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## Winthrop Realty Trust Announces Receipt of Full Satisfaction of SoCal Office Loan

BOSTON, Oct. 2, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Winthrop Realty Trust (NYSE:FUR) announced today that its 50.2% owned joint venture received payment in full on its \$117.9 million C note in a \$798.0 million first mortgage encumbering a 4.5 million square foot, 31 property portfolio of office properties situated throughout Southern California. Winthrop received approximately \$38.7 million with respect to its \$29.8 million net investment in this loan which was acquired in November 2011 resulting in a 27.0% return to Winthrop.

### 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](http://www.winthropreit.com).

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