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Highwoods Declares Quarterly Dividends

RALEIGH, NC – January 28, 2015 – Highwoods Properties (NYSE: HIW) Board of Directors today declared a cash dividend of \$0.425 per share of common stock for the quarter ended December 31, 2014, which equates to an annual dividend of \$1.70 per share. This quarterly dividend is payable on March 10, 2015 to shareholders of record as of February 18, 2015.

The Board also declared a cash dividend of \$21.5625 per share of the Company's 8 5/8% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on February 27, 2015, which is the next regularly scheduled dividend payment date, to shareholders of record as of February 16, 2015.

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 office REIT that owns, develops, acquires, leases and manages properties primarily in the best business districts (BBDs) of Atlanta, Greensboro, Kansas City, Memphis, Nashville, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Richmond and Tampa. For more information about Highwoods Properties, please visit our website at <u>www.highwoods.com</u>.

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