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STRATEGIC STORAGE TRUST, INC. CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Portfolio Size Has Grown to 3,000+ Storage Units & More Than 407,000 Sq. Ft. of Space

LADERA RANCH, Calif. – March 18, 2009 – One year ago, Strategic Storage Trust, Inc. (SSTI) launched the first and only non-traded Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) focused exclusively on the self-storage market. Today, SSTI's portfolio size has grown to more than 3,000 storage units with over 407,000 sq ft of storage space.

"We are delighted with our progress in the last year, given the challenging economic climate and turbulent credit markets," said H. Michael Schwartz, SSTI's chairman and chief executive officer. "Self storage is an industry which has historically exhibited recession resistant traits, and the story resonates with investors looking for alternatives to a volatile stock market."

Over the last year, SSTI has acquired six high-profile self-storage facilities located in prime markets across the United States:

- Two self-storage facilities in Biloxi, Miss., and Gulf Breeze, Fla. totaling 1,300 units.
- A 500-unit self-storage facility in Manassas, Va., which is located in the fast-growing Interstate 66 corridor about 27 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.
- Three Best Self-Storage facilities totaling 1,295 units. The properties are located in the greater metropolitan area of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Last month, SSTI formed two strategic alliances with Centershift STORE and Penske Truck Rental. Centershift is the industry leader in self-storage rental management software, which will be used to manage SSTI's entire network of facilities nationwide. The new SSTI-Penske alliance will offer customers of SSTI-owned self-storage centers an opportunity to enjoy the convenience of renting a high-quality moving truck right there on the premises.

The SSTI strategy is to identify key self-storage properties nationwide for acquisition, with prospects of capitalizing on creating greater efficiency in a sector that is comparatively stable but also fragmented among many smaller owner-operators.

U.S. Commercial LLC, the sponsor of SSTI, manages a growing portfolio of over five million square feet of commercial properties, including 3.2 million square feet of self-storage facilities, with a combined market value of over \$588 million.

“Our growth has been gratifying, to say the least,” said Schwartz. “In fact, based on the Self-Storage Almanac’s listing of top self storage operators from 2008, we believe US Commercial’s current assets under management have now reached levels that will place us in the top 25.”

About Strategic Storage Trust, Inc.

SSTI is a publicly registered (\$1 billion of common stock registered) non-traded REIT with a portfolio that currently includes more than 3,024 self-storage units and 407,000 rentable square feet of storage space. Strategic Storage Trust’s sponsor is U.S. Commercial LLC, which manages a growing portfolio of over five million square feet of commercial properties, including 3.2 million square feet of self-storage facilities, with a combined market value of over \$588 million. For more information, please call 949-429-6600 or visit www.strategicstoragetrust.com.

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