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STRATEGIC STORAGE TRUST INC. ANNOUNCES ALLIANCE WITH PENSKE TRUCK RENTAL

LADERA RANCH, Calif. – Mar. 2, 2009 – Strategic Storage Trust, Inc. (SSTI) announced today that it has entered into an agreement to bring Penske Truck Rental services to many of its self-storage locations nationwide.

This new SSTI-Penske relationship 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. In addition, SSTI is committed to unsurpassed service by offering value-added amenities at all of its self-storage facilities.

“We are pleased to have forged this strategic relationship with one of the finest firms in the industry,” said H. Michael Schwartz, SSTI’s chairman and chief executive officer. “Our relationship with Penske not only adds revenue to our facilities, but also enhances our service as well, and this dedication to our customers has been a key component to our success.”

Schwartz said SSTI will further enhance the value of its holdings by associating itself with the well-known “Penske Promise” – a pledge to rent no trucks over three years old and to provide free, unlimited mileage with every rental. Penske also prides itself on its easy-to-understand rental contracts and the large amount of floor space in its trucks relative to competitors.

“We are pleased that SSTI reached out to Penske as an obvious choice when selecting a truck rental company to reignite the relationship of storage and truck rental,” said Robin Duva, Penske’s area rental manager. “With SSTI having in place coast-to-coast locations in markets desirable to Penske, it has been a seamless and successful transition to open Penske agencies in multiple locations. These agencies are running and generating promising revenue for both SSTI and Penske alike.”

SSTI, a publicly registered, non-traded REIT, is busy building a nationwide portfolio of high-quality self-storage locations at prime locations in key markets. Since September of 2008, SSTI has acquired six facilities in Biloxi, Miss., Gulf Breeze, Fla., Manassas, Va., and in three northern Kentucky suburbs of Cincinnati.

According to Duvu, this growing relationship between Penske and SSTI will continue to gain market share and presence across the United States, while providing multiple one-stop shop for storage and truck rental needs.

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 377,000 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.

About Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P.,

Headquartered in Reading, Pa, Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP is a joint venture among Penske Corporation, Penske Automotive Group and General Electric. A leading global transportation services provider, Penske operates more than 200,000 vehicles and serves customers from more than 1,000 locations in North America, South America, Europe and Asia. Product lines include full-service truck leasing, contract maintenance, commercial and consumer truck rentals, transportation and warehousing management, and supply chain management solutions. Visit www.GoPenske.com to learn more about the company and its products and services.

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