



WHITESTONE REIT

PRESS RELEASE

WHITESTONE REIT'S UPDATE ON THEIR HOUSTON PROPERTIES AFTER HURRICANE IKE

Houston, TX, September 16, 2008 – Whitestone REIT, which owns and manages 35 urban commercial properties in Texas and Arizona, today announced that a preliminary assessment of its Houston properties following Hurricane Ike showed mostly minimal damage to signage and landscaping, with roof damage to several properties and widespread loss of electric power.

Whitestone's property management and construction teams began actively working through a safety and recovery checklist on Saturday afternoon in an effort to help tenants quickly resume normal business operations.

"Considering Houston's overall damages, we are most fortunate that our associates and their families are safe, and our properties are becoming operational as power returns," said James C. Mastandrea, Whitestone's Chairman and CEO.

About Whitestone REIT

Whitestone REIT owns and operates urban commercial properties serving communities in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Scottsdale, Arizona. For more information go to www.whitstonereit.com.

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