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**INDUSTRY VETERAN MICHAEL C. BROWN APPOINTED AS
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR
WESTERN NATIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

IRVINE, Calif. (June 30, 2009) – Western National Property Management, the multifamily management division of Western National Group, has brought back industry executive Michael C. Brown as Regional Vice President of Property Management.

With more than 22 years of real estate management experience including asset and property management, Brown will be responsible for overseeing and managing 33 properties representing 4,734 units throughout Southern California. Within the portfolio, Brown will oversee the operation, management and lease-up of five communities totaling 1,287 units.

“Michael brings leadership and talent that can only be earned from years of experience not only in property and asset management, but also in property acquisition and renovation,” explained Cindy Shepardson, Vice President of Operations for Western National Property Management. “Bringing Michael back on board as the Regional Vice

President of Property Management will ensure our firm continues to grow and expand its portfolio, while maintaining the high level of service and commitment to our residents and properties that sets us apart from the competition.”

Michael Brown comes to Western National Property Management from Stellar Management, where he began in 2006 as the company’s first West Coast employee, serving as Senior Vice President of West Coast Operations.

Prior to Stellar Management, Brown was with Western National Property Management, served as Senior Vice President of the KOR Group, and ran The Porta Management Company’s largest multifamily operations out of Southern California as Regional Vice President.

“Western National Property Management has continued to prosper with forward thinking business practices such as expanding its portfolio into new markets such as Phoenix, while maintaining its existing properties at a very high level of occupancy,” said Michael C. Brown, Regional Vice President, Property Management, Western National Group. “I am eager to return to the firm to put my experience and knowledge of quality property management and acquisition into practice to continue maintaining occupancy, while growing our portfolio to include additional markets throughout the Western Region.”

Brown is a Certified Property Manager, an Accredited Residential Manager and a California licensed Real Estate Salesperson. He served as a Director on the Board of Directors for the Apartment Association of California Southern Cities, as well as Chairman of its Management Services Council. He also served the industry as an instructor for beginning and advanced property management. Additionally, he served as

Chairman of the GEMM Committee of the South Coast Apartment Association and was a member of the California Apartment Associations Executive Council.

Western National Group is a 45-year-old, fully integrated multifamily acquisition, development, construction and property management firm. Western National Group is the second largest owner of multifamily housing in Orange County, Calif. and is the umbrella over five separate entities, which include Western National Realty Advisors, the development and acquisition arm of the firm; Western National Property Management, the property management arm; Western National Contractors, the construction arm; Multifamily Ancillary Group, which specializes in optimizing ancillary income for owners; and Resident Group Services, the landscaping and appliance services and rental arm.

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