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Highwoods Properties Announces Pricing of Common Stock Offering

Raleigh, NC – August 8, 2013 – Highwoods Properties, Inc. (NYSE: HIW) has priced its underwritten public offering of 3,750,000 shares of common stock for expected gross proceeds of approximately $133.1 million, before underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. The Company has also granted the underwriters of the offering a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 562,500 shares of common stock. The offering is expected to close on or about August 13, 2013, subject to customary closing conditions.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under its $475 million unsecured revolving credit facility, to fund its property acquisitions and development activity and for general corporate purposes.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Jefferies LLC are serving as the underwriters of the offering.

This offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement, and only by means of a prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement, final prospectus supplement (when available) and the accompanying prospectus may be obtained by contacting Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Attn: Equity Syndicate Dept., 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10152, e-mail: cmclientsupport@wellsfargo.com, telephone: (800) 326-5897 or Jefferies LLC, Attn: Equity Syndicate Prospectus Department, 520 Madison Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10022, e-mail: Prospectus_Department@Jefferies.com, telephone: 877-547-6340. Alternatively, you may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

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About Highwoods Properties

Highwoods Properties, headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, is a publicly traded (NYSE:HIW) real estate investment trust ("REIT") and a member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index. The Company is a fully integrated, self-administered REIT that provides leasing, management, development, construction and other customer-related services for its properties and for third parties. At June 30, 2013, Highwoods owned or had an interest in 321 in-service office, industrial and retail properties encompassing approximately 34.3 million square feet and owned 634 acres of development land. The Company's properties and development land are located in Florida, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Certain matters discussed in this press release, such as statements about the expected closing of the offering and the use of proceeds from the offering, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are distinguished by use of the words "will", "expect", "intend" and words of similar meaning. Although Highwoods believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be achieved.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Highwoods' current expectations include, among others, the following: the financial condition of our customers could deteriorate; development activity by our competitors in our existing markets could result in excessive supply of properties relative to customer demand; development, acquisition, reinvestment, disposition or joint venture projects may not be completed as quickly or on as favorable terms as anticipated; we may not be able to lease or re-lease second generation space quickly or on as favorable terms as old leases; our markets may suffer declines in economic growth; we may not be able to lease our newly constructed buildings as quickly or on as favorable terms as originally anticipated; unanticipated increases in interest rates could increase our debt service costs; unanticipated increases in operating expenses could negatively impact our NOI; 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; the Company could lose key executive officers; and others detailed in the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent SEC reports.