industrial real estate Joint Ventures owned 120 industrial properties comprising approximately 23.4 million square feet of GLA and several land parcels.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we sold six industrial properties comprising approximately 1.0 million square feet of GLA and one land parcel. Net proceeds from the sales of the six industrial properties and one land parcel were approximately \$20.1 million.

Net cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$21.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was derived primarily of proceeds from three new mortgage financings and borrowings on our Unsecured Line of Credit, offset by repayments on our unsecured notes and mortgage loans payable, payments of debt issuance costs, other costs from the origination of mortgages, common and preferred stock dividends and unit distributions, offering costs and the repurchase of restricted stock from our employees to pay for withholding taxes on the vesting of restricted stock.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we received proceeds from the origination of \$154.2 million in mortgage financing. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we paid off and retired the remaining \$105.7 million outstanding 2009 Notes at their maturity. Prior to the payoff and retirement of the 2009 Notes, we repurchased and retired \$19.3 million of our 2009 Notes for a purchase price of \$19.1 million. Additionally, during the six months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased and retired \$15.7 million of our 2012 Notes at a purchase price of \$11.9 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 June 30, 2009, approximately \$1,647.4 million (approximately 78.9% of total debt at June 30, 2009) 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 \$440.5 million (approximately 21.1% of total debt at June 30, 2009) was variable rate debt.

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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 5 to the consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the maturity dates of our various fixed rate debt.

Based upon the amount of variable rate debt outstanding at June 30, 2009, a 10% increase or decrease in the interest rate on our variable rate debt would decrease or increase, respectively, future net income and cash flows by approximately \$0.6 million per year. The foregoing calculation assumes an instantaneous increase or decrease in the rates applicable to the amount of borrowings outstanding under our Unsecured Line of Credit at June 30, 2009. One consequence of the recent turmoil in the capital markets has been sudden and dramatic changes in LIBOR, which could result in an increase to such rates. In addition, the calculation does not account for our option to elect the lower of two different interest rates under our borrowings or other possible actions, such as prepayment, that we might take in response to any rate increase.

The use of derivative financial instruments allows us to manage risks of increases in interest rates with respect to the effect these fluctuations would have on our earnings and cash flows. As of June 30, 2009, we had 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 and one outstanding interest rate protection agreement with a notional amount of \$50.0 million which mitigates our exposure to floating interest rates related to the reset rate of our Series F Preferred Stock. See Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

# Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Owning, operating and developing industrial property outside of the United States exposes us to the possibility of volatile movements in foreign exchange rates. Changes in foreign currencies can affect the operating results of international operations reported in U.S. dollars and the value of the foreign assets reported in U.S. dollars. The economic impact of foreign exchange rate movements is complex because such changes are often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. At June 30, 2009, we owned one property and two land parcels for which the U.S. dollar was not the functional currency. This property and the land parcels are located in Ontario, Canada and use the Canadian dollar as their functional currency. Additionally, the 2007 Canada Joint Venture owned two industrial properties and several land parcels for which the functional currency is the Canadian dollar.

# Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Refer to Note 3 to the June 30, 2009 Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated and disclosed herein relating to events that have occurred from July 1, 2009 through the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, August 7, 2009.

From July 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009, we sold three industrial properties and one land parcel for approximately \$11.2 million of gross proceeds. There were no industrial properties acquired during this period.

Subsequent to July 1, 2009, we repurchased and retired an aggregate \$56.5 million of our senior unsecured debt at a weighted average repurchase price of 76.494% of par. In connection with the partial retirements, we will recognize approximately \$12.1 million as gain on early retirement of debt.

On July 13, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a grant of up to 550,000 restricted stock units ("Restricted Awards") and up to \$0.9 million in cash ("Cash Awards") to certain members of management. The Restricted Awards will vest in four installments on the first, second, third and fourth year anniversary of June 30, 2009, to the extent certain service periods and market conditions are both met. The market conditions are met when certain stock price levels are achieved and maintained for certain time periods between the award issuance date and June 30, 2013. The Restricted Awards will be amortized over the greater of the service period or the expected time to meet the market conditions. The Cash Awards vest on July 30, 2010 and will be

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amortized on a straight-line basis over the service period. The Restricted Awards and Cash Awards require the member of management to be employed by the Company at the applicable vesting dates, subject to certain clauses in the award agreement.

# Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

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

# Item 4. Controls and Procedures

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

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

# 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

On May 13, 2009, First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders. At the meeting, one Class II director of the Company was elected to serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and three Class III directors were elected to serve until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and, in each case, until his respective successor is duly elected and qualified. Tabulated with the name of each of the nominees elected is the number of shares of common stock cast for each nominee and the number of shares of common stock withholding authority to vote for each nominee. There were no broker non-votes with respect to the election of directors.

<u>N</u> ominee	Votes For	Votes Withheld
Bruce W. Duncan*	38,153,132	2,201,876
W. Ed Tyler**	37,957,097	2,397,910
Robert J. Slater**	37,704,660	2,650,347
John Rau**	37,903,732	2,451,275

<sup>\*</sup> Class II Director

Jay H. Shidler and J. Steven Wilson continue to serve as Class I directors until their present terms expire in 2010 and their successors are duly elected. Michael G. Damone and Kevin W. Lynch continue to serve as Class II directors until their present terms expire in 2011 and their successors are duly elected.

In addition, the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, was ratified at the meeting with 39,442,980 shares voting in favor, 507,989 shares voting against, 404,039 shares abstaining and zero broker non-votes.

In addition, the Company's 2009 Stock Incentive Plan was approved at the meeting with 21,636,055 shares voting in favor, 2,662,808 shares voting against, 186,850 shares abstaining and 15,869,295 broker non-votes.

### Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class III Director

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31.1*	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
31.2*	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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.

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith

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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.

/s/ Scott A. Musil
Scott A. Musil
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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# FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC. 2009 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

# Section 1 General Purpose of the Plan; Definitions.

The name of the plan is the First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The purpose of the Plan is to encourage and enable the officers, employees and Directors of, or service provider to, First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") and its Affiliates and Subsidiaries upon whose judgment, initiative and efforts the Company largely depends for the successful conduct of its business to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company. It is anticipated that providing such persons with a direct stake in the Company's welfare will assure a closer identification of their interests with those of the Company, thereby stimulating their efforts on the Company's behalf and strengthening their desire to remain with the Company.

The following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- "Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- "Affiliate" means any entity other than the Company and its Subsidiaries that is designated by the Board or the Committee as a participating employer under the Plan, provided that the Company directly or indirectly owns at least 20% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of such entity or at least 20% of the ownership interests in such entity.
- "Award" or "Awards", except where referring to a particular category of grant under the Plan, shall include Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units Awards, Performance Share Awards and Dividend Equivalents.
  - "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- "Cause" means the participant's dismissal as a result of (i) any material breach by the participant of any agreement to which the participant and the Company or an Affiliate or Subsidiary are parties, (ii) any act (other than retirement) or omission to act by the participant, including without limitation, the commission of any crime (other than ordinary traffic violations), which may have a material and adverse effect on the business of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary on the participant's ability to perform services for the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary, or (iii) any material misconduct or neglect of duties by the participant in connection with the business or affairs of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary.

"Change of Control" is defined in Section 16 below.

- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor Code, and related rules, regulations and interpretations.
- "Committee" means any Committee of the Board referred to in Section 2.
- "Director" means a member of the Board.
- "Disability" means disability as set forth in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.
- "Dividend Equivalent" means a right, granted under Section 10, 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.
  - "Effective Date" means the date on which the Plan is approved by the stockholders of the Company as set forth in Section 18.
  - "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the related rules, regulations and interpretations.
- "Fair Market Value" on any given date means the last reported sale price at which Stock is traded on such date or, if no Stock is traded on such date, the most recent date on which Stock was traded, as reflected on the New York Stock Exchange or, if applicable, any other national stock exchange which is the principal trading market for the Stock.
  - "Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option designated and qualified as an "incentive stock option" as defined in Section 422 of the Code.
  - "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.
  - "Option" or "Stock Option" means any option to purchase shares of Stock granted pursuant to Section 6.
  - "Parent" means a "parent corporation" as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
  - "Performance Share Award" means Awards granted pursuant to Section 8.
  - "Prior Plan(s)" means the First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan and the First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan.
  - "Restricted Stock Award" means Awards granted pursuant to Section 7(a)(i).
  - "Restricted Stock Units Award" means Awards granted pursuant to Section 7(a)(ii).

"Stock" means the Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, of the Company, subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 3.

"Subsidiary" means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations, beginning with the Company if each of the corporations (other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.

"Termination of Service" means the first day occurring on or after a grant date on which the participant ceases to be an employee of, or service provider to (which, for purposes of this definition, includes Directors), the Company or any Subsidiary, regardless of the reason for such cessation, subject to the following:

- (i) The participant's cessation as an employee or service provider shall not be deemed to occur by reason of the transfer of the participant between the Company and an Affiliate or Subsidiary or between two Affiliates or Subsidiaries.
- (ii) The participant's cessation as an employee or service provider shall not be deemed to occur by reason of the participant's approved leave of absence for military service or sickness, or for any other purpose approved by the Company, if the employee's right to re-employment is guaranteed either by a statute or by contract or under the policy pursuant to which the leave of absence was granted or if the Committee otherwise so provides in writing.
- (iii) A service provider whose services to the Company or an Affiliate or a Subsidiary are governed by a written agreement with the service provider will cease to be a service provider at the time the term of such written agreement ends (without renewal); and a service provider whose services to the Company or a Subsidiary are not governed by a written agreement with the service provider will cease to be a service provider on the date that is ninety (90) days after the date the service provider last provides services requested by the Company or any Subsidiary (as determined by the Committee).
- (iv) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, an employee who ceases to be an employee, but become or remains a Director, or a Director who ceases to be a Director, but becomes or remains an employee, shall not be deemed to have incurred a Termination of Service.
- (vi) Notwithstanding the forgoing, in the event that any award under the Plan constitutes Deferred Compensation, the term Termination of Service shall be interpreted by the Committee in a manner not to be inconsistent with the definition of "Separation from Service" as defined under Code Section 409A.

# Section 2 Administration of Plan; Committee Authority to Select Participants and Determine Awards

(a) Committee. The Plan shall be administered by a committee of not less than two Directors, as appointed by the Board from time to time (the "Committee"). Unless otherwise

determined by the Board, each member of the Committee shall qualify as a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3 issued pursuant to the Act and an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Code. Subject to applicable stock exchange rules, if the Committee does not exist, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the Board may take any action under the Plan that would otherwise be the responsibility of the Committee.

- (b) Powers of Committee. The Committee shall have the power and authority to grant Awards consistent with the terms of the Plan, including the power and authority:
  - (i) to select the officers, employees and Directors of, and service provider to, the Company, Affiliates and Subsidiaries to whom Awards may from time to time be granted;
- (ii) to determine the time or times of grant, and the extent, if any, of Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents, or any combination of the foregoing, granted to any officer, employee or Director;
  - (iii) to determine the number of shares to be covered by any Award granted to an officer, employee or Director;
- (iv) to determine the terms and conditions, including restrictions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted to an officer, employee or Director, which terms and conditions may differ among individual Awards and participants, and to approve the form of written instruments evidencing the Awards;
  - (v) to accelerate the exercisability or vesting of all or any portion of any Award granted to a participant;
  - (vi) subject to the provisions of Section 6(i), to extend the period in which Stock Options granted may be exercised;
- (vii) to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances Stock and other amounts payable with respect to an Award granted to a participant shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the participant and whether and to what extent the Company shall pay or credit amounts equal to interest (at rates determined by the Committee) or dividends or deemed dividends on such deferrals;
- (viii) to adopt, alter and repeal such rules, guidelines and practices for administration of the Plan and for its own acts and proceedings as it shall deem advisable; to interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award (including related written instruments) granted to a participant; and to decide all disputes arising in connection with and make all determinations it deems advisable for the administration of the Plan; and
- (ix) grant Awards, in its sole discretion, to employees and Directors of the Company, its Affiliates and Subsidiaries 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, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary.

All decisions and interpretations of the Committee shall be final and binding on all persons, including the Company and Plan participants.

- (c) <u>Delegation by Committee</u>. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, the applicable rules of a stock exchange or the Plan, or as necessary to comply with the exemptive provisions of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Act, the Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any person or persons selected by it, including: (a) delegating to a committee of one or more members of the Board who are not "outside directors" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m) of the Code, the authority to grant awards under the Plan to eligible persons who are either: (i) not then "covered employees," within the meaning of Code Section 162(m) of the Code and are not expected to be "covered employees" at the time of recognition of income resulting from such award; or (ii) not persons with respect to whom the Company wishes to comply with Code Section 162(m) of the Code; and/or (b) delegating to a committee of one or more members of the Board who are not "non-employee directors," within the meaning of Rule 16b-3, the authority to grant awards under the Plan to eligible persons who are not then subject to Section 16 of the Act. The acts of such delegates shall be treated hereunder as acts of the Committee and such delegates shall report regularly to the Committee regarding the delegated duties and responsibilities and any awards so granted. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time.
- (d) <u>Information to be Furnished to Committee</u>. As may be permitted by applicable law, the Company and any Affiliate or Subsidiary shall furnish the Committee with such data and information as it determines may be required for it to discharge its duties. The records of the Company and any Affiliate or Subsidiary as to an employee's or participant's employment, termination of employment, leave of absence, reemployment and compensation shall be conclusive on all persons unless determined by the Committee to be manifestly incorrect. Subject to applicable law, participants and other persons entitled to benefits under the Plan must furnish the Committee such evidence, data or information as the Committee considers desirable to carry out the terms of the Plan.
- (e) Expenses and Liabilities. All expenses and liabilities incurred by the Committee in the administration and interpretation of the Plan or any Award Agreement shall be borne by the Company. The Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants or other persons in connection with the administration and interpretation of the Plan. The Company, and its

officers and Directors, shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or valuations of any such persons.

# Section 3 Shares Issuable under the Plan; Mergers; Substitution.

- (a) <u>Shares Issuable</u>. The maximum number of shares of Stock reserved and available for issuance under the Plan shall be **400,000**. For purposes of this limitation, the shares of Stock underlying any Awards which are forfeited, canceled, reacquired by the Company, satisfied without the issuance of Stock or otherwise terminated (other than by exercise) shall not be deemed to have been delivered and shall be added back to the shares of Stock available for issuance under the Plan. Shares issued under the Plan may be authorized but unissued shares or shares reacquired by the Company. With respect to Performance Share Awards, Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Unit Awards the maximum number of shares of Stock subject to such awards shall be **200,000**.
- (b) Share Limitation. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(d) below, (i) the maximum number of shares of Stock with respect to which Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted during a calendar year to any participant under the Plan and are intended to be "performance-based compensation" (as that term is used for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code) and then only to the extent such limitation is required by Section 162(m) of the Code, shall be 400,000 shares and (ii) with respect to Performance Share Awards, Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units Awards the maximum number of shares of Stock subject to such awards granted during a calendar year to any participant under the Plan and are intended to be "performance-based compensation" (as that term is used for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code) and then only to the extent such limitation is required by Section 162(m) of the Code, shall be 200,000 shares.
- (c) <u>Partial Performance</u>. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this **Section 3(d)**, if in respect of any performance period or restriction period, the Committee grants to a participant awards having an aggregate dollar value and/or number of shares less than the maximum dollar value and/or number of shares that could be paid or awarded to such participant based on the degree to which the relevant performance measures were attained, the excess of such maximum dollar value and/or number of shares over the aggregate dollar value and/or number of shares actually subject to awards granted to such participant shall be carried forward and shall increase the maximum dollar value and/or the number of shares to such participant in respect of the next performance period in respect of which the Committee grants to such Participant an award intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" (as that term is used for purposes of Code Section 162(m)), subject to adjustment pursuant to (d) hereof.
- (d) <u>Corporate Transactions</u>. To the extent permitted under Section 409A, if applicable, in the event of a corporate transaction involving the Company or the shares of Stock of the Company (including any stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination or exchange of shares), all outstanding awards under the Plan and the Prior Plans, the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Plan and the Prior Plans under Section 3(b) and the specified limitations set forth in Section 3(c)(c) shall automatically be adjusted to

proportionately and uniformly reflect such transaction (but only to the extent that such adjustment will not affect the status of an award intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m), if applicable); provided, however, that the Committee may otherwise adjust awards (or prevent such automatic adjustment) as it deems necessary, in its sole discretion, to preserve the benefits or potential benefits of the awards and the Plan. Action by the Committee may include: (i) adjustment of the number and kind of shares which may be delivered under the Plan; (ii) adjustment of the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding awards; (iii) adjustment of the Exercise Price of outstanding options and SARs; and (iv) any other adjustments that the Committee determines to be equitable (which may include, (A) replacement of awards with other awards which the Committee determines have comparable value and which are based on stock of a company resulting from the transaction, and (B) cancellation of the award in return for cash payment of the current value of the award, determined as though the award were fully vested at the time of payment, provided that in the case of an option or SAR, the amount of such payment shall be the excess of the value of the Stock subject to the option or SAR at the time of the transaction over the Exercise Price; provided, that no such payment shall be required in consideration of the award if the Exercise Price is greater than the value of the Stock at the time of such corporate transaction or event).

#### Section 4 Awards

(a) General. Any Award under the Plan may be granted singularly, in combination with another Award (or Awards), or in tandem whereby the exercise or vesting of one Award held by a participant cancels another Award held by the participant. Each Award under the Plan shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and such additional terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Committee shall provide with respect to such Award and as evidenced in the Award agreement. An Award may be granted as an alternative to or replacement of an existing Award under (i) the Plan; (ii) any other plan of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary; (iii) any Prior Plan; or (iv) as the form of payment for grants or rights earned or due under any other compensation plan or arrangement of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary, including without limitation the plan of any entity acquired by the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary.

(b) <u>Substitute Awards</u>. The Committee may grant Awards under the Plan in substitution for stock and stock based awards held by employees of another corporation who concurrently become employees of the Company, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary as the result of a merger or consolidation of the employing corporation with the Company, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary or the acquisition by the Company, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary of property or stock of the employing corporation. The Committee may direct that the substitute awards be granted on such terms and conditions as the Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.

#### Section 5 Eligibility.

Participants in the Plan will be Directors and such full or part-time officers and other employees of, and service providers to, the Company, its Affiliates and Subsidiaries who are responsible for or contribute to the management, growth or profitability of the Company, its Affiliates and Subsidiaries and who are selected from time to time by the Committee, in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, an Award (other than an

incentive stockoption) may be granted to a person, in connection with his or her hiring as an employee, prior to the date the employee first performed services for the Company, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary, provided that any such Award shall not become exercisable or vested prior to the date the employee first performs such services as an employee.

#### Section 6 Stock Options

Any Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be in such form as the Committee may from time to time approve.

Stock Options granted under the Plan may be either Incentive Stock Options or Non-Qualified Stock Options. To the extent that any option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, it shall constitute a Non-Qualified Stock Option. No Incentive Stock Option may be granted under the Plan after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date. Incentive Stock Options may only be granted to employees of the Company, a Parent of the Company or a Subsidiary.

The Committee in its discretion may grant Stock Options to Directors or to employees of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary. Stock Options granted to Directors and employees pursuant to this Section 6 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:

- (i) Exercise Price. The per share exercise price of a Stock Option granted pursuant to this Section 6 shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant. The per share exercise price of an Incentive Stock Option shall not be less than 100% of Fair Market Value on the date of grant. 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. If an employee owns or is deemed to own (by reason of the attribution rules of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Subsidiary or Parent corporation (a "10% Shareholder") and an Incentive Stock Option is granted to such employee, the exercise price of such Incentive Stock Option shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value.
- (ii) <u>Option Term</u>. The term of each Stock Option shall be fixed by the Committee, but no Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable more than ten years after the date the option is granted. For 10% Shareholders, the terms of an Incentive Stock Option shall be no more than five years from the date of grant.
- (iii) Exercisability; Rights of a Shareholder. Stock Options shall become exercisable at such time or times, whether or not in installments, as shall be determined by the Committee at or after the grant date. The Committee may at any time accelerate the exercisability of all or any portion of any Stock Option. An optionee shall have the

rights of a shareholder only as to shares acquired upon the exercise of a Stock Option and not as to unexercised Stock Options.

- (iv) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. Stock Options may be exercised in whole or in part, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company, specifying the number of shares to be purchased. Payment of the purchase price may be made by one or more of the following methods:
  - (A) In cash, by certified or bank check or other instrument acceptable to the Committee or by wire transfer to an account designated by the Company;
  - (B) In the form of shares of Stock (by actual delivery or by attestation) that are not then subject to restrictions under any Company plan, if permitted by the Committee in its discretion. Such surrendered shares shall be valued at Fair Market Value on the exercise date; or
  - (C) By the optionee delivering to the Company a properly executed exercise notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to promptly deliver to the Company cash or a check payable and acceptable to the Company to pay the purchase price; provided that in the event the optionee chooses to pay the purchase price as so provided, the optionee and the broker shall comply with such procedures and enter into such agreements of indemnity and other agreements as the Committee shall prescribe as a condition of such payment procedure. Payment instruments will be received subject to collection.
    - (D) Other such method as may be determined by the Committee from time to time.

The delivery of shares of Stock to be purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Stock Option will be contingent upon receipt from the Optionee (or a purchaser acting in his stead in accordance with the provisions of the Stock Option) by the Company of the full purchase price for such shares and the fulfillment of any other requirements contained in the Stock Option or applicable provisions of laws (including satisfaction of applicable tax withholding requirements).

(v) Non-transferability of Options. No Incentive Stock Option shall be transferable by the optionee otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all Incentive Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the optionee's lifetime, only by the optionee. Non-Qualified Stock Options granted under this Plan may be assigned or otherwise transferred by the participant only in the following circumstances: (i) by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (ii) by the participant or members of the participant's "immediate family" and/or the participant, or to a partnership, limited liability company or corporation pursuant to which the only partners, members or shareholders, as the case may be, are one or more members of the participant's "immediate family" and/or the participant; provided such transfers are not made for consideration to the participant; or (iii) pursuant to a certified

domestic relations order. Any Non-Qualified Stock Option held by a transferee will continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to the Option immediately prior to the transfer, except that the Option will be transferable by the transferable by the transferable by the transferable by will or the laws of descent and distribution. For purposes hereof, "immediate family" means the participant's children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouse, siblings (including half brothers and sisters), in-laws, and relationships arising because of legal adoption.

(vi) <u>Termination by Death</u>. If any optionee's service with the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries terminates by reason of death, the Stock Option may thereafter be exercised, to the extent exercisable at the date of death, by the legal representative or legatee of the optionee, for a period of six months (or such longer period as the Committee shall specify at any time) from the date of death, or until the expiration of the stated term of the Option, if earlier.

# (vii) Termination by Reason of Disability

- (A) Any Stock Option held by an optionee whose service with the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries has terminated by reason of Disability may thereafter be exercised, to the extent it was exercisable at the time of such termination, for a period of twelve months (or such longer period as the Committee shall specify at any time) from the date of such termination of service, or until the expiration of the stated term of the Option, if earlier.
  - (B) The Committee shall have sole authority and discretion to determine whether a participant's service has been terminated by reason of Disability.
- (C) Except as otherwise provided by the Committee at the time of grant or otherwise, the death of an optionee during a period provided in this Section 6(vii) for the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, shall extend such period for six months from the date of death, subject to termination on the expiration of the stated term of the Option, if earlier.
- (viii) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. If any optionee's service with the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries has been terminated for Cause, any Stock Option held by such optionee shall immediately terminate and be of no further force and effect; provided, however, that the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that such Stock Option can be exercised for a period of up to 30 days from the date of termination of service or until the expiration of the stated term of the Option, if earlier.
- (ix) Other Termination. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, if an optionee's service with the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries terminates for any reason other than death, Disability, or for Cause, any Stock Option held by such optionee may thereafter be exercised, to the extent it was exercisable on the date of termination of service, for three months (or such longer period as the Committee shall specify at any

time) from the date of termination of service or until the expiration of the stated term of the Option, if earlier.

- (x) <u>Annual Limit on Incentive Stock Options</u>. To the extent required for "incentive stock option" treatment under Section 422 of the Code, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the time of grant) of the Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options granted under this Plan and any other plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries become exercisable for the first time by an optionee during any calendar year shall not exceed \$100,000
  - (xi) Form of Settlement. Shares of Stock issued upon exercise of a Stock Option shall be free of all restrictions under the Plan, except as otherwise provided in this Plan or the applicable Stock Option Award.

# Section 7 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 or Subsidiary.
- (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 7(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) <u>Vesting of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units</u>. 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.

# Section 8 Performance Share Awards.

- (a) Nature of Performance Shares. A Performance Share Award is an award entitling the recipient to acquire shares of Stock upon the attainment of specified performance goals. The Committee may make Performance Share Awards independent of or in connection with the granting of any other Award under the Plan. Performance Share Awards may be granted under the Plan to Directors and employees of the Company, any Affiliate or Subsidiary, including those who qualify for awards under other performance plans of the Company. The Committee in its sole discretion shall determine whether and to whom Performance Share Awards shall be made, the performance goals applicable under each such Award, the periods during which performance is to be measured, and all other limitations and conditions applicable to the awarded Performance Shares; provided, however, that the Committee may rely on the performance goals and other standards applicable to other performance based plans of the Company in setting the standards for Performance Share Awards under the Plan.
  - (b) Restrictions on Transfer. Performance Share Awards and all rights with respect to such Awards may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered.
- (c) <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. A participant receiving a Performance Share Award shall have the rights of a shareholder only as to shares actually received by the participant under the Plan and not with respect to shares subject to the Award but not actually received by the participant. A participant shall be entitled to receive shares of Stock under a Performance Share Award only upon satisfaction of all conditions specified in the written instrument evidencing the Performance Share Award (or in a performance plan adopted by the Committee).
- (d) <u>Termination</u>. Except as may otherwise be provided by the Committee at any time prior to termination of service, a participant's rights in all Performance Share Awards shall automatically terminate upon the participant's termination of service with the Company and its Affiliates or Subsidiaries for any reason (including, without limitation, death, Disability and for Cause).
- (e) Acceleration, Waiver, Etc. At any time prior to the participant's termination of service with the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries, the Committee may in its sole discretion accelerate, waive or, subject to Section 14, amend any or all of the goals, restrictions or conditions imposed under any Performance Share Award; provided, however, that in no event shall any provision of the Plan be construed as granting to the Committee any discretion to increase the amount of compensation payable under any Performance Share Award intended to qualify as a Performance Award under Section 11 below to the extent such an increase would cause the amounts payable pursuant to the Performance Share Award to be nondeductible in whole or in part pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder, and the Committee shall have no such discretion notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary.

### Section 9 Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) Notice of Stock Appreciation Rights. A Stock Appreciation Right ("SAR") is a right entitling the participant to receive cash or Stock having a fair market value equal to the appreciation in the Fair Market Value of a stated number of shares from the date of grant, or in the case of rights granted in tandem with or by reference to an Option granted prior to the grant of such rights, from the date of grant of the related Option to the date of exercise. SARs may be granted to Directors and employees of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary.
- (b) <u>Terms of Awards</u>. SARs may be granted in tandem with or with reference to a related Option, in which event the participant may elect to exercise either the Option or the SAR, but not both, as to the same share subject to the Option and the SAR, or the SAR may be granted independently. In the event of an Award with a related Option, the SAR shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the related Option. In the event of an independent Award, the SAR shall be subject to the terms and conditions determined by the Committee.
- (c) <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>. SARs shall not be transferred, assigned or encumbered, except that SARs may be exercised by the executor, administrator or personal representative of the deceased participant within six months of the death of the participant (or such longer period as the Committee shall specify at any time) and transferred pursuant to a certified domestic relations order.
- (d) <u>Payment Upon Exercise</u>. Upon exercise of an SAR, the participant shall be paid the excess of the then Fair Market Value of the number of shares to which the SAR relates over the Fair Market Value of such number of shares at the date of grant of the SAR, or of the related Option, as the case may be. Such excess shall be paid in cash or in Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to such excess or in such combination thereof as the Committee shall determine.

#### Section 10 Dividend Equivalents.

The Committee is authorized to grant Dividend Equivalents to Directors and employees of the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary. The Committee may provide, at the date of grant or thereafter, that Dividend Equivalents shall be paid or distributed when accrued or shall be deemed to have been reinvested in additional Shares, or other investment vehicles as the Committee may specify, provided that Dividend Equivalents (other than freestanding Dividend Equivalents) shall be subject to all conditions and restrictions of the underlying Awards to which they relate unless otherwise provided by the Committee. Any grant of Dividend Equivalents made to a participant hereunder shall be permitted only 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.

#### Section 11 Performance Awards

If the Committee determines that a Performance Share Award, Restricted Stock Award

or Restricted Stock Unit Award to be granted to a participant should qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code, the grant, vesting and/or settlement of such award shall be contingent upon achievement of preestablished performance goals and other terms set forth in this Section 11.

- (a) <u>Performance Goals Generally.</u> The performance goals for such awards ("**Performance Awards**") shall consist of one or more business criteria and a targeted level or levels of performance with respect to each of such criteria, as specified by the Committee consistent with this **Section 11**. Performance goals shall be objective and shall otherwise meet the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code and regulations thereunder (including Regulation 1.162-27 and successor regulations thereto). The Committee may determine that such Performance Awards shall be granted, vested and/or settled upon achievement of any one performance goal or that two or more of the performance goals must be achieved as a condition to grant, vesting and/or settlement of such Performance Awards. Performance goals may differ for Performance Awards granted to any one participant or to different participants. 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.
- (b) <u>Business Criteria</u>. One or more of the following business criteria for the Company, on a consolidated basis, and/or for specified subsidiaries or business units of the Company (except with respect to the total stockholder return and earnings per share criteria), shall be used by the Committee in establishing performance goals for such Performance Awards: (1) earnings, including FFO; (2) revenues; (3) cash flow; (4) cash flow return on investment; (5) return on assets; (6) return on capital; (8) return on equity; (9) economic value added; (10) operating margin; (11) net income; (12) pretax earnings; (13) pretax earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization; (14) pretax operating earnings after interest expense and before incentives, service fees, and extraordinary or special items; (15) operating earnings; (16) total stockholder return; (17) market share; (18) debt load reduction; (19) expense management; (20) stock price; (21) book value; (22) overhead; (23) assets; (24) assessment of balance shared on the objectives; and (25) strategic business objectives, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specific cost targets, business expansion goals and goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures. Any of the above goals may be compared to the performance of a peer group, business plan or a published or special index deemed applicable by the Committee including, but not limited to, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index.
- (c) <u>Performance Period; Timing for Established Performance Goals</u>. Achievement of performance goals in respect of such Performance Awards shall be measured over a performance period, as specified by the Committee. Performance goals shall be established not later than 90 days after the beginning of any performance period applicable to such Performance Awards, or at such other date as may be required or permitted for "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (d) <u>Settlement of Performance Awards</u>; <u>Other Terms</u>. Settlement of such Performance Awards shall be in cash, Stock or other property, in the discretion of the Committee may, in its discretion, reduce the amount of a settlement otherwise to be made in

connection with such Performance Awards, but may not exercise discretion to increase any such amount payable to a participant in respect of a Performance Award subject to this **Section 11**. The Committee shall specify the circumstances in which such Performance Awards shall be paid or forfeited in the event of a termination of employment of the participant prior to the end of a performance period or settlement of Performance Awards.

- (e) Written Determination. All determinations by the Committee as to the establishment of performance goals or potential individual Performance Awards and as to the achievement of performance goals relating to Performance Awards under this Section 11 shall be made in writing in the case of any Award intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (f) <u>Partial Achievement</u>. The terms of any award may provide that partial achievement of the business criteria may result in a payment or vesting based upon the degree of achievement. In addition, partial achievement of business criteria shall apply toward a participant's individual limitations as set forth in **Section 3(c)**.
- (g) Extraordinary Items. In establishing any business criteria, the Committee may provide for the exclusion of the effects of the following items, to the extent identified in the audited financial statements of the Company, including footnotes, or in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Company's annual report: (i) extraordinary, unusual, and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss; (ii) gains or losses on the disposition of a business; (iii) changes in tax or accounting principles, regulations or laws; or (iv) mergers or acquisitions. To the extent not specifically excluded, such effects shall be included in any applicable business criteria.

# Section 12 Tax Withholding.

- (a) <u>Payment by Participant</u>. Each participant shall, no later than the date as of which the value of an Award or of any Stock or other amounts received thereunder first becomes includible in the gross income of the participant for Federal income tax purposes, pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Committee regarding payment of, any Federal, state, or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such income. The Company, its Affiliates and Subsidiaries shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the participant.
- (b) <u>Payment in Shares</u>. A participant may elect, subject to such rules and limitations as may be established by the Committee from time to time, to have such tax withholding obligation satisfied, in whole or in part, by (i) authorizing the Company to withhold from shares of Stock to be issued pursuant to any Award a number of shares with an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date the withholding is effected) that would satisfy the withholding amount due (based on the minimum statutory rates), or (ii) transferring to the Company shares of Stock owned by the participant with an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date the withholding is effected) that would satisfy the withholding amount due (based on the minimum statutory rates).

#### Section 13 Transfer, Leave of Absence, Etc.

For purposes of the Plan, the following events shall not be deemed a Termination of Service:

#### Service Providers

(a)

#### Section 14 Amendments and Termination.

- (a) <u>General</u>. The Board may, as permitted by law, at any time amend or discontinue the Plan and the Committee may at any time amend or cancel any outstanding Award, but no such action shall adversely affect rights under any outstanding Award without the holder's consent and, except as set forth in **Section 3(d)** above, no amendment shall (a) materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under the Plan; (b) materially increase the aggregate number of securities which may be issued under the Plan, or (c) materially modify the requirements for participation in the Plan, unless the amendment under (a), (b) or (c) above is approved by the Company's stockholders. It is the intention of the Company that this Plan and any Awards made hereunder comply with or are exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and any guidance issued thereunder.
- (b) <u>Deferred Compensation</u>. 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.
- (c) <u>Amendment to Conform to Law</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, the Committee may amend the Plan or an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of conforming the Plan or the Award Agreement to any present or future law relating to plans of this or similar nature (including, but not limited to, Code Section 409A). By accepting an award under this Plan, each participant agrees and consents to any amendment made pursuant to this **Section 13(c)** or **Section 13(b)** to any award granted under this Plan without further consideration or action.

#### Section 15 Status of Plan.

With respect to the portion of any Award which has not been exercised and any payments in cash, Stock or other consideration not received by a participant, a participant shall have no rights greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company unless the Committee shall otherwise expressly determine in connection with any Award or Awards. In its sole discretion, the Committee may authorize the creation of trusts or other arrangements to meet the Company's obligations to deliver Stock or make payments with respect to Awards hereunder, provided that the existence of such trusts or other arrangements is consistent with the provision of the foregoing sentence.

# Section 16 Change of Control Provisions.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control as defined in this Section 16:

- (a) Each Stock Option and each Stock Appreciation Right shall automatically become fully exercisable unless the Committee shall otherwise expressly provide at the time of grant.
- (b) Restrictions and conditions on Awards of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents shall automatically be deemed waived, and the recipients of such Awards shall become entitled to receipt of the maximum amount of Stock subject to such Awards unless the Committee shall otherwise expressly provide at the time of grant.
  - (c) "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any one of the following events:
  - (i) any "person", as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Act (other than the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, any trustee, fiduciary or other person or entity holding securities under any employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), together with all "affiliates" and "associates" (as such terms are defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Act) of such person, shall become the "beneficial owner" (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 40% or more of either (A) the combined voting power of the Company's Board of Directors ("Voting Securities") or (B) the then outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company (in either such case other than as result of acquisition of securities directly from the Company); or
  - (ii) persons who, as of the effective date of this Plan, constitute the Company's Board of Directors (the "**Incumbent Directors**") cease for any reason, including without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any person becoming a director of the Company subsequent to the effective date of this Plan whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors shall, for purposes of this Plan, be considered an Incumbent Director; or

(iii) the consummation of: (A) any consolidation or merger of the Company or any Subsidiary where the stockholders of the Company, immediately prior to the consolidation or merger, would not, immediately after the consolidation or merger, beneficially own (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, shares representing in the aggregate 50% or more of the voting stock of the corporation issuing cash or securities in the consolidation or merger (or of its ultimate parent corporation, if any), (B) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of transactions contemplated or arranged by any party as a single plan) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (C) any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Change of Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (i) solely as the result of an acquisition of securities by the Company which, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock or other Voting Securities outstanding, increases (x) the proportionate number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by any person to 40% or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding or (y) the proportionate voting power represented by the Voting Securities beneficially owned by any person to 40% or more of the combined voting power of all then outstanding Voting Securities; provided, however, that if any person referred to in clause (x) or (y) of this sentence shall thereafter become the beneficial owner of any additional shares of Common Stock or other Voting Securities (other than pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, or similar transaction), then a "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (i). 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.

# Section 17 General Provisions.

(a) No Distribution; Compliance with Legal Requirements. The Committee may require each person acquiring shares pursuant to an Award to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that such person is acquiring the shares without a view to distribution thereof. No shares of Stock shall be issued pursuant to an Award until all applicable securities laws and other legal and stock exchange requirements have been satisfied. The Company may, as it deems appropriate: (i) require the placing of such stop-orders and restrictive legends on certificates, if any, 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.

(b) <u>Certificates</u>. To the extent that the Plan provides for the issuance of shares of Stock, the issuance may be effected on a non-certificated basis, in accordance with applicable law and the applicable rules of any stock exchange. If stock certificates are issued to evidence shares awarded under this Plan, delivery of stock certificates to participants under this Plan shall be deemed effected for all purposes when the Company or a stock transfer agent of the Company

shall have delivered such certificates in the United States mail, addressed to the participant, at the participant's last known address on file with the Company.

(c) Other Compensation Arrangements; No Employment Rights. Nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, including trusts, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases. The adoption of the Plan and the grant of Awards do not confer upon any employee any right to continued employment with the Company or any Subsidiary.

# Section 18 Effective Date of Plan.

The Plan shall become effective upon approval by the stockholders of the Company.

#### Section 19 Governing Law

THIS PLAN SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAWS THEREOF, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SUCH LAW IS PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

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

#### I, Bruce W. Duncan, 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/ Bruce W. Duncan

Bruce W. Duncan President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 7, 2009

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

#### I, Scott A. Musil, 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/ Scott A. Musil Scott A. Musil Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 7, 2009

# 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 June 30, 2009 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/ Bruce W. Duncan
Bruce W. Duncan
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: August 7, 2009

/s/ SCOTT A. MUSIL
SCOTT A. MUSIL
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Date: August 7, 2009

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.