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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, 2008

Commission file number: 001-13100

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

56-1871668
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600, Raleigh, N.C.
(Address of principal executive office)

27604
(Zip Code)

(919) 872-4924
(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 (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of 'accelerated filer,' 'large accelerated filer' and 'smaller reporting company' in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The Company had 57,632,497 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We refer to (1) Highwoods Properties, Inc. as the “Company,” (2) Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership as the “Operating Partnership,” (3) the Company’s common stock as “Common Stock,” (4) the Company’s preferred stock as “Preferred Stock,” (5) the Operating Partnership’s common partnership interests as “Common Units,” (6) the Operating Partnership’s preferred partnership interests as “Preferred Units” and (7) in-service properties (excluding rental residential units) to which the Company and/or the Operating Partnership have title and 100.0% ownership rights as the “Wholly Owned Properties.”

The information furnished in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements reflects all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) that are, in our opinion, necessary for a fair presentation of the aforementioned financial statements for the interim period.

The aforementioned financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Risk Factors included herein and in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Unaudited and in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>December 31, 2007</u>
Assets:		
Real estate assets, at cost:		
Land	\$ 356,447	\$ 356,600
Buildings and tenant improvements	2,745,462	2,703,983
Development in process	122,381	101,661
Land held for development	<u>98,134</u>	<u>103,365</u>
	3,322,424	3,265,609
Less-accumulated depreciation	<u>(680,310)</u>	<u>(648,142)</u>
Net real estate assets	2,642,114	2,617,467
Real estate and other assets, net, held for sale	13,242	15,150
Cash and cash equivalents	4,033	3,140
Restricted cash	28,941	15,896
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$919 and \$935, respectively	32,121	23,521
Notes receivable, net of allowance of \$144 and \$68, respectively	3,750	5,226
Accrued straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance of \$976 and \$440, respectively	78,542	74,427
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates	68,877	58,046
Deferred financing and leasing costs, net of accumulated amortization	73,682	72,128
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>43,604</u>	<u>41,954</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 2,988,906</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,926,955</u></u>
Liabilities, Minority Interest and Stockholders' Equity:		
Mortgages and notes payable	\$ 1,732,082	\$ 1,641,987
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	147,287	157,766
Financing obligations	<u>35,145</u>	<u>35,071</u>
Total Liabilities	1,914,514	1,834,824
Commitments and Contingencies (see Note 12)		
Minority interest	67,389	70,098
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 authorized shares;		
8 5/8% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (liquidation preference \$1,000 per share), 82,937 shares issued and outstanding at both June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007	82,937	82,937
8% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (liquidation preference \$25 per share), 2,100,000 shares issued and outstanding at both June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007	52,500	52,500
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 authorized shares;		
57,632,497 and 57,167,193 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively	576	572
Additional paid-in capital	1,456,448	1,448,055
Distributions in excess of net earnings	(584,796)	(561,093)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>(662)</u>	<u>(938)</u>
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>1,007,003</u>	<u>1,022,033</u>
Total Liabilities, Minority Interest and Stockholders' Equity	<u><u>\$ 2,988,906</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,926,955</u></u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited and in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Rental and other revenues	\$ 115,853	\$ 105,146	\$ 229,947	\$ 210,608
Operating expenses:				
Rental property and other expenses	41,572	37,587	80,426	75,227
Depreciation and amortization	31,365	29,756	62,250	58,585
General and administrative	10,766	10,868	20,477	21,779
Total operating expenses	83,703	78,211	163,153	155,591
Interest expenses:				
Contractual	23,345	23,097	46,808	45,786
Amortization of deferred financing costs	686	609	1,324	1,175
Financing obligations	764	995	1,504	1,987
	24,795	24,701	49,636	48,948
Other income:				
Interest and other income	1,604	2,115	2,406	3,625
	1,604	2,115	2,406	3,625
Income before disposition of property, insurance gain, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	8,959	4,349	19,564	9,694
Net gains on disposition of property	107	2,341	107	19,084
Gain from property insurance settlement	—	—	—	4,128
Minority interest	(679)	(376)	(1,500)	(2,940)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	1,520	2,006	3,509	11,723
Income from continuing operations	9,907	8,320	21,680	41,689
Discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	374	873	761	1,800
Net gains on sales of discontinued operations, net of minority interest	4,702	96	8,185	18,358
	5,076	969	8,946	20,158
Net income	14,983	9,289	30,626	61,847
Dividends on preferred stock	(2,838)	(3,846)	(5,676)	(7,959)
Excess of preferred stock redemption cost over carrying value	—	(1,443)	—	(1,443)
Net income available for common stockholders	<u>\$ 12,145</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,950</u>	<u>\$ 52,445</u>
Net income per common share - basic:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.02	0.16	0.36
Net income	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 0.93</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	<u>56,940</u>	<u>56,460</u>	<u>56,833</u>	<u>56,216</u>
Net income per common share - diluted:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.02	0.16	0.35
Net income	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 0.92</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	<u>61,492</u>	<u>61,562</u>	<u>61,290</u>	<u>61,709</u>
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$ 0.425</u>	<u>\$ 0.425</u>	<u>\$ 0.850</u>	<u>\$ 0.850</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008
(Unaudited and in thousands, except share amounts)

	Number of Common Shares	Common Stock	Series A Preferred	Series B Preferred	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accum- ulated Other Compre- hensive Loss	Distri- butions in Excess of Net Earnings	Total
Balance at December 31, 2007	57,167,193	\$ 572	\$ 82,937	\$ 52,500	\$ 1,448,055	\$ (938)	\$ (561,093)	\$ 1,022,033
Issuance of Common Stock, net	281,827	3	—	—	6,119	—	—	6,122
Redemption of Common Units to Common Stock	17,500	—	—	—	591	—	—	591
Common Stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	(48,653)	(48,653)
Preferred Stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5,676)	(5,676)
Adjustment to minority interest of unitholders in the Operating Partnership	—	—	—	—	(2,256)	—	—	(2,256)
Issuance of restricted stock, net	165,977	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amortization of restricted stock and stock options	—	1	—	—	3,939	—	—	3,940
Comprehensive income:								
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,626	30,626
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	—	—	—	—	—	276	—	276
Total comprehensive income								30,902
Balance at June 30, 2008	<u>57,632,497</u>	<u>\$ 576</u>	<u>\$ 82,937</u>	<u>\$ 52,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,456,448</u>	<u>\$ (662)</u>	<u>\$ (584,796)</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,003</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited and in thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 30,626	\$ 61,847
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	54,878	52,984
Amortization of lease commissions	7,605	7,309
Amortization of lease incentives	486	500
Amortization of restricted stock and stock options	3,940	2,623
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,324	1,175
Amortization of accumulated other comprehensive loss	126	285
Net gains on disposition of property	(8,860)	(38,930)
Gain from property insurance settlement	—	(4,128)
Minority interest	2,121	4,565
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(3,509)	(11,723)
Change in financing obligations	74	153
Distributions of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	3,461	3,841
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	3,282	(631)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(2,575)	(1,471)
Accrued straight-line rents receivable	(4,298)	(2,461)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(5,438)	937
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>83,243</u>	<u>76,875</u>
Investing activities:		
Additions to real estate assets and deferred leasing costs	(114,376)	(136,921)
Proceeds from disposition of real estate assets	29,452	73,903
Proceeds from property insurance settlement	—	4,940
Distributions of capital from unconsolidated affiliates	1,499	13,396
Net repayments in notes receivable	1,476	2,551
Contributions to unconsolidated affiliates	(12,341)	(4,716)
Changes in restricted cash and other investing activities	(22,589)	(15,655)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(116,879)</u>	<u>(62,502)</u>
Financing activities:		
Distributions paid on Common Stock and Common Units	(52,009)	(51,700)
Redemption of Preferred Stock	—	(40,000)
Dividends paid on Preferred Stock	(5,676)	(7,959)
Distributions to minority partner in consolidated affiliate	(471)	(1,775)
Net proceeds from the sale of Common Stock	6,122	6,214
Repurchase of Common Units	(3,293)	(27,402)
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	242,550	232,500
Repayments of revolving credit facility	(212,350)	(458,000)
Borrowings on mortgages and notes payable	164,995	402,585
Repayments of mortgages and notes payable	(105,161)	(84,679)
Contributions from minority interest partner	625	5,068
Additions to deferred financing costs	(803)	(3,315)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>34,529</u>	<u>(28,463)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	893	(14,090)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	3,140	16,690
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	<u>\$ 4,033</u>	<u>\$ 2,600</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - Continued
(Unaudited and in thousands)

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized (excludes cash distributions to owners of sold properties accounted for as financings of \$800 and \$1,175 for 2008 and 2007, respectively)	\$ 50,459	\$ 41,062

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:

The following table summarizes the net asset acquisitions and dispositions subject to mortgage notes payable and other non-cash transactions. There were no non-cash investing and financing activities during the six months ended June 30, 2007.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
Assets:		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 292	\$ —
	<u>\$ 292</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 142	\$ —
	<u>\$ 142</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Minority Interest and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2008
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Business

Highwoods Properties, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries (the "Company"), is a fully-integrated, self-administered and self-managed equity real estate investment trust ("REIT") that operates in the southeastern and midwestern United States. The Company conducts virtually all of its activities through Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). At June 30, 2008, the Company and/or the Operating Partnership wholly owned: 312 in-service office, industrial and retail properties; 96 rental residential units; 610 acres of undeveloped land suitable for future development, of which 475 acres are considered core holdings; and an additional 10 properties under development.

At June 30, 2008, the Company owned all of the preferred partnership interests ("Preferred Units") and 93.6% of the common partnership interests ("Common Units") in the Operating Partnership. Limited partners (including certain officers and directors of the Company) own the remaining Common Units. Generally, the Operating Partnership is required to redeem each Common Unit at the request of the holder thereof for cash equal to the value of one share of the Company's Common Stock, \$.01 par value (the "Common Stock"), based on the average of the market price for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the notice date of such redemption, provided that the Company at its option may elect to acquire any such Common Units presented for redemption for cash or one share of Common Stock. The Common Units owned by the Company are not redeemable. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Company redeemed 106,613 Common Units for \$3.3 million in cash and redeemed 17,500 Common Units for a like number of shares of Common Stock, which increased the percentage of Common Units owned by the Company from 93.3% at December 31, 2007 to 93.6% at June 30, 2008. Preferred Units in the Operating Partnership were issued to the Company in connection with the Company's Preferred Stock offerings in 1997 and 1998 (the "Preferred Stock"). The net proceeds raised from each of the Preferred Stock issuances were contributed by the Company to the Operating Partnership in exchange for the Preferred Units. The terms of each series of Preferred Units parallel the terms of the respective Preferred Stock as to dividends, liquidation and redemption rights.

Basis of Presentation

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). As more fully described in Notes 4 and 10, as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" ("SFAS No. 144"), the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2007 was revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in real estate and other assets held for sale those properties held for sale at June 30, 2008. The Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 were also revised from previously reported amounts to reflect in discontinued operations the operations of any property sold or held for sale in the first six months of 2008.

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the Operating Partnership, wholly owned subsidiaries and those subsidiaries in which we own a majority voting interest with the ability to control operations of the subsidiaries and where no substantive participating rights or substantive kick out rights have been granted to the minority interest holders. In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 04-5, "Determining Whether a General Partner or the General Partners as a Group, Controls a Limited Partnership or Similar Entity When the Limited Partners Have Certain Rights," we consolidate partnerships, joint ventures and limited liability companies when we control the major operating and financial policies of the entity through majority ownership or in our capacity as general partner or managing member. In addition, we consolidate those entities, if any, where we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary in a variable interest entity (as defined by Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003) "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" ("FIN 46(R)")). All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

1 . DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

The unaudited interim financial statements and accompanying unaudited financial information, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. We have condensed or omitted certain notes and other information from the interim financial statements presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents cash deposits that are legally restricted or held by third parties on our behalf. They include security deposits from sales contracts on residential condominiums, construction-related escrows, property disposition proceeds set aside and designated or intended to fund future tax-deferred exchanges of qualifying real estate investments, escrows and reserves for debt service, real estate taxes and property insurance established pursuant to certain mortgage financing arrangements, and deposits given to lenders to un-encumber secured properties.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected and expects to continue to qualify as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). A corporate REIT is a legal entity that holds real estate assets and, through the payment of dividends to stockholders, is generally permitted to reduce or avoid the payment of federal and state income taxes at the corporate level. To maintain qualification as a REIT, the Company is required to distribute to its stockholders at least 90.0% of its annual REIT taxable income, excluding capital gains. Continued qualification as a REIT depends on the Company's ability to satisfy the dividend distribution tests, stock ownership requirements and various other qualification tests prescribed in the Code. If the Company fails to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, it will be subject to federal and state income taxes and may not be able to qualify as a REIT for four subsequent taxable years. We conduct certain business activities through a taxable REIT subsidiary, as permitted under the Code. The taxable REIT subsidiary is subject to federal and state income taxes on its net taxable income. We record provisions for income taxes, to the extent required under SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" ("SFAS No. 109"), based on its income recognized for financial statement purposes, including the effects of temporary differences between such income and the amount recognized for tax purposes. Additionally, beginning January 1, 2007, we began to recognize and measure the effects of uncertain tax positions under FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of SFAS No. 109." See Note 13 for discussion of the effect of FIN 48 on our accounting for income taxes.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Minority Interest

Minority interest in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements relates primarily to the ownership by various individuals and entities other than the Company of Common Units in the Operating Partnership. In addition, minority interest is also recorded for the 50.0% interest in a consolidated affiliate, Highwoods-Markel Associates, LLC ("Markel"), the equity interest owned by a third party in a consolidated venture formed during 2006 with Real Estate Exchange Services ("REES"), and the 7% equity interest owned by a third party in Plaza Residential, LLC, a consolidated joint venture formed in February 2007 related to a residential condominium project, as described below. As of June 30, 2008, minority interest in the Operating Partnership consisted of approximately 3.9 million Common Units, which had an aggregate market value of \$123.6 million based on the \$31.42 per share closing price of the Common Stock as of such date. Minority interest in the net income of the Operating Partnership is computed by applying the weighted average percentage of Common Units not owned by the Company during the period (as a percent of the total number of outstanding Common Units) to the Operating Partnership's net income after deducting distributions on Preferred Units. The result is the amount of minority interest expense (or income) recorded for the period. In addition, when a minority unitholder redeems a Common Unit for a share of Common Stock or cash, the minority interest is reduced and the Company's share in the Operating Partnership is increased. At the end of each reporting period, the Company determines the amount that represents the minority unitholders' share of the net assets (at book value) of the Operating Partnership and compares this amount to the minority interest balance that resulted from transactions during the period involving minority interest. The Company adjusts the minority interest liability to the computed share of net assets with an offsetting adjustment to the Company's paid in capital.

The organizational documents of Markel require the entity to be liquidated through the sale of its assets upon reaching December 31, 2100. As controlling partner, we have an obligation to cause this property-owning entity to distribute proceeds of liquidation to the minority interest partner in these partially owned properties only if the net proceeds received by the entity from the sale of our assets warrant a distribution as determined by the agreement. The estimated settlement value is based on estimated third party consideration realizable by the entity upon a hypothetical disposition of the properties and is net of all other assets and liabilities. The actual amount of any distributions to the minority interest holder in this entity is difficult to predict due to many factors, including the inherent uncertainty of real estate sales. If the entity's underlying assets are worth less than the underlying liabilities on the date of such liquidation, we would have no obligation to remit any consideration to the minority interest holder.

In the fourth quarter of 2006, we entered into an agreement with REES to ground lease certain development land to special purpose entities owned by REES. Under the agreement, REES will contribute 7% of the costs of constructing properties on this land not to exceed \$4.0 million outstanding at any time. REES will generally earn an agreed fixed return for its economic investment in these entities. The balance of development costs will be funded by third party construction loans. If third party construction loans are not obtained, the remaining 93% of costs are loaned to the entities by us. Subject to the exercise of a purchase option, it is expected that we will acquire the properties in the future at an amount generally equal to the actual development costs incurred plus the fixed return earned by REES for its economic investment in these entities. As we are considered the primary beneficiary, we consolidate these entities in accordance with FIN 46(R). These entities will be re-evaluated for primary beneficiary status when the entities undertake additional activity, such as placing the development projects in-service. REES's investment in the entities is included in minority interest as shown in the tables below. All costs to form the entities and other related fees have been expensed as incurred.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(tabular dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

In the first quarter of 2007, our taxable REIT subsidiary formed Plaza Residential, LLC with Dominion Partners, LLC (“Dominion”). Plaza Residential was formed to develop and sell 139 residential condominiums being constructed above an office tower being developed by us in Raleigh, NC. Dominion has a 7% equity interest in the joint venture, will perform development services for the joint venture for a market development fee and guarantees 40.0% of the construction financing. Dominion will also receive 35.0% of the net profits from the joint venture once the partners have received distributions equal to their equity plus a 12.0% return on their equity. We are consolidating this majority owned joint venture and intercompany transactions have been eliminated in the Consolidated Financial Statements. At June 30, 2008, binding sale contracts had been executed for all of the residential condominiums. \$4.1 million of deposits related to these contracts (non-refundable unless the joint venture defaults on its obligation to deliver the units) had been received and are reflected in restricted cash with a corresponding amount in other liabilities. We will account for the sale of the residential condominiums in accordance with SFAS No. 66, “Accounting for Sales of Real Estate” (“SFAS No. 66”) and will record the sales when the related closings take place.

Following is minority interest as reflected in our Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Amount shown as minority interest in continuing operations (1)	\$ (679)	\$ (376)	\$ (1,500)	\$ (2,940)
Amount related to income from discontinued operations	(26)	(63)	(53)	(137)
Amount related to gains on sales of discontinued operations	(325)	(7)	(568)	(1,488)
Total minority interest in net income	<u>\$ (1,030)</u>	<u>\$ (446)</u>	<u>\$ (2,121)</u>	<u>\$ (4,565)</u>

- (1) Minority interest related to the consolidated entities other than the Operating Partnership amounted to \$0.2 million for each of the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Minority interest in the Operating Partnership	\$ 60,042	\$ 63,294
Minority interest in Markel	3,989	3,446
Minority interest in REES	2,561	2,561
Minority interest in Plaza Residential	797	797
Total minority interest	<u>\$ 67,389</u>	<u>\$ 70,098</u>

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1 . DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Impact of Newly Adopted and Issued Accounting Standards

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements” (“SFAS No. 157”), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The statement applies whenever other statements require or permit assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 157 became effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, except for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis, for which application has been deferred for one year. We adopted SFAS No. 157 in the first quarter of 2008 (See Note 9).

In November 2006, the FASB ratified EITF Issue No. 06-8, “Applicability of the Assessment of a Buyer’s Continuing Investment under FASB Statement No. 66 for Sales of Condominiums.” EITF No. 06-8 provided additional guidance on whether the seller of a condominium unit is required to evaluate the buyer’s continuing investment under SFAS No. 66 in order to recognize profit from the sale under the percentage of completion method. The EITF concluded that both the buyer’s initial and continuing investment must meet the criteria in SFAS No. 66 in order for condominium sale profits to be recognized under the percentage of completion method. Sales of condominiums not meeting the continuing investment test must be accounted for under the deposit method. We adopted EITF No. 06-8 in the first quarter of 2008 and such adoption did not have an effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, “The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities” (“SFAS No. 159”), which permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. We adopted SFAS No. 159 on January 1, 2008 and such adoption did not have an effect on our financial condition or results of operations .

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), “Business Combinations” (“SFAS No. 141(R)”), which addresses principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. SFAS No. 141(R) becomes effective for us on January 1, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS No. 141(R) will have on our financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51” (“SFAS No. 160”), which establishes accounting and presentation standards for a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and amends certain of ARB No. 51’s consolidation procedures for consistency with other business combination standards. SFAS No. 160 becomes effective for us on January 1, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS No. 160 will have on our financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB ratified EITF Issue No. 07-6 “Accounting for the Sale of Real Estate Subject to the Requirements of FASB Statement No. 66, *Accounting for Sales of Real Estate*, When the Agreement Includes a Buy-Sell Clause” (“EITF No. 07-6”), which addresses whether a buy-sell clause represents a prohibited form of continuing involvement that would preclude partial sale and profit recognition pursuant to SFAS No. 66. We adopted EITF No. 07-6 in the first quarter of 2008 and such adoption did not have an effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 161"), which amends and expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. SFAS No. 161 becomes effective for us on January 1, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS No. 161 will have on our financial condition and results of operations.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP FAS 142-3"). FSP FAS 142-3 removes the requirement of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," for an entity to consider, when determining the useful life of an acquired intangible asset, whether the intangible asset can be renewed without substantial cost or material modifications to the existing terms and conditions associated with the intangible asset. FSP FAS 142-3 becomes effective for us on January 1, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact FSP FAS 142-3 will have on our financial condition and results of operations.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FSP EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities" ("FSP EITF 03-6-1"). FSP EITF 03-6-1 addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method as described in SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share." FSP EITF 03-6-1 becomes effective for us on January 1, 2009. We are currently evaluating the impact FSP EITF 03-6-1 will have on our financial condition and results of operations.

2. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AND OTHER AFFILIATES

We have retained equity interests ranging from 12.5% to 50.0% in various joint ventures with unrelated investors. We account for our unconsolidated joint ventures using the equity method of accounting. As a result, the assets and liabilities of these joint ventures for which we use the equity method of accounting are not included on our Consolidated Balance Sheet.

During the third quarter of 2006, three of our joint ventures made distributions aggregating \$17.0 million as a result of a refinancing of debt related to various properties held by the joint ventures. We received 50.0% of such distributions. As a result of these distributions, our investment account in these joint ventures became negative. The new debt is non-recourse; however, we and our partner have guaranteed other debt and have contractual obligations to support the joint ventures, which are included in the Guarantees and Other Obligations table in Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Therefore, in accordance with SOP 78-9, "Accounting for Investments in Real Estate Ventures," we recorded the distributions as a reduction of the investment account and included the resulting negative investment balances of \$11.1 million in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at June 30, 2008.

Four of our joint ventures are consolidated. SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP is accounted for as a financing arrangement pursuant to SFAS No. 66, as described in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Markel, REES and Plaza Residential, which are discussed in Note 1, are each consolidated.

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2. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AND OTHER AFFILIATES - Continued

Investments in unconsolidated affiliates as of June 30, 2008 and combined summarized income statements for our unconsolidated joint ventures for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

<u>Joint Venture</u>	<u>Location of Properties</u>	<u>Ownership Interest</u>
Board of Trade Investment Company	Kansas City, MO	49.00%
Kessinger/Hunter, LLC	Kansas City, MO	26.50%
4600 Madison Associates, LLC	Kansas City, MO	12.50%
Plaza Colonnade, LLC	Kansas City, MO	50.00%
Dallas County Partners I, LP	Des Moines, IA	50.00%
Dallas County Partners II, LP	Des Moines, IA	50.00%
Dallas County Partners III, LP	Des Moines, IA	50.00%
Fountain Three	Des Moines, IA	50.00%
RRHWoods, LLC	Des Moines, IA	50.00%
Highwoods DLF 98/29, LP	Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC; Greensboro, NC; Raleigh, NC; Orlando, FL; Baltimore, MD	22.81%
Highwoods DLF 97/26 DLF 99/32, LP	Atlanta, GA; Greensboro, NC; Orlando, FL	42.93%
Highwoods KC Glenridge Office, LP	Atlanta, GA	40.00%
Highwoods KC Glenridge Land, LP	Atlanta, GA	40.00%
HIW-KC Orlando, LLC	Orlando, FL	40.00%
Concourse Center Associates, LLC	Greensboro, NC	50.00%
Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC	Raleigh, NC	25.00%

	<u>Three Months Ended June 30,</u>		<u>Six Months Ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Income Statements:				
Revenues	\$ 41,199	\$ 35,140	\$ 79,728	\$ 73,157
Expenses:				
Operating expenses	20,032	14,993	38,463	30,156
Depreciation and amortization	9,170	7,528	16,628	14,781
Interest expense and loan cost amortization	9,205	8,358	17,692	16,990
Total expenses	38,407	30,879	72,783	61,927
Income before disposition of property	2,792	4,261	6,945	11,230
Gains on disposition of property	—	—	—	20,621
Net income	<u>\$ 2,792</u>	<u>\$ 4,261</u>	<u>\$ 6,945</u>	<u>\$ 31,851</u>
Our share of:				
Net income (1)	<u>\$ 1,520</u>	<u>\$ 2,006</u>	<u>\$ 3,509</u>	<u>\$ 11,723</u>
Depreciation and amortization (real estate related)	<u>\$ 3,395</u>	<u>\$ 2,878</u>	<u>\$ 6,330</u>	<u>\$ 5,744</u>
Interest expense and loan cost amortization	<u>\$ 3,691</u>	<u>\$ 3,558</u>	<u>\$ 7,220</u>	<u>\$ 7,219</u>
Gains on disposition of property	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 7,158</u>

(1) Our share of net income differs from our weighted average ownership percentage in the joint ventures' net income due to our purchase accounting and other related adjustments.

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2. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AND OTHER AFFILIATES - Continued

On September 27, 2004, we and an affiliate of Crosland, Inc. ("Crosland") formed Weston Lakeside, LLC, in which we had a 50.0% ownership interest. Crosland managed and operated this joint venture, which constructed 332 rental residential units in three buildings at a total cost of approximately \$33.7 million. Crosland received 3.25% of all project costs other than land as a development fee and 3.5% of the gross revenue of the joint venture in management fees. We provided certain development services for the project and received a fee equal to 1.0% of all project costs excluding land. We accounted for this joint venture using the equity method of accounting. On February 22, 2007, the joint venture sold the 332 rental residential units to a third party for gross proceeds of \$45.0 million and paid off all of its outstanding debt and various development related costs. The joint venture recorded a gain of \$11.3 million in the first quarter of 2007 related to this sale and we recorded \$5.0 million as our proportionate share through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. Our share of the gain was less than 50.0% due to Crosland's preferred return as the developer. We received aggregate net distributions of \$6.2 million. Weston Lakeside, LLC has been dissolved.

We have a 22.81% interest in a joint venture ("DLF I") with Schweiz-Deutschland-USA Dreilander Beteiligung Objekt DLF 98/29-Walker Fink-KG ("DLF"). We are the property manager and leasing agent of DLF I's properties and receive customary management and leasing fees. On March 12, 2007, DLF I sold five properties to a third party for gross proceeds of \$34.2 million and recorded a gain of \$9.3 million related to this sale. We recorded \$2.1 million as our proportionate share of this gain through equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. On May 21, 2007, DLF I acquired Eola Park Centre, a 167,000 square foot office building in Orlando, Florida, for \$39.3 million. In June 2007, the joint venture obtained a \$27.7 million loan secured by Eola Park Centre. Simultaneously with DLF I's acquisition of Eola Park Centre, we separately acquired an adjacent parcel of development land for \$2.0 million on a wholly-owned basis.

In March 2008, we and an affiliate of DLF formed a new joint venture, Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC, in which we have a 25.00% ownership interest. Upon formation of this joint venture, we contributed \$0.8 million of cash. On April 3, 2008, Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC acquired The Forum, which is a 635,000 square foot office park in Raleigh, North Carolina, for approximately \$113 million. We contributed an additional \$11.5 million to Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC and, simultaneously with the acquisition of The Forum, the joint venture obtained a \$67.5 million secured loan. We are the property manager and leasing agent for the office park and receive customary management fees and leasing commissions.

For additional information regarding our other investments in unconsolidated and other affiliates, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

3. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

For information regarding sale transactions that have been accounted for as financing arrangements under paragraphs 25 through 29 of SFAS No. 66, see Notes 5 and 9 herein and Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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4. INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES AND IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Dispositions

Gains from dispositions not classified as discontinued operations consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Gains on disposition of land	\$ 89	\$ 969	\$ 89	\$ 16,804
Gains on disposition of depreciable properties	18	1,372	18	2,280
Total	<u>\$ 107</u>	<u>\$ 2,341</u>	<u>\$ 107</u>	<u>\$ 19,084</u>

Net gains on sales of discontinued operations, net of minority interest, consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Gains on disposition of depreciable properties	\$ 5,027	\$ 103	\$ 8,753	\$ 19,846
Allocable minority interest	(325)	(7)	(568)	(1,488)
Total	<u>\$ 4,702</u>	<u>\$ 96</u>	<u>\$ 8,185</u>	<u>\$ 18,358</u>

See Note 10 for information on discontinued operations.

The above gains on land and depreciable properties include deferred gain recognition from prior sales.

Development

We currently have a number of properties and projects under development. The aggregate incurred cost of our development activity through June 30, 2008 is \$122 million and is shown as Development in Process in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. In addition to these properties under development, other development properties have been completed during 2007 and the first six months of 2008 and their costs have been transferred from Development in Process to Land, to Buildings and Improvements and related asset accounts in the Consolidated Balance Sheet; not all of such properties have yet achieved estimated projected 95% stabilized occupancy as of June 30, 2008.

Impairments of Long-Lived Assets

SFAS No. 144 requires that a long-lived asset classified as held for sale be measured at the lower of the carrying value or fair value less cost to sell. During the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, there were no properties held for sale which had a carrying value that was greater than fair value less cost to sell; therefore, no impairment loss was recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

SFAS No. 144 also requires that if indicators of impairment exist, the carrying value of a long-lived asset classified as held for use be compared to the sum of its estimated undiscounted future cash flows. If the carrying value is greater than the sum of its undiscounted future cash flows, an impairment loss should be recognized for the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its estimated fair value. In each of the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, no indicators of impairment existed for assets held for use. Therefore, no impairment losses were recorded in the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

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5. MORTGAGES, NOTES PAYABLE AND FINANCING OBLIGATIONS

Our consolidated mortgages and notes payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Secured mortgage loans	\$ 687,644	\$ 665,311
Unsecured loans	1,044,438	976,676
Total	<u>\$ 1,732,082</u>	<u>\$ 1,641,987</u>

As of June 30, 2008, our secured mortgage loans were secured by real estate assets with an aggregate undepreciated book value of approximately \$1.1 billion.

Our \$450 million unsecured revolving credit facility is initially scheduled to mature on May 1, 2009. Assuming no default exists, we have an option to extend the maturity date by one additional year. The interest rate is LIBOR plus 80 basis points and the annual base facility fee is 20 basis points. The revolving credit facility had \$190 million of availability at June 30, 2008.

On March 22, 2007, the Operating Partnership issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 5.85% Notes due March 15, 2017, net of original issue discount of \$1.2 million. We used the net proceeds from the issuance of the notes to repay borrowings outstanding under an unsecured non-revolving credit facility that was obtained on January 31, 2007 (which was subsequently terminated) and under the revolving credit facility.

On June 5, 2007, two three-year secured construction loans totaling \$24.7 million with interest at 175 basis points over LIBOR were obtained by REES, a consolidated joint venture (see Note 1). Subsequently, on July 17, 2007, REES obtained an additional \$13.7 million, three-year secured construction loan with interest at 165 basis points over LIBOR. In October 2007, REES paid off one of the original secured construction loans, which had accounted for \$4.4 million of the original \$24.7 million. At June 30, 2008, \$27.9 million was outstanding under these two remaining loans.

On December 20, 2007, we closed a \$70 million secured revolving construction facility. The loan matures on December 20, 2010. The interest rate is based on LIBOR plus 85 basis points. At June 30, 2008, there was \$4.7 million outstanding on this secured credit facility.

In December 2007, Plaza Residential, LLC, a consolidated joint venture (see Note 1), obtained a two-year, \$34.1 million secured construction loan with interest at 140 basis points over LIBOR. At June 30, 2008, there was \$14.5 million outstanding on this loan.

On February 1, 2008, we paid off at maturity \$100.0 million of 7.125% unsecured notes using borrowings under our revolving credit facility. On February 26, 2008, we closed a \$137.5 million three-year term loan that bears interest at LIBOR plus 110 basis points. Proceeds from this loan were used to reduce the outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility and for short-term investments.

Our revolving credit facility, our term loan and the indenture that governs the Operating Partnership's outstanding notes require us to comply with customary operating covenants and various financial and operating ratios. We and the Operating Partnership are each currently in compliance with all such requirements.

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5. MORTGAGES, NOTES PAYABLE AND FINANCING OBLIGATIONS - Continued

Financing Obligations

Our financing obligations consisted of the following at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
SF-HIW Harborview, LP financing obligation (1)	\$ 16,620	\$ 16,566
Tax increment financing obligation (2)	17,395	17,395
Capitalized ground lease obligation (3)	1,130	1,110
Total	<u>\$ 35,145</u>	<u>\$ 35,071</u>

(1) See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of this financing obligation. See Note 9 for Fair Value Measurement disclosure.

(2) In connection with tax increment financing for construction of a public garage related to an office building, we are obligated to pay fixed special assessments over a 20-year period. The net present value of these assessments, discounted at 6.93% at the inception of the obligation, which represents the interest rate on the underlying bond financing, is shown as a financing obligation in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. We also receive special tax revenues and property tax rebates recorded in interest and other income, which are intended, but not guaranteed, to provide funds to pay the special assessments.

On December 3, 2007, we acquired for \$20.9 million the remaining outstanding bonds, at par value, that were issued by a municipal authority in connection with this tax increment financing. These available for sale securities are carried at estimated fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported in other comprehensive income, in accordance with SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." See Note 9 for Fair Value Measurement disclosure.

(3) Represents a capitalized lease obligation to the lessor of land on which we are constructing a new building. We are obligated to make fixed payments to the lessor through October 2022 and the lease provides for fixed price purchase options in the ninth and tenth years of the lease. We intend to exercise the purchase option in order to prevent an economic penalty related to conveying the building to the lessor at the expiration of the lease. The net present value of the fixed rental payments and purchase option through the ninth year was calculated using a discount rate of 7.1%. The assets and liabilities under the capital lease are recorded at the lower of the present value of minimum lease payments or the fair value. The liability accretes each month for the difference between the interest rate on the financing obligation and the fixed payments. The accretion will continue until the liability equals the purchase option of the land in the ninth year of the lease.

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6. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Compensation Programs

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we granted under our Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan (the “Stock Option Plan”) 0.3 million stock options at an exercise price equal to the closing market price of a share of our common stock on the date of grant. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which resulted in a weighted-average grant date fair value per share of \$3.18. We also granted 0.09 million shares of time-based restricted stock and 0.07 million shares of performance-based and total return-based restricted stock with a weighted-average grant date fair value per share of \$30.09 and \$30.18, respectively. Shares of total return-based restricted stock issued in 2008 will generally vest only to the extent our absolute total return for the three-year period ended December 31, 2010 is at least 22% or if our total return exceeds 100% of the peer group index. See Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 11, Executive Compensation, included or incorporated by reference in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding our equity incentive and other compensation plans.

During the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized approximately \$3.9 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense. As of June 30, 2008, there was \$12.4 million of total unrecognized stock-based compensation costs, which will be recognized over a weighted average remaining contractual term of 2.4 years.

7. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS HELD FOR SALE

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (“AOCL”) at June 30, 2008 was \$0.7 million and consisted of deferred gains and losses from past cash flow hedging instruments, deferred losses on current cash flow hedges and the mark to market adjustment for bonds that are classified as held for sale.

The amount of deferred gains and losses from past cash flow hedging instruments which are being recognized as interest expense over the terms of the related debt aggregated \$0.8 million (see Note 8). We expect that the portion of the cumulative loss recorded in AOCL at June 30, 2008 associated with these derivative instruments, which will be recognized as interest expense within the next 12 months, will be approximately \$0.09 million.

In January 2008, we entered into two floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps for a one-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility and other floating rate debt. These swaps fix the underlying LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 3.26% for \$30 million of borrowings and 3.24% for \$20 million of borrowings. In April 2008, we entered into an additional floating-to-fixed interest rate swap for a two-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our term loan or other floating rate debt. The swap fixes the underlying LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 2.52%. These swaps were designated as hedges under SFAS No. 133. Accordingly, the swaps are being accounted for as cash flow hedges. We expect that the portion of the cumulative loss or gain recorded in AOCL at June 30, 2008 associated with these derivative instruments, which will be recognized within the next 12 months, will be \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. See Note 9 for Fair Value Measurement disclosure.

We currently have an investment in bonds that were issued by a municipal authority in connection with tax increment financing (see Note 5). These bonds are currently being held for sale and thus are being recorded at fair value with the offset recorded in AOCL. The amount of unrealized loss at June 30, 2008 was \$0.4 million. See Note 9 for Fair Value Measurement disclosure.

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8. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Other comprehensive income represents net income plus the changes in certain amounts deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) related to hedging and other activities not reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The components of other comprehensive income are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Net income	\$ 14,983	\$ 9,289	\$ 30,626	\$ 61,847
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gain/(loss) on available for sale securities	187	—	(374)	—
Net gains on cash-flow hedges	933	—	524	—
Amortization of hedging gains and losses included in other comprehensive income	46	143	126	285
Total other comprehensive income	1,166	143	276	285
Total comprehensive income	\$ 16,149	\$ 9,432	\$ 30,902	\$ 62,132

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As stated in Note 1, on January 1, 2008, we adopted SFAS No. 157 for our financial assets and liabilities. Our adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not impact our financial position, results of operations or liquidity. In accordance with FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157" ("FSP FAS 157-2"), we elected to defer until January 1, 2009 the adoption of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 for those assets and liabilities within the scope of FSP FAS 157-2 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

SFAS No. 157 provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires expanded disclosure regarding fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received for an asset or the exit price that would be paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available. The following summarizes the three levels of inputs required by the standard that we use to measure fair value, as well as the assets and liabilities that we value using those levels of inputs.

Level 1. Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Our Level 1 assets are comprised of investments in marketable securities which we use to pay benefits under our deferred compensation plan. Our Level 1 liabilities are our obligations to pay certain deferred compensation plan benefits whereby participants have designated investment options (primarily mutual funds) to serve as the basis for measurement of the notional value of their accounts.

Level 2. Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities. Our Level 2 assets are bonds that are not routinely traded but whose fair value is determined using an estimate of projected redemption value predicated upon quoted bid/ask prices for similar unrated bonds. Our Level 2 liabilities are interest rate swaps whose fair value is determined using a price model predicated upon observable market inputs.

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9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued

Level 3. Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Our Level 3 liabilities consist of the right of our joint venture partner in SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP to put its 80% equity interest in SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP to us in exchange for cash at any time during the one-year period commencing September 11, 2014. Because of the put option, this transaction is accounted for as a financing transaction. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities and operations related to Harborview Plaza, the property owned by SF-HIW Harborview Plaza, LP, including any new financing by the partnership, remain in our Consolidated Financial Statements. As a result, we have established a financing obligation equal to the net equity contributed by the other partner. At the end of each annual reporting period, the balance of the financing obligation is adjusted to equal the greater of the original financing obligation or the current fair value of the put option. Due to the lack of observable market quotes for the put option, we utilize a valuation model predicated upon capitalization rates and discounted cash flows, which take into account estimates such as future lease rollovers, lease up activity and future expenditures, to calculate the estimated fair value of the put option. The estimated fair value of the put option was \$15.7 million and \$15.6 million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. This amount is adjusted by a related valuation allowance account, which is being amortized prospectively through September 2014 as interest expense on financing obligation. The amount of the valuation allowance account was \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The amount amortized into interest expense from the valuation allowance was \$0.07 million during the six months ended June 30, 2008. For more information regarding this joint venture, see Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following table sets forth the financial assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2008 that we measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy. As required by SFAS No. 157, assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to their fair value measurement.

	Balance at June 30, 2008	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Assets				
Marketable securities (1)	\$ 7,224	\$ 7,224	\$ —	\$ —
Taxable bonds	20,541	—	20,541	—
Interest rate swaps	665	—	665	—
Total Assets	<u>\$ 28,430</u>	<u>\$ 7,224</u>	<u>\$ 21,206</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Liabilities				
Interest rate swaps	\$ 141	\$ —	\$ 141	\$ —
Deferred compensation	7,224	7,224	—	—
Harborview financing obligation	15,743	—	—	15,743
Harborview valuation allowance	877	—	—	877
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 23,985</u>	<u>\$ 7,224</u>	<u>\$ 141</u>	<u>\$ 16,620</u>

(1) The marketable securities are held through our officer deferred compensation plans.

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10 . DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

As part of our business strategy, we from time to time selectively dispose of non-core properties in order to use the net proceeds for investments, for repayment of debt and/or retirement of Preferred Stock, or other purposes. The table below sets forth the net operating results of those assets classified as discontinued operations in our Consolidated Financial Statements. These assets classified as discontinued operations comprise 1.5 million square feet of office and industrial properties and 13 rental residential units sold during 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and a 0.3 million square foot industrial property held for sale at June 30, 2008. These long-lived assets relate to disposal activities that were initiated subsequent to the effective date of SFAS No. 144, or that met certain stipulations prescribed by SFAS No. 144. The operations of these assets have been reclassified from our ongoing operations to discontinued operations, and we will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations after the disposal transactions:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Rental and other revenues	\$ 674	\$ 3,340	\$ 1,866	\$ 6,862
Operating expenses:				
Rental property and other expenses	266	1,617	822	3,236
Depreciation and amortization	9	791	233	1,708
Total operating expenses	275	2,408	1,055	4,944
Other income	1	4	3	19
Income before minority interest and gains on sales of discontinued operations	400	936	814	1,937
Minority interest in discontinued operations	(26)	(63)	(53)	(137)
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	374	873	761	1,800
Gains on sales of discontinued operations	5,027	103	8,753	19,846
Minority interest in discontinued operations	(325)	(7)	(568)	(1,488)
Gains on sales of discontinued operations, net of minority interest	4,702	96	8,185	18,358
Total discontinued operations	<u>\$ 5,076</u>	<u>\$ 969</u>	<u>\$ 8,946</u>	<u>\$ 20,158</u>

The net book value of properties classified as discontinued operations that were sold during 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and held for sale at June 30, 2008 aggregated \$97.2 million.

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10 . DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS - Continued

The following table includes the major classes of assets and liabilities of the properties classified as held for sale as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2007</u>
Land	\$ 1,241	\$ 1,241
Land held for development	8,547	10,404
Buildings and tenant improvements	4,979	5,006
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,647)</u>	<u>(1,623)</u>
Net real estate assets	13,120	15,028
Deferred leasing costs, net	64	59
Accrued straight line rents receivable	3	1
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 13,242</u>	<u>\$ 15,150</u>
Tenant security deposits, deferred rents and accrued costs (1)	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>

(1) Included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities.

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11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Basic income per share:				
Numerator:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 9,907	\$ 8,320	\$ 21,680	\$ 41,689
Preferred Stock dividends	(2,838)	(3,846)	(5,676)	(7,959)
Excess of Preferred Stock redemption costs over carrying value	—	(1,443)	—	(1,443)
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	7,069	3,031	16,004	32,287
Income from discontinued operations	5,076	969	8,946	20,158
Net income available for common stockholders	<u>\$ 12,145</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,950</u>	<u>\$ 52,445</u>
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share – weighted average shares (1)	<u>56,940</u>	<u>56,460</u>	<u>56,833</u>	<u>56,216</u>
Basic earnings per share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.02	0.16	0.36
Net income	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 0.93</u>
Diluted income per share:				
Numerator:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 9,907	\$ 8,320	\$ 21,680	\$ 41,689
Preferred Stock dividends	(2,838)	(3,846)	(5,676)	(7,959)
Excess of Preferred Stock redemption costs over carrying value	—	(1,443)	—	(1,443)
Minority interest in the Operating Partnership	488	208	1,111	2,592
Income from continuing operations available for common stockholders	7,557	3,239	17,115	34,879
Income from discontinued operations	5,076	969	8,946	20,158
Minority interest in the Operating Partnership in discontinued operations	351	70	621	1,625
Income from discontinued operations	5,427	1,039	9,567	21,783
Net income available for common stockholders	<u>\$ 12,984</u>	<u>\$ 4,278</u>	<u>\$ 26,682</u>	<u>\$ 56,662</u>
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share – adjusted weighted average shares (1)	56,940	56,460	56,833	56,216
Add:				
Employee and director stock options and warrants	420	722	331	883
Common Units	3,946	4,104	3,957	4,322
Unvested restricted stock	186	276	169	288
Denominator for diluted earnings per share – adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions (2)	<u>61,492</u>	<u>61,562</u>	<u>61,290</u>	<u>61,709</u>
Diluted earnings per share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.57
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.02	0.16	0.35
Net income	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	<u>\$ 0.92</u>



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11 . EARNINGS PER SHARE - Continued

- (1) Weighted average shares exclude shares of unvested restricted stock pursuant to SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share."
- (2) Options and warrants aggregating approximately 0.2 million and 0.1 million shares were outstanding during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and 0.4 million and 0.1 million shares were outstanding during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices of the options and warrants were higher than the average market price of Common Stock during these periods.

12 . COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Concentration of Credit Risk

We maintain cash and cash equivalent investments and restricted cash at financial institutions. The combined account balances at each institution typically exceed FDIC insurance coverage and, as a result, there is a concentration of credit risk related to amounts on deposit in excess of FDIC insurance coverage.

Land Leases

Certain properties in our wholly owned portfolio are subject to land leases expiring through 2082. Rental payments on these leases are adjusted annually based on either the consumer price index (CPI) or on a pre-determined schedule. Land leases subject to increases under a pre-determined schedule are accounted for under the straight-line method. Total expense recorded for land leases was \$0.7 million for each of the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Environmental Matters

Substantially all of our in-service properties have been subjected to Phase I environmental assessments (and, in certain instances, Phase II environmental assessments). Such assessments and/or updates have not revealed, nor is management aware of, any environmental liability that management believes would have a material adverse effect on the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

Guarantees and Other Obligations

For information regarding guarantees and other obligations as of December 31, 2007, see Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There were no material changes to this information in the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Litigation, Claims and Assessments

We are from time to time a party to a variety of legal proceedings, claims and assessments arising in the ordinary course of our business. We regularly assess the liabilities and contingencies in connection with these matters based on the latest information available. For those matters where it is probable that we have incurred or will incur a loss and the loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated, the estimated loss is accrued and charged to income in the Consolidated Financial Statements. In other instances, because of the uncertainties related to both the probable outcome and amount or range of loss, a reasonable estimate of liability, if any, cannot be made. Based on the current expected outcome of such matters, none of these proceedings, claims or assessments is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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13. INCOME TAXES

Our financial statements include the operations of our taxable REIT subsidiary that is not entitled to a dividends paid deduction and is subject to corporate federal, state and local income taxes. As a REIT, we may also be subject to certain federal excise taxes if we engage in certain types of transactions.

Other than the liability for an uncertain tax position and related accrued interest under FIN 48 discussed below, no provision has been made pursuant to SFAS No. 109 for federal and state income taxes during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 because the Company qualified as a REIT, distributed the necessary amount of taxable income and, therefore, incurred no income tax expense during the periods. The taxable REIT subsidiary has operated at a cumulative taxable loss through June 30, 2008 of approximately \$9.4 million and has paid no income taxes since its formation. In addition to the \$3.6 million deferred tax asset for these cumulative tax loss carryforwards, the taxable REIT subsidiary also had net deferred tax assets of approximately \$1.2 million comprised primarily of tax versus book basis differences in certain investments and depreciable assets held by the taxable REIT subsidiary. Because the future tax benefit of the cumulative losses is not assured, the approximate \$4.8 million net deferred tax asset position of the taxable REIT subsidiary has been fully reserved as management does not believe that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax asset will be realized. Accordingly, no tax benefit has been recognized in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements. The tax benefit of the cumulative losses could be recognized for financial reporting purposes in future periods to the extent the taxable REIT subsidiary generates sufficient taxable income.

We adopted FIN 48, on January 1, 2007 and recorded a \$1.4 million liability, which included \$0.2 million of accrued interest, for an uncertain tax position, with the related expense reflected as a reduction to the beginning balance of distributions in excess of net earnings. This liability was included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities. During the third quarter of 2007, the liability for the uncertain tax position was released, and income recognized, upon the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. In addition, the liability of \$0.05 million of interest that was accrued in 2007 relating to this liability was also released. We continue to examine our tax positions and do not believe we have any uncertain tax positions that would result in a FIN 48 reserve as of June 30, 2008.

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14 . SEGMENT INFORMATION

Our principal business is the acquisition, development and operation of rental real estate properties. We evaluate our business by product type and by geographic locations. These segments and our disclosures below are expanded from what we reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2007 due to expanded internal reporting information used by our chief operating decision maker starting in the first quarter of 2008. Each product type has different customers and economic characteristics as to rental rates and terms, cost per square foot of buildings, the purposes for which customers use the space, the degree of maintenance and customer support required and customer dependency on different economic drivers, among others. The operating results by geographic grouping are also regularly reviewed by our chief operating decision maker for assessing performance and other purposes. There are no material inter-segment transactions.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note 1 included herein. Further, all operations are within the United States and, at June 30, 2008, no tenant of the Wholly Owned Properties comprised more than 7.5% of our consolidated revenues.

The following table summarizes the rental income, net operating income and assets for each reportable segment for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Rental and Other Revenues: (1) (2)				
Office:				
Atlanta, GA	\$ 11,673	\$ 10,560	\$ 23,199	\$ 20,947
Greenville, SC	3,527	3,403	6,743	6,500
Kansas City, MO	3,841	3,534	7,566	6,883
Memphis, TN	6,334	6,214	12,499	12,000
Nashville, TN	16,095	13,612	31,673	26,238
Orlando, FL	2,245	1,584	4,178	3,181
Piedmont Triad, NC	6,489	6,439	12,870	13,134
Raleigh, NC	17,302	15,215	35,823	31,012
Richmond, VA	12,575	11,198	24,042	21,869
Tampa, FL	16,832	14,988	32,666	30,343
Other	528	486	1,035	1,424
Total Office Segment	97,441	87,233	192,294	173,531
Industrial:				
Atlanta, GA	3,805	3,986	7,928	7,789
Kansas City, MO	5	5	10	10
Piedmont Triad, NC	3,567	3,195	7,307	6,708
Total Industrial Segment	7,377	7,186	15,245	14,507
Retail:				
Kansas City, MO	10,477	10,307	21,349	21,733
Piedmont Triad, NC	260	132	455	257
Total Retail Segment	10,737	10,439	21,804	21,990
Residential:				
Kansas City, MO	298	288	604	580
Total Residential Segment	298	288	604	580
Total Rental and Other Revenues	\$ 115,853	\$ 105,146	\$ 229,947	\$ 210,608

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14 . SEGMENT INFORMATION - Continued

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Net Operating Income: (1) (2)				
Office:				
Atlanta, GA	\$ 7,461	\$ 6,855	\$ 15,022	\$ 13,563
Greenville, SC	2,166	2,155	4,111	3,950
Kansas City, MO	2,200	1,959	4,139	3,670
Memphis, TN	3,817	3,503	7,470	7,013
Nashville, TN	10,514	8,878	21,140	17,046
Orlando, FL	1,307	896	2,420	1,872
Piedmont Triad, NC	4,041	3,846	8,065	7,961
Raleigh, NC	11,416	10,019	24,318	20,487
Richmond, VA	8,255	7,709	16,272	15,112
Tampa, FL	10,291	8,882	19,970	18,283
Other	125	441	456	513
Total Office Segment	<u>61,593</u>	<u>55,143</u>	<u>123,383</u>	<u>109,470</u>
Industrial:				
Atlanta, GA	2,771	3,015	5,900	5,988
Kansas City, MO	2	2	4	4
Piedmont Triad, NC	<u>2,781</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>5,737</u>	<u>5,204</u>
Total Industrial Segment	<u>5,554</u>	<u>5,467</u>	<u>11,641</u>	<u>11,196</u>
Retail:				
Kansas City, MO	6,773	6,760	13,818	14,302
Piedmont Triad, NC	223	99	374	195
Raleigh, NC	<u>(24)</u>	<u>(22)</u>	<u>(47)</u>	<u>(38)</u>
Total Retail Segment	<u>6,972</u>	<u>6,837</u>	<u>14,145</u>	<u>14,459</u>
Residential:				
Kansas City, MO	<u>162</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>256</u>
Total Residential Segment	<u>162</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>256</u>
Total Net Operating Income	<u>74,281</u>	<u>67,559</u>	<u>149,521</u>	<u>135,381</u>
Reconciliation to income before disposition of property, insurance gain, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates:				
Depreciation and amortization	(31,365)	(29,756)	(62,250)	(58,585)
General and administrative expense	(10,766)	(10,868)	(20,477)	(21,779)
Interest expenses	(24,795)	(24,701)	(49,636)	(48,948)
Interest and other income	<u>1,604</u>	<u>2,115</u>	<u>2,406</u>	<u>3,625</u>
Income before disposition of property, insurance gain, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	<u>\$ 8,959</u>	<u>\$ 4,349</u>	<u>\$ 19,564</u>	<u>\$ 9,694</u>

(1) Net of discontinued operations.

(2) The Piedmont Triad market encompasses the Greensboro and Winston-Salem metropolitan area.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes contained elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the information in this Quarterly Report may contain forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects under this section and under the heading "Business." You can identify forward-looking statements by our use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue" or other similar words. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that our plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. When considering such forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the following important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement:

- speculative development activity by our competitors in our existing markets could result in an excessive supply of office, industrial and retail properties relative to tenant demand;
- the financial condition of our tenants could deteriorate;
- we may not be able to complete development, acquisition, reinvestment, disposition or joint venture projects as quickly or on as favorable terms as anticipated;
- we may not be able to lease or release space quickly or on as favorable terms as old leases;
- increases in interest rates would increase our debt service costs;
- we may not be able to meet our liquidity requirements or obtain capital on favorable terms to fund our working capital needs and growth initiatives or to repay or refinance outstanding debt upon maturity;
- we could lose key executive officers; and
- our southeastern and midwestern markets may suffer declines in economic growth.

This list of risks and uncertainties, however, is not intended to be exhaustive. You should also review the other cautionary statements we make in "Business – Risk Factors" set forth in our 2007 Annual Report.

Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect any future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

OVERVIEW

We are a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed equity REIT that provides leasing, management, development, construction and other customer-related services for our properties and for third parties. As of June 30, 2008, we owned or had an interest in 384 in-service office, industrial and retail properties, encompassing approximately 35.0 million square feet, which includes four in-service office, industrial and retail development properties that had not yet reached 95% stabilized occupancy aggregating approximately 0.8 million square feet, and 514 rental residential units. We are based in Raleigh, North Carolina, and our properties and development land are located in Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Additional information about us can be found on our website at www.highwoods.com. Information on our website is not part of this Quarterly Report.

Results of Operations

While we own and operate a limited number of industrial, retail and residential properties, our operating results depend heavily on successfully leasing our office properties. Economic growth in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee is and will continue to be an important determinative factor in predicting our future operating results.

The key components affecting our rental revenue stream are dispositions, acquisitions, new developments placed in service, average occupancy and rental rates. Average occupancy generally increases during times of improving economic growth, as our ability to lease space outpaces vacancies that occur upon the expirations of existing leases. Average occupancy generally declines during times of slower economic growth, when new vacancies tend to outpace our ability to lease space. Asset acquisitions, dispositions and new developments placed in service directly impact our rental revenues and could impact our average occupancy, depending upon the occupancy rate of the properties that are acquired, sold or placed in service. A further indicator of the predictability of future revenues is the expected lease expirations of our portfolio. As a result, in addition to seeking to increase our average occupancy by leasing current vacant space, we also must concentrate our leasing efforts on renewing leases on expiring space. Whether or not our rental revenue tracks average occupancy proportionally depends upon whether rents under new leases signed are higher or lower than the rents under the previous leases.

Our expenses primarily consist of rental property expenses, depreciation and amortization, general and administrative expenses and interest expense. Rental property expenses are expenses associated with our ownership and operation of rental properties and include expenses that vary somewhat, such as common area maintenance and utilities, and relatively fixed expenses, such as property taxes and insurance. Some of these variable expenses may be lower when our average occupancy declines. Depreciation and amortization is a non-cash expense associated with the ownership of real property and generally remains relatively consistent each year, unless we buy or sell assets, since we depreciate our properties on a straight-line basis over fixed lives. General and administrative expenses, net of amounts capitalized, consist primarily of management and employee salaries and other personnel costs, corporate and division overhead and long-term incentive compensation. Interest expense depends primarily upon the amount of our borrowings, the weighted average interest rates on our debt and the amount of interest capitalized on development projects.

We record in “equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates” our proportionate share of net income or loss, adjusted for purchase accounting effects, of our unconsolidated joint ventures.

Additionally, SFAS No. 144, “Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets,” requires us to record net income received from properties sold or held for sale that qualify as discontinued operations under SFAS No. 144 separately as “income from discontinued operations.” As a result, we separately record revenues and expenses from these qualifying properties. As also required by SFAS No. 144, prior period results are reclassified to reflect the operations for such properties in discontinued operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We incur capital expenditures to lease space to our customers and to maintain the quality of our properties to successfully compete against other properties. Tenant improvements are the costs required to customize the space for the specific needs of the customer. Lease commissions are costs incurred to find the customer for the space. Lease incentives are costs paid to or on behalf of tenants to induce them to enter into leases and that do not relate to customizing the space for the tenant’s specific needs. Building improvements are recurring capital costs not related to a customer to maintain the buildings. As leases expire, we either attempt to relet the space to an existing customer or attract a new customer to occupy the space. Generally, customer renewals require lower leasing capital expenditures than reletting to new customers. However, market conditions such as supply of available space in the market, as well as demand for space, drive not only customer rental rates but also tenant improvement costs. Leasing capital expenditures are amortized over the term of the lease and building improvements are depreciated over the appropriate useful life of the assets acquired. Both are included in depreciation and amortization in results of operations.

Because we are a REIT, we are required under the federal tax laws to distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, excluding capital gains, to our stockholders. We generally use rents received from customers and

proceeds from sales of non-core development land to fund our operating expenses, recurring capital expenditures and stockholder dividends. To fund property acquisitions, development activity or building renovations, we may sell other assets and may incur debt from time to time. Our debt generally consists of mortgage debt, unsecured debt securities and borrowings under our credit facilities.

Our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing our outstanding long-term unsecured debt securities require us to satisfy various operating and financial covenants and performance ratios. As a result, to ensure that we do not violate the provisions of these debt instruments, we may from time to time be limited in undertaking certain activities that may otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders, such as repurchasing capital stock, acquiring additional assets, increasing the total amount of our debt or increasing stockholder dividends. We review our current and expected operating results, financial condition and planned strategic actions on an ongoing basis for the purpose of monitoring our continued compliance with these covenants and ratios. Any unwaived event of default could result in an acceleration of some or all of our debt, severely restrict our ability to incur additional debt to fund short- and long-term cash needs or result in higher interest expense.

To generate additional capital to fund our growth and other strategic initiatives and to lessen the ownership risks typically associated with owning 100.0% of a property, we may sell some of our properties or contribute them to joint ventures. When we create a joint venture with a strategic partner, we usually contribute one or more properties that we own and/or vacant land to a newly formed entity in which we retain an interest of 50.0% or less. In exchange for our equal or minority interest in the joint venture, we generally receive cash from the partner and retain some or all of the management income relating to the properties in the joint venture. The joint venture itself will frequently borrow money on its own behalf to finance the acquisition of, and/or leverage the return upon, the properties being acquired by the joint venture or to build or acquire additional buildings. Such borrowings are typically on a non-recourse or limited recourse basis. We generally are not liable for the debts of our joint ventures, except to the extent of our equity investment, unless we have directly guaranteed any of that debt. In most cases, we and/or our strategic partners are required to guarantee customary exceptions to non-recourse liability in non-recourse loans.

We also may sell additional Common Stock or Preferred Stock or issue Common Units to fund additional growth or to reduce our debt. In addition, we may from time to time use available funds to redeem or repurchase Common Units and Preferred Stock for cash. In the future, we may from time to time retire some or all of our remaining outstanding Preferred Stock through redemptions, open market repurchases, privately negotiated acquisitions or otherwise.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In accordance with SFAS No. 144 and as described in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, we reclassified the operations and/or gain/(loss) from disposal of certain properties to discontinued operations for all periods presented if the operations and cash flows have been or will be eliminated from our ongoing operations and we will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations after the disposal transaction and the properties were either sold during 2007 and the first six months of 2008 or were held for sale at June 30, 2008. There were no properties sold during 2007 and the first six months of 2008 that did not meet the conditions as stipulated by SFAS No. 144.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

The following table sets forth information regarding our unaudited results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 (\$ in millions):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		2008 to 2007	
	2008	2007	\$ Change	% of Change
Rental and other revenues	\$ 115.9	\$ 105.1	\$ 10.8	10.3%
Operating expenses:				
Rental property and other expenses	41.6	37.6	4.0	10.6
Depreciation and amortization	31.3	29.7	1.6	5.4
General and administrative	10.8	10.9	(0.1)	(0.9)
Total operating expenses	83.7	78.2	5.5	7.0
Interest expenses:				
Contractual	23.3	23.1	0.2	0.9
Amortization of deferred financing costs	0.7	0.6	0.1	16.7
Financing obligations	0.8	1.0	(0.2)	(20.0)
	24.8	24.7	0.1	0.4
Other income:				
Interest and other income	1.6	2.1	(0.5)	(23.8)
	1.6	2.1	(0.5)	(23.8)
Income before disposition of property, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	9.0	4.3	4.7	109.3
Net gains on disposition of property	0.1	2.3	(2.2)	(95.7)
Minority interest	(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(133.3)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	1.5	2.0	(0.5)	(25.0)
Income from continuing operations	9.9	8.3	1.6	19.3
Discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	0.3	0.8	(0.5)	(62.5)
Net gains on sales of discontinued operations, net of minority interest	4.7	0.1	4.6	4,600.0
	5.0	0.9	4.1	455.6
Net income	14.9	9.2	5.7	62.0
Dividends on preferred stock	(2.8)	(3.8)	1.0	26.3
Excess of preferred stock redemption cost over carrying value	—	(1.4)	1.4	100.0
Net income available for common stockholders	<u>\$ 12.1</u>	<u>\$ 4.0</u>	<u>\$ 8.1</u>	<u>202.5%</u>

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues increased \$10.8 million in the second quarter of 2008 compared to 2007 primarily as a result of the contribution from developed properties placed in service in 2007 and the first six months of 2008 and higher same property average occupancy in certain locations in 2008 as compared to 2007.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other expenses from continuing operations (real estate taxes, utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance and other property-related expenses) increased \$4.0 million in the second quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter of 2007, primarily as a result of the additional operating expenses of developed properties placed in service in 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and general inflationary increases in certain operating expenses, such as utility costs, insurance costs and real estate taxes.

Rental and other revenues less rental property and other expenses increased in 2008 compared to 2007. This is primarily the result of higher revenues and higher average occupancy. In addition, we are benefiting from the lower operating costs associated with a younger and higher quality portfolio.

The \$1.6 million increase in depreciation and amortization is primarily a result of the contribution from development properties placed in service in 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and an increase in building improvements, tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs related to those buildings placed in service.

The \$0.1 million decrease in general and administrative expenses is primarily related to lower external audit fees and a decrease in the adjustment related to our deferred compensation liability offset by higher costs written off related to the termination of certain pre-development projects and higher compensation related costs.

Interest Expenses

The \$0.2 million increase in contractual interest expense is primarily the net result of an increase in average borrowings in 2008 compared to 2007 and a decrease in weighted average interest rates on outstanding debt for the second quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter of 2007. In addition, capitalized interest in 2008 was approximately \$0.2 million lower compared to 2007.

Interest and Other Income

The \$0.5 million decrease in interest and other income is primarily related to a decrease in income from 2007 to 2008 related to our investments in marketable securities which we use to pay benefits under our deferred compensation plan.

Gains on Disposition of Property; Minority Interest; Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Net gains on dispositions of properties not classified as discontinued operations was \$0.1 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Gains are dependent on the specific assets sold, their historical cost basis and other factors, and can vary significantly from period to period. See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

The increase in minority interest expense of \$0.4 million was primarily due to a corresponding increase in the Operating Partnership's income from continuing operations, after Preferred Unit distributions.

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates decreased \$0.5 million in second quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter of 2007 primarily as a result of the impact of declines in same property average occupancy at certain properties held by our joint ventures and increased depreciation expense related to properties acquired by our joint ventures during 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Discontinued Operations

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, we classified net income of \$5.0 million and \$0.9 million, net of minority interest, as discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts relate to 1.5 million square feet of office and industrial properties and 13 rental residential units sold during 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and a 0.3 million square foot industrial property held for sale at June 30, 2008. These amounts include net gains on the sale of these properties of \$4.7 million and \$0.1 million, net of minority interest, in the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Dividends on Preferred Stock and Excess of Preferred Stock Redemption Cost Over Carrying Value

Preferred stock dividends decreased \$1.0 million due to the retirement of \$62 million of preferred stock in 2007. In addition, net income available for common stockholders was reduced by \$1.4 million in the three months ended June 30, 2007 related to the excess of redemption cost over the net carrying value.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

The following table sets forth information regarding our unaudited results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 (\$ in millions):

	Six Months Ended June 30,		2008 to 2007	
	2008	2007	\$ Change	% of Change
Rental and other revenues	\$ 229.9	\$ 210.6	\$ 19.3	9.2%
Operating expenses:				
Rental property and other expenses	80.4	75.2	5.2	6.9
Depreciation and amortization	62.2	58.6	3.6	6.1
General and administrative	20.5	21.8	(1.3)	(6.0)
Total operating expenses	163.1	155.6	7.5	4.8
Interest expenses:				
Contractual	46.8	45.8	1.0	2.2
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1.3	1.1	0.2	18.2
Financing obligations	1.5	2.0	(0.5)	(25.0)
	49.6	48.9	0.7	1.4
Other income:				
Interest and other income	2.4	3.6	(1.2)	(33.3)
	2.4	3.6	(1.2)	(33.3)
Income before disposition of property, insurance gain, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	19.6	9.7	9.9	102.1
Net gains on disposition of property	0.1	19.1	(19.0)	(99.5)
Gain from property insurance settlement	—	4.1	(4.1)	(100.0)
Minority interest	(1.5)	(2.9)	1.4	48.3
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	3.5	11.7	(8.2)	(70.1)
Income from continuing operations	21.7	41.7	(20.0)	(48.0)
Discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	0.8	1.8	(1.0)	(55.6)
Net gains on sales of discontinued operations, net of minority interest	8.1	18.3	(10.2)	(55.7)
	8.9	20.1	(11.2)	(55.7)
Net income	30.6	61.8	(31.2)	(50.5)
Dividends on preferred stock	(5.7)	(8.0)	2.3	28.8
Excess of preferred stock redemption cost over carrying value	—	(1.4)	1.4	100.0
Net income available for common stockholders	\$ 24.9	\$ 52.4	\$ (27.5)	(52.5)%

Rental and Other Revenues

Rental and other revenues increased \$19.3 million in the first six months of 2008 compared to 2007 primarily as a result of the contribution from developed properties placed in service in 2007 and the first six months of 2008 and higher same property average occupancy in certain locations in 2008 as compared to 2007.

Operating Expenses

Rental property and other operating expenses from continuing operations (real estate taxes, utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance and other property-related expenses) increased \$5.2 million in the first six months of 2008 compared to the first six months of 2007, primarily as a result of the additional operating expenses of developed properties placed in service in 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and general inflationary increases in certain operating expenses, such as utility costs, insurance costs and real estate taxes.

Rental and other revenues less rental property and other operating expenses increased in 2008 compared to 2007. This is primarily the result of higher revenues and higher average occupancy. In addition, we are benefiting from the lower operating costs associated with a younger and higher quality portfolio.

The \$3.6 million increase in depreciation and amortization is primarily a result of the contribution from development properties placed in service in 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and an increase in building improvements, tenant improvements and deferred leasing costs related to those buildings placed in service.

The \$1.3 million decrease in general and administrative expenses is primarily related to lower external legal and audit fees, lower condominium marketing costs and a decrease in the adjustment related to our deferred compensation liability. These decreases are partially offset by higher costs written off related to the termination of certain pre-development projects and higher compensation related costs.

Interest Expenses

The \$1.0 million increase in contractual interest expense is primarily the net result of an increase in average borrowings in 2008 compared to 2007 and a decrease in weighted average interest rates on outstanding debt for the first half of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. In addition, capitalized interest in 2008 was approximately \$0.3 million higher compared to 2007.

Interest and Other Income

The \$1.2 million decrease in interest and other income is primarily related to a decrease in income from 2007 to 2008 related to our investments in marketable securities which we use to pay benefits under our deferred compensation plan.

Gains on Disposition of Property; Gain from Property Insurance Settlement; Minority Interest; Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Net gains on dispositions of properties not classified as discontinued operations was \$0.1 million and \$19.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Gains are dependent on the specific assets sold, their historical cost basis and other factors, and can vary significantly from period to period. See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

In the first six months of 2007, we recorded a \$4.1 million gain from finalization of a prior year insurance claim.

The decrease in minority interest expense of \$1.4 million was primarily due to a corresponding decrease in the Operating Partnership's income from continuing operations, after Preferred Unit distributions.

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates decreased \$8.2 million from 2007. The decrease primarily resulted from the following transactions. In 2007, the Weston Lakeside joint venture sold 332 rental residential units, recognizing a gain of approximately \$11.3 million, which resulted in approximately \$5.0 million in equity in

earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. Five properties owned by our DLF I joint venture (“DLF I”) were sold and the joint venture recognized a gain of approximately \$9.3 million, resulting in approximately \$2.1 million in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates in 2007. Additionally, in 2007, DLF I received a lease termination, of which the net effect was \$2.7 million and resulted in approximately \$0.6 million in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates. (See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion related to these transactions).

Discontinued Operations

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, we classified net income of \$8.9 million and \$20.1 million, net of minority interest, as discontinued operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts relate to 1.5 million square feet of office and industrial properties and 13 rental residential units sold during 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and a 0.3 million square foot industrial property held for sale at June 30, 2008. These amounts include net gains on the sale of these properties of \$8.1 million and \$18.3 million, net of minority interest, in the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Dividends on Preferred Stock and Excess of Preferred Stock Redemption Cost Over Carrying Value

Preferred stock dividends decreased \$2.3 million due to the retirement of \$62 million of preferred stock in 2007. In addition, net income available for common stockholders was reduced by \$1.4 million in the six months ended June 30, 2007 related to the excess of redemption cost over the net carrying value.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Statement of Cash Flows

As required by GAAP, we report and analyze our cash flows based on operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. The following table sets forth the changes in our cash flows in the first six months of 2008 as compared to the first six months of 2007 (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change
	2008	2007	
Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$ 83,243	\$ 76,875	\$ 6,368
Cash Used In Investing Activities	(116,879)	(62,502)	(54,377)
Cash Provided by/(Used In) Financing Activities	34,529	(28,463)	62,992
Total Cash Flows	<u>\$ 893</u>	<u>\$ (14,090)</u>	<u>\$ 14,983</u>

In calculating cash flow from operating activities, depreciation and amortization, which are non-cash expenses, are added back to net income. As a result, we have historically generated a significant positive amount of cash from operating activities. From period to period, cash flow from operations depends primarily upon changes in our net income, as discussed more fully above under “Results of Operations,” changes in receivables and payables, and net additions or decreases in our overall portfolio, which affect the amount of depreciation and amortization expense.

Cash provided by or used in investing activities generally relates to capitalized costs incurred for leasing and major building improvements and our acquisition, development, disposition and joint venture activity. During periods of significant net acquisition and/or development activity, our cash used in such investing activities will generally exceed cash provided by investing activities, which typically consists of cash received upon the sale of properties and distributions of capital from our joint ventures.

Cash provided by or used in financing activities generally relates to stockholder dividends, distributions on Common Units, incurrence and repayment of debt and sales, repurchases or redemptions of Common Stock, Common Units and Preferred Stock. As discussed previously, we use a significant amount of our cash to fund stockholder dividends and Common Unit distributions. Whether or not we have increases in the outstanding balances of debt during a period depends generally upon the net effect of our acquisition, disposition, development and joint venture activity. We use our revolving credit facility for working capital purposes, which means that during any given period, in order to minimize interest expense, we will likely record significant repayments and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

The increase of \$6.4 million in cash provided by operating activities in 2008 compared to 2007 was primarily the result of higher cash flows from net income as adjusted for changes in depreciation and amortization expense, amortization of stock based compensation, gains on disposition of properties, a gain from a property insurance settlement, minority interest and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, which resulted in a \$12.3 million increase in cash provided by operating activities. Offsetting this increase was the net change in operating assets and liabilities, which resulted in a \$5.4 million decrease in cash provided by operating activities.

The increase of \$54.4 million in cash used in investing activities in 2008 compared to 2007 was primarily a result of a \$44.5 million decrease in proceeds from the disposition of assets, and net contributions to and distributions from joint ventures which resulted in a \$19.5 million increase in cash used in investing activities (see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). In addition, in 2008, there was \$10.1 million used for capital expenditures to be reimbursed by a third party. Partly offsetting these increases was a \$22.6 million decrease in additions to real estate assets and deferred leasing costs.

The increase of \$63.0 million in cash provided by financing activities in 2008 compared to 2007 was primarily a result of \$40.0 million in cash used in connection with the redemption of Preferred Stock in 2007, a decrease of \$24.1 million in cash used in connection with the repurchase of Common Units, and a decrease of \$2.3 million in cash used for the payment of dividends on Preferred Stock, partly offset by a \$4.4 million decrease in contributions from minority interest partners (see Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

Capitalization

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Mortgages and notes payable, at recorded book value	\$ 1,732,082	\$ 1,641,987
Financing obligations	\$ 35,145	\$ 35,071
Preferred Stock, at liquidation value	\$ 135,437	\$ 135,437
Common Stock and Common Units outstanding	61,565	61,224
Per share stock price at period	\$ 31.42	\$ 29.38
Market value of Common Stock and Common Units	<u>1,934,372</u>	<u>1,798,761</u>
Total market capitalization with debt and obligations	<u>\$ 3,837,036</u>	<u>\$ 3,611,256</u>

Based on our total market capitalization of approximately \$3.8 billion at June 30, 2008 (at the June 30, 2008 per share stock price of \$31.42 and assuming the redemption for shares of Common Stock of the 3.9 million Common Units not owned by the Company), our mortgages and notes payable represented approximately 45% of our total market capitalization.

Mortgages and notes payable at June 30, 2008 was comprised of \$688 million of secured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 6.4% and \$1,044 million of unsecured indebtedness with a weighted average interest rate of 5.4%. As of June 30, 2008, our outstanding mortgages and notes payable were secured by real estate assets with an aggregate undepreciated book value of approximately \$1.1 billion.

We do not intend to reserve funds to retire existing secured or unsecured debt upon maturity. For a more complete discussion of our long-term liquidity needs, see “Liquidity and Capital Resources - Current and Future Cash Needs.”

Contractual Obligations

See our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a table setting forth a summary of our contractual obligations at December 31, 2007. There were no material changes to this information in the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Financing and Investments Activity

Our \$450 million unsecured revolving credit facility is initially scheduled to mature on May 1, 2009. Assuming no default exists, we have an option to extend the maturity date by one additional year. The interest rate is LIBOR plus 80 basis points and the annual base facility fee is 20 basis points. As of June 30, 2008, we had \$258 million borrowed on this revolving credit facility.

On June 5, 2007, two three-year secured construction loans totaling \$24.7 million with interest at 175 basis points over LIBOR were obtained by REES, a consolidated joint venture (see Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). Subsequently, on July 17, 2007, REES obtained an additional \$13.7 million, three-year secured construction loan with interest at 165 basis points over LIBOR. In October 2007, we paid off one of the original secured construction loans, which had accounted for \$4.4 million of the original \$24.7 million. At June 30, 2008, \$27.9 million was outstanding under the two remaining loans.

On December 20, 2007, we closed a \$70 million secured revolving construction facility. The loan matures on December 20, 2010. The interest rate is based on LIBOR plus 85 basis points. At June 30, 2008, there was \$4.7 million outstanding on this secured credit facility.

In December 2007, Plaza Residential, LLC, a consolidated joint venture (see Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements), obtained a two-year, \$34.1 million secured construction loan with interest at 140 basis points over LIBOR. At June 30, 2008, there was \$14.5 million outstanding on this loan.

On February 1, 2008, we paid off at maturity \$100.0 million of 7.125% unsecured notes using borrowings under our revolving credit facility. On February 26, 2008, we closed a \$137.5 million three-year term loan that bears interest at LIBOR plus 110 basis points. Proceeds from this loan were used to reduce the outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility and for short-term investments.

Our revolving credit facility, the term loan and the indenture that governs our outstanding notes require us to comply with customary operating covenants and various financial and operating ratios. We are currently in compliance with all such requirements. Although we expect to remain in compliance with these covenants and ratios for at least the next year, depending upon our future operating performance, property and financing transactions and general economic conditions, we cannot assure you that we will continue to be in compliance.

If any of our lenders ever accelerated outstanding debt due to an event of default, we would not be able to borrow any further amounts under our revolving credit facility, which would adversely affect our ability to fund our operations. If our debt cannot be paid, refinanced or extended at maturity or upon acceleration, in addition to our failure to repay our debt, we may not be able to make distributions to stockholders at expected levels or at all. Furthermore, if any refinancing is done at higher interest rates, the increased interest expense would adversely affect our cash flows and ability to pay dividends to stockholders. Any such refinancing could also impose tighter financial ratios and other covenants that would restrict our ability to take actions that would otherwise be in our stockholders' best interest, such as funding new development activity, making opportunistic acquisitions, repurchasing our securities or paying dividends.

In March 2008, we and an affiliate of DLF formed a new joint venture, Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC, in which we have a 25% ownership interest. Upon formation of this joint venture, we contributed \$0.8 million of cash. On April 3, 2008, Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC acquired The Forum, which is a 635,000 square foot office park in Raleigh, North Carolina, for approximately \$113 million. We contributed an additional \$11.5 million to Highwoods DLF Forum, LLC and, simultaneously with the acquisition of The Forum, the joint venture obtained a \$67.5 million secured loan. We are the property manager and leasing agent for the office park and receive customary management fees and leasing commissions. We account for this unconsolidated joint venture using the equity method of accounting.

Current and Future Cash Needs

Rental and other revenues are our principal source of funds to meet our short-term liquidity requirements, which primarily consist of operating expenses, debt service, stockholder dividends, any guarantee obligations and recurring capital expenditures. In addition, we could incur tenant improvement costs and lease commissions related to any releasing of vacant space. As of June 30, 2008, other than principal amortization on certain secured loans, we have no outstanding debt that matures prior to the end of 2008.

We generally expect to fund our short-term liquidity needs through a combination of available working capital, cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility and revolving construction facilities (which had \$190 million and \$91 million of availability, respectively, as of June 30, 2008).

Our long-term liquidity needs generally include the funding of capital expenditures to lease space to our customers, maintain the quality of our existing properties and build new properties. Capital expenditures include tenant improvements, building improvements, new building completion costs and land infrastructure costs. Tenant improvements are the costs required to customize space for the specific needs of first-generation and second-generation customers. Building improvements are recurring capital costs not related to a specific customer to maintain existing buildings. New building completion costs are expenses for the construction of new buildings. Land infrastructure costs are expenses to prepare development land for future development activity that is not specifically related to a single building. Excluding recurring capital expenditures for leasing costs and tenant improvements and for normal building improvements, our expected future capital expenditures for started and/or committed new development projects were approximately \$129.5 million at June 30, 2008. A significant portion of these future expenditures are currently subject to binding contractual arrangements. Our long-term liquidity needs also include the funding of development projects, selective asset acquisitions and the retirement of mortgage debt, amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility and long-term unsecured debt.

Our goal is to maintain a conservative and flexible balance sheet. Accordingly, we expect to meet our long-term liquidity needs through a combination of:

- borrowings under unsecured financing arrangements that we may obtain, such as the issuance by the Operating Partnership of unsecured debt securities;
- the issuance of equity securities by the Company and the Operating Partnership;
- borrowings under other secured mortgages or construction loans that we may obtain;
- the selective disposition of non-core land and other assets; and
- the sale or contribution of some of our Wholly Owned Properties, development projects and development land to strategic joint ventures to be formed with unrelated investors, which would have the net effect of generating additional capital through such sale or contributions.

We expect to use such sources to meet our long-term liquidity requirements either through direct payments or repayments of borrowings under our revolving credit facility. As mentioned above, we do not intend to reserve funds to retire existing secured or unsecured indebtedness upon maturity. Instead, we will seek to refinance such debt at maturity or retire such debt through the issuance of equity or debt securities or from proceeds from sales of properties. In the future, we may from time to time retire some or all of our remaining outstanding Preferred Stock through redemptions, open market repurchases, privately negotiated acquisitions or otherwise.

We anticipate that our available cash and cash equivalents and cash flows from operating activities, with cash available from borrowings and other sources, will be adequate to meet our capital and liquidity needs in both the short and long term. However, if these sources of funds are insufficient or unavailable, our ability to pay dividends to stockholders and satisfy other cash payments may be adversely affected.

Stockholder Dividends

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, we must distribute to stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, excluding capital gains. REIT taxable income, the calculation of which is determined by the federal tax laws, does not equal net income under GAAP. We generally expect to use our cash flow from operating activities for dividends to stockholders and for payment of recurring capital expenditures. Future dividends will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors. The following factors will affect our cash flows and, accordingly, influence decisions of the Board of Directors regarding dividends:

- debt service requirements after taking into account debt covenants and the repayment and restructuring of certain indebtedness;
- scheduled increases in base rents of existing leases;
- changes in rents attributable to renewal of existing leases or replacement leases;
- changes in occupancy rates at existing properties and execution of leases for newly acquired or developed properties;
- operating expenses and capital replacement needs, including tenant improvements and leasing costs; and
- sales of properties and non-core land.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have several off balance sheet joint venture and guarantee arrangements. The joint ventures were formed with unrelated investors to generate additional capital to fund property acquisitions, repay outstanding debt, fund other strategic initiatives and lessen the risks typically associated with owning 100.0% of a property. When we

create a joint venture with a partner, we usually contribute cash or wholly owned assets to a newly formed entity in which we retain an equal or minority interest. For financial reporting purposes, certain assets we sold have been accounted for as financing arrangements. See Notes 1, 2 and 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As of June 30, 2008, our unconsolidated joint ventures had \$861.1 million of total assets and \$659.5 million of total liabilities as reflected in their financial statements. At June 30, 2008, our weighted average equity interest based on the total assets of these unconsolidated joint ventures was 37.5%. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, these unconsolidated joint ventures earned \$6.9 million of total net income of which our share, after appropriate purchase accounting and other adjustments, was \$3.5 million. For additional information about our unconsolidated joint venture activity, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As of June 30, 2008, our unconsolidated joint ventures had \$621.7 million of outstanding mortgage debt. All of this joint venture debt is non-recourse to us except (1) in the case of customary exceptions pertaining to such matters as misuse of funds, environmental conditions and material misrepresentations and (2) those guarantees and loans described in Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

For information regarding our off-balance sheet arrangements as of December 31, 2007, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Off Balance Sheet Arrangements” in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There were no material changes to this information in the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Financing Arrangements

For information regarding significant sales transactions that were accounted for as financing arrangements at December 31, 2007, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Financing and Profit-Sharing Arrangements” in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There were no material changes to this information in the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Interest Rate Hedging Activities

To meet, in part, our long-term liquidity requirements, we borrow funds at a combination of fixed and variable rates. Borrowings under our revolving credit facility bear interest at variable rates. Our long-term debt, which consists of secured and unsecured long-term financings and the issuance of unsecured debt securities, typically bears interest at fixed rates although some loans bear interest at variable rates. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, from time to time, we may enter into interest rate hedge contracts such as collars, swaps, caps and treasury lock agreements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk with respect to various debt instruments. We do not hold or issue these derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes. The interest rate on all of our variable rate debt is adjusted at one and three month intervals, subject to settlements under interest rate hedge contracts. We also enter into treasury lock agreements from time to time in order to limit our exposure to an increase in interest rates with respect to future debt offerings.

During 2007, we entered into two floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps for a one-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility. These swaps fix the underlying 30-day LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 4.70%. These swaps were not designated as hedges as of June 30, 2008 under SFAS No. 133, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities” (“SFAS No. 133”), as amended by SFAS No. 149, “Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.” Accordingly, the swaps were accounted for as non-hedge derivatives as of June 30, 2008.

In January 2008, we entered into two additional floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps for a one-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility or other floating rate debt. These swaps fix the underlying LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 3.26% for \$30 million of borrowings and 3.24% for \$20 million of borrowings. These swaps were designated as hedges under SFAS No. 133. Accordingly, the swaps are being accounted for as cash flow hedges.

In April 2008, we entered into an additional floating-to-fixed interest rate swap for a two-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our term loan or other floating rate debt. The swap fixes the underlying LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 2.52%. The swap was designated as a hedge under SFAS No. 133. Accordingly, the swap is being accounted for as a cash flow hedge.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

There were no changes to the critical accounting policies made by management in the six months ended June 30, 2008, except as set forth in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements under “Impact of Newly Adopted and Issued Accounting Standards” and in Note 13. For a description of our critical accounting estimates, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Estimates” in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

We believe that FFO and FFO per share are beneficial to management and investors and are important indicators of the performance of any equity REIT. Because FFO and FFO per share calculations exclude such factors as depreciation and amortization of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets (which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful life estimates), they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs. Our management believes that historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by itself. As a result, management believes that the use of FFO and FFO per share, together with the required GAAP presentations, provide a more complete understanding of our performance relative to our competitors and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing and investing activities.

FFO and FFO per share as disclosed by other REITs may not be comparable to our calculation of FFO and FFO per share as described below. However, you should also be aware that FFO and FFO per share are non-GAAP financial measures and therefore do not represent net income or net income per share as defined by GAAP. Net income and net income per share as defined by GAAP are the most relevant measures in determining our operating performance because FFO and FFO per share include adjustments that investors may deem subjective, such as adding back expenses such as depreciation and amortization. Furthermore, FFO per share does not depict the amount that accrues directly to the stockholders’ benefit. Accordingly, FFO and FFO per share should never be considered as alternatives to net income or net income per share as indicators of our operating performance.

Our calculation of FFO, which we believe is consistent with the calculation of FFO as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) and which appropriately excludes the cost of capital improvements and related capitalized interest, is as follows:

- Net income (loss) computed in accordance with GAAP;
- Less dividends to holders of Preferred Stock and less excess of Preferred Stock redemption cost over carrying value;
- Plus depreciation and amortization of assets uniquely significant to the real estate industry;
- Less gains, or plus losses, from sales of depreciable operating properties (but excluding impairment losses) and excluding items that are classified as extraordinary items under GAAP;
- Plus or minus adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures (to reflect funds from operations on the same basis); and
- Plus or minus adjustments for depreciation and amortization and gains/(losses) on sales and minority interest related to discontinued operations.

Further, in calculating FFO, we add back minority interest in the income from the Operating Partnership, which we believe is consistent with standard industry practice for REITs that operate through an UPREIT structure. We believe that it is important to present FFO on an as-converted basis since all of the Common Units not owned by the Company are redeemable on a one-for-one basis for shares of our Common Stock.

Other REITs may not define FFO in accordance with the current NAREIT definition or may interpret the current NAREIT definition differently than we do.

FFO and FFO per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 are summarized in the following table (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share
Funds from operations:								
Net income	\$ 14,983		\$ 9,289		\$ 30,626		\$ 61,847	
Dividends to preferred stockholders	(2,838)		(3,846)		(5,676)		(7,959)	
Excess of Preferred Stock redemption cost over carrying value	—		(1,443)		—		(1,443)	
Net income available for common stockholders	12,145	\$ 0.21	4,000	\$ 0.07	24,950	\$ 0.44	52,445	\$ 0.92
Add/(Deduct):								
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	30,920	0.50	29,148	0.47	61,248	1.00	57,340	0.93
(Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties	(18)	—	(1,372)	(0.02)	(18)	—	(2,280)	(0.04)
Minority interest from the Operating Partnership in income from operations	488	—	208	—	1,111	—	2,592	—
Unconsolidated affiliates:								
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	3,395	0.06	2,878	0.05	6,330	0.10	5,744	0.09
(Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,158)	(0.12)
Discontinued operations:								
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	9	—	791	0.01	233	—	1,708	0.03
(Gains) on disposition of depreciable properties	(5,027)	(0.08)	(103)	—	(8,753)	(0.14)	(19,846)	(0.32)
Minority interest from the Operating Partnership in income from discontinued operations	351	—	70	—	621	—	1,625	—
Funds from operations	<u>\$ 42,263</u>	<u>\$ 0.69</u>	<u>\$ 35,620</u>	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 85,722</u>	<u>\$ 1.40</u>	<u>\$ 92,170</u>	<u>\$ 1.49</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding (1)	<u>61,492</u>		<u>61,562</u>		<u>61,290</u>		<u>61,709</u>	

(1) Includes assumed conversion of all potentially dilutive Common Stock equivalents.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For information about our market risk as of March 31, 2008, see “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk” in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first quarter of 2008. Except as set forth below, there were no material changes to this information in the three months ended June 30, 2008.

In April 2008, we entered into an additional floating-to-fixed interest rate swap for a two-year period with respect to an aggregate of \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under our term loan or other floating rate debt. The swap fixes the underlying LIBOR rate under which interest on such borrowings is based at 2.52%. If LIBOR interest rates increase or decrease by 100 basis points, the aggregate fair market value of this swap as of June 30, 2008 would decrease or increase, respectively, by approximately \$1.1 million.

In addition, we are exposed to certain losses in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty under the swap. We expect the counterparty, which is a major financial institution, to perform fully under the swap. However, if the counterparty defaults on its obligations under the swap, we could be required to pay the full rates on this debt, even if such rates were in excess of the rate in the contract.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

SEC rules require us to maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our annual and periodic reports filed with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. As defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act, disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our CEO and CFO believe that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

SEC rules also require us to establish and maintain internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepting accounting principles. As defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act, internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and dispositions of assets;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepting accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the second quarter of 2008 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are from time to time a party to a variety of legal proceedings, claims and assessments arising in the ordinary course of our business. We regularly assess the liabilities and contingencies in connection with these matters based on the latest information available. For those matters where it is probable that we have incurred or will incur a loss and the loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated, reserves are recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements. In other instances, because of the uncertainties related to both the probable outcome and amount or range of loss, a reasonable estimate of liability, if any, cannot be made. Based on the current expected outcome of such matters, none of these proceedings, claims or assessments is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

During the second quarter of 2008, the Company issued an aggregate of 17,500 shares of Common Stock to holders of Common Units in the Operating Partnership upon the redemption of a like number of Common Units in private offerings exempt from the registration requirements pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. Each of the holders of Common Units was an accredited investor under Rule 501 of the Securities Act. The resale of such shares was registered by the Company under the Securities Act.

During the second quarter of 2008, the Company also issued 593 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 10,000 outstanding warrants to purchase such Common Stock in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. The warrant holder was an accredited investor under Rule 501 of the Securities Act. The resale of such shares was registered by the Company under the Securities Act.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

On May 15, 2008, we held our annual meeting of stockholders. The final vote of the matters presented for a vote at such meeting was as follows:

Matter	For	Against	Abstain/ Withheld
(1) Election of Directors:			
Thomas W. Adler	48,738,036	—	552,767
Kay N. Callison	48,813,305	—	477,498
O. Temple Sloan, Jr.	48,025,415	—	1,265,389
(2) Ratify appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2008	49,020,503	259,185	11,113
(3) Proposed charter amendment to declassify the Board of Directors	48,829,911	219,913	240,979

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Charter of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 15, 2008)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (filed as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 15, 2008)
31.1	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
31.2	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
31.3	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
32.1	Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
32.2	Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
32.3	Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

SIGNATURES

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.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ EDWARD J. FRITSCH
Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ TERRY L. STEVENS
Terry L. Stevens
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ DANIEL L. CLEMMENS
Daniel L. Clemmens
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: August 8, 2008

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Edward J. Fritsch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Properties Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 we 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 quarterly 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 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.

Date: August 8, 2008

/s/ EDWARD J. FRITSCH

Edward J. Fritsch

President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Terry L. Stevens, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Properties Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 we 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 quarterly 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 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.

Date: August 8, 2008

/s/ TERRY L. STEVENS

Terry L. Stevens

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

I, Daniel L. Clemmens, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Highwoods Properties Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 we 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 quarterly 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The Registrant's other certifying officers 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 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.

Date: August 8, 2008

/s/ DANIEL L. CLEMMENS

Daniel L. Clemmens

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Edward J. Fritsch, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ EDWARD J. FRITSCH

Edward J. Fritsch
President and Chief Executive Officer
August 8, 2008

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Terry L. Stevens, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ TERRY L. STEVENS

Terry L. Stevens

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

August 8, 2008

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Highwoods Properties, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Daniel L. Clemmens, Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ DANIEL L. CLEMMENS

Daniel L. Clemmens
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
August 8, 2008