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Winthrop Realty Trust Announces Receipt of \$39.6 Million in Proceeds From Satisfaction of Two Loan Investments

BOSTON, May 10, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Winthrop Realty Trust (NYSE:FUR) announced today that its loan receivables relating to 160 Spear, San Francisco, California mortgage and mezzanine loans and the Magazine multi-family mezzanine loan portfolio have been satisfied. Winthrop received total proceeds net of accrued interest of \$39.6 million upon satisfaction of its outstanding investment in these loans, which was \$25.6 million.

About Winthrop Realty Trust

Winthrop Realty Trust, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, is a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on acquiring, owning, operating and investing in real property as well as real estate financial instruments including CMBS, bonds, REIT preferred and common stock. For more information, please visit our web-site at www.winthropreit.com.

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